



President's Message

Gosh, I thought February flew by! I have no idea where the last month went! Seems all I did was work and get the rod build done for our Rivers of Recovery movie event! Looking forward to that, I have always enjoyed that event in the past.

Still no fishing!! Been talking about it, planning to go, talking some more, but still no fishing! Man, I need to get out on the water!

It is fishing season! Water is all around us, we have a lot of still water opportunities and some of the rivers are fishable. Time seems to be the missing factor, especially for me. Gardening, house projects, and work seem to suck up a large chunk of time. Working on that, hope to do at least a few outings this year. Hope to see lots of folks at said outings!

As always, I hope to have a large turnout at the meeting (April 9), because what do we need at the meetings?

Craft Beer! Yes! Good Craft Beer! That means someone has to bring some! Is that someone you? Bring some beer to the meeting and find out!!

All kidding aside, please come out and participate. Participation makes the Club successful.

Members, 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 2024!

Tight Lines!

~ Link

Club News

... April General Meeting - Tuesday, April 9, 2024

Our April program will feature SFF member Jesse Anderson, a program manager for Cramer Fish Sciences. Cramer Fish Sciences, assists clients in California, Oregon, Idaho, Washington, Montana and Alaska find reliable and practical solutions to challenges with fish populations and riparian and aquatic ecology. We've been trying to wrangle Jesse in for a presentation for months and finally found a break in his busy schedule to make it happen. Jesse is going to update us on Cramer's projects on Stanislaus River habitat restoration.



... 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, April 13th is the next session. The event is held rain or shine and is a great way to brush up or improve upon your casting skills. And you get a hot dog lunch!

... Fly Fishing Film Tour is Back!

The date is finally upon us! The 2024 Fly Fishing Film Tour is this Saturday, April 6, 2024 @ The State Theater in Modesto from 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm. This is shaping up to be great event! We've been busy gathering a slew of fantastic raffle and auction prizes. President Gus has built a beautiful custom rod on a Winston Pure 4wt blank for a silent auction item. There will also be a custom bamboo rod in a silent auction, as well has a custom Roger Ringsted handmade wood box of Bud Heintz custom flies, Costa sunglasses, and a hand picked bottle of wine from John Driver's personal collection. The stage will be packed with general raffle items as well: rods, reels, gift baskets, handmade

items, tackle bags and packs, hand-tied flies, gift cards and more! We will need member support in running things the day of the event, so we hope you are all planning to attend. Remember, all proceeds from the raffle and profits from the event will be donated to *Rivers of Recovery*, an NPO that provides proven-effective recreational, outdoor rehabilitative therapy for combat disabled veterans. This is our opportunity to give back to those gave so much for us.



* See rod build notes on Page 7.

... Outings and Events

We've hit the ground running with information booths at the Modesto and Turlock farmers markets this spring to promote the club and the F3T event at the State Theater. We are also scheduled for the Ripon market May 2nd and will have a booth at the Earth Day celebration in Graceada Park April 20th.

Friday, March 15th, members Bob Bullock, Mike Hewitt, Anthony Johnson, Roger Ringsted, and Paul Wallace participated in the salmon fry

release at Knight's Ferry with a middle school from Atwater demonstrating fly casting to about 180 students!

Outings Director John Driver has several things on the calendar for the upcoming season beginning with the soon-approaching local outing to McSwain Reservoir on April 13th. June 14th-16th, is a weekend outing to either Beardsley or Clark Fork (TBD). This can also be a one-day trip for those who can't make the whole weekend. September 6th-8th we'll return to the Fall River and Circle 7 Ranch. And finally (for now) we're looking at a trip to Eastern Nevada and Wild Horse Reservoir October 4th-6th.



... 2024 Dues are now due and payable!

Please see info at the [*bottom of the newsletter*](#). Pay by mail or in person at a club meeting.

... New Fly Tying Class!!

Tonight begins the first class in this new endeavor. We have an excited group of ladies anxious to see what fly tying is all about. Hopefully, this will only be the first of such programs we have to offer.

Upcoming Outings & Events

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

- Fly Fishing Film Tour 2024 @ The State Theater - April 6, 2024
- General Meeting "Jesse Anderson, Cramer Fish Sciences" - April 9, 2024
- McSwain Reservoir - April 13, 2024
- Earth Day Celebration @ Graceada Park - April 20, 2024
- SFF Board Meeting - April 25, 2024 - Track 424 Brewery, 2150 Yosemite, Modesto
- Beardsley/Clark Fork - June 14-16, 2024
- Fall River/Circle 7 Ranch - September 6-8, 2024
- Wild Horse Reservoir, Nevada - October 4-6, 2024

... NCCFFI President's Message

From Clay Hash, NCCFFI president.

Welcome to spring, or maybe close to it anyway. There are three events that everyone should consider putting on their calendar to 2024. They are the Spey-O-Rama, Yuba Fest 2024, and a resurrected Hall of Fame Dinner. The Spey-O-Rama takes place almost every year at the Golden Gate Casting Ponds. This year the event will take place on three days from April 19th through the 21st. The NCCFFI will have a table at the event. We will be talking to attendees about joining their local fly fishing clubs and FFI. If you would like to help at the NCCFFI table, please reach out to Ron Beltramo at rjbeltramo@aol, or by phone at 415-999-8348. This should be a great event!

The Yuba Fest event is slated to be a one day event this year that will once again take place at Sycamore Ranch County Park on the Lower Yuba River. The date for the event is Saturday, October 5th. The details of the event will be taking shape, and an information sheet will be sent out to all our 28 fly clubs and to all FFI members. Yuba Fest is a "Gathering of the Clan," that is fly clubs, fly club members, and fly fishers. We encourage everyone to attend. There will be a signup and registration page on the NCCFFI website that will be online in April.

The NCCFFI Hall of Fame Dinner is coming back after a hiatus for many years. The NCCFFI is partnering with The Fly Shop to put on the event. The dinner will take place on November 9th. The event will be at the Lafayette Veterans Memorial Center in the east bay area. The well-known Mike Mercer will receive the Hall of Fame award. The event will be a fundraiser for the NCCFFI. More information will be available soon. Put the date on your calendar as it will be a special event.

FCSD News – The fly casting events at the Pleasanton fly show were well attended and created a buzz. The Fly Casting Skills Development (FCSD) program was a major attraction. There are about 9 clubs that are fully engaged with the Fly Casting Skills Development (FCSD) and are currently running FCSD workshops on a regular basis. If your fly club is not utilizing the FCSD program, please ask them to consider doing it. It is a great program.

SFF 2024 Board of Directors

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

SFF Membership Information

Membership fees for 2024, currently \$45, are now due. For your convenience, we can now accept a credit card for your dues for an additional fee of \$2.00 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](#)

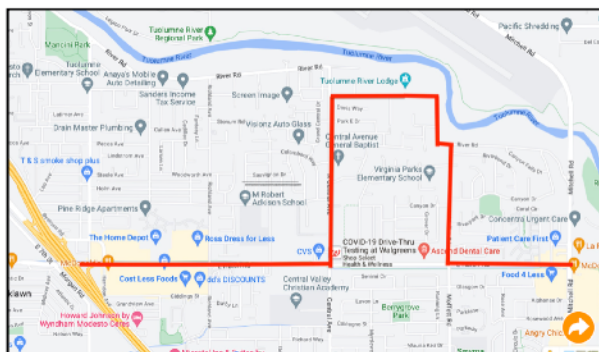
[FFI Membership Link](#)

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](#)



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CUSTOM WINSTON FLY ROD

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Rod Blank:	Winston Pure series, 8'0" 4 weight, 4-piece
Reel Seat:	REC "NBS" Nickel silver uplock-Cocobolo insert
Grip:	REC Flor grade-Cigar
Stripping guide:	CFRC 10 mm Agate-Jade
Upper guides:	Chrome Snake guides and tip
Other:	Chrome hook keeper, aluminum knurled winding check
Main wrap thread:	Hitena Translucent Nylon thread, #434 Pinetree
Accent threads:	Sulky Metallic-Red 142-7014 White 7022 Blue 7016
Epoxy:	Flex Coat Light-2 coats
Decal:	
Decal from:	Decal Connection
Rod Sock:	FlyLink custom
Rod Tube:	Aluminum Winston
Reel Sack:	FlyLink custom

For this build I wanted to keep with the sparce Winston build, but yet have a Rivers of Recovery theme. I like the RoR logo, so I used that as inspiration. The logo fish is green, which matches the blank and the wraps. The American flag worked through the logo is represented by the decorative red, white and blue threads for the rod join sections.

Thank You for your winning bid! I very much hope you enjoy this fly rod and the accouterments.

FLYINK aka Gus Link, hand crafts fly fishing items in Modesto CA.



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Beginning Fly Tying Class!

Five nights of instruction. Five basic flies. All materials and tools provided. Class will be held on each Monday night in April from 6:00-8:00 pm at Endeavor Alternative School, 2555 Lawrence St., Ceres, CA. Class is limited to six participants. \$75 per person paid in advance to guarantee a space in the class. Checks** can be made payable to Stanislaus Fly Fishers and mailed to:

** Venmo and credit card options available

Dennis Stambaugh
3833 Blue Bird Drive
Modesto, CA, 95356

Please note “Fly Tying Class” on the check and include contact information. To signup or for questions, please email Mike Hewitt at info@stanislausflyfishers.org.

April 1 - Zebra Midge

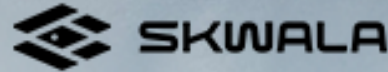
April 8 - Walt's Worm

April 15 - Leisenring Spider Soft Hackle

April 22 - Woolly Bugger

April 29 - PT Nymph

Sign up now!



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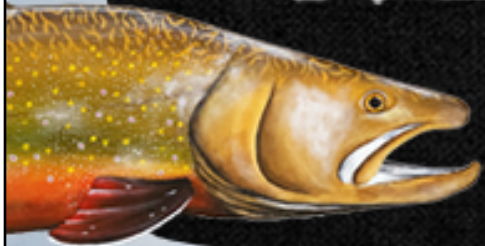


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