



President's Message

June 1, 2024

It's June and here comes the heat! Spent the weekend puttering around in the garden, all before 1! After that, inside things and naps with the cats! My tomatoes are loving the heat, me, not so much. Good excuse to head up into the mountains and chase trout!

Turn out at the meetings is GREAT! Thank You! Keep coming out and bring your friends!

Family Dinner this month! Paul and I will be cooking in our Camp Ovens, which is always a good meal! BYOB, and if you want to share some with the chefs, all the better!

Clark Fork outing this month. Really looking forward to getting on the river. This area I consider my "Home Waters." I have fished this area extensively for many years. One of the things I enjoy most about fly fishing is that even though I have fished these rivers many times over 3 decades, every time I go back, it is a different river. Things change, landmarks are erased, new landmarks are created. That is very enjoyable to me, to see how my favorite places change over the years.

As always, I hope to have a large turnout at the meeting (June 11), because what do we need at the meetings?

Many people to eat all the yummy food! And, Craft Beer! Or, good wine! That means someone has to bring some! Is that someone you? Bring some to the meeting and find out!! Sharing is also encouraged!

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

As always, we are open to 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

... June General Meeting - Tuesday, June 11, 2024

Our June program will be Family Dinner Night. Last year's event was a lot of fun! With Paul Wallace and Gus Link doing the heavy (camp oven) lifting, it'll be great night for getting to know club members you haven't had a chance to meet yet. It'll be worth it to just to see Paul's super-sized camp oven in action. It's humungous! You'll definitely come away with oven envy. 🤪 This is a BYOB affair, but the grub is on the club.



... 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, June 8th 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!

... Outings and Events

We've manned information booths at the local farmers markets this spring to promote the club. In addition, we have also promoted club-sponsored clinics and classes to help expand the fly fishing community.

We offered two **casting clinics** geared to introducing newcomers to fly fishing on Saturday, May 18th and May 29th at the Tuolumne River Lodge. The demand for the first class exceeded our expectations so we needed to hold the second class to accommodate the overflow.

June 14th-16th, is a weekend outing to Clark Fork with an option for Beardsley and/or Pinecrest if the flows are daunting. This can also be a one-day

trip for those who can't make the whole weekend. Anthony Johnson is acting as fishmeister for a surf perch outing to Palm Beach State Park July 6th. We'll be piggybacking on a Santa Cruz Fly Fishers outing at their invitation. 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 3rd-6th. Information on all trips are on our [Outings](#) page of our website.

... 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.

... Fly Fishing 101

We're planning the first class in another new endeavor. This will be a multi-day class covering fly fishing gear, basic entomology, reading water, and casting. This course is intended to get an absolute beginner up-to-speed with the basics of fly fishing. Stay tuned for an announcement regarding dates and cost.

... Open Fly Tying Night, Monday, June 17th

The Ceres school district has been graciously accommodating to us, but unfortunately our previous location is not available to bus at this point. The fly night was subsequently moved to Food Fixx on 11th Street (between I and J Streets) in Modesto. This is easily accessible and food and beverages are available. These are loosely structured show-up-and-tie affairs with flexibility. Maybe a featured fly on occasion, or specific flies for upcoming outings, but generally just whatever you want to work on in a room full of like-minded friends. Tying will usually start around 6:30 pm and the session will wrap up no later than 9:00 pm. BYO gear, but for beginners we'll have some equipment you can use. This is an ongoing meetup to be held on the 3rd Monday of each month throughout the year. Hope to see a lot of you there!



... Fly Fishing Film Tour/Rivers of Recovery Fundraiser 2025

We're already looking into planning next year's fundraising event. Now is a good time to offer any and all suggestions/recommendations for making this an even bigger and better event. With ≈129 attendees this year we'd like to boost those numbers next year. Please let us know about the things you think we got right and the things you'd like to see added or changed. We can't guarantee suggestions can be implemented, but we'll do our best to give them all serious consideration and do what we can where we can. Please drop your ideas to:

pwallace@stanislausflyfishers.org.



... SFF Swap Meet! July 9, 2024

Our July general meeting will feature a Fly Fishing Gear Swap. Have excess gear you're looking to turn into cash? Have cash and are looking to buy some pre-owned gear fished only by a little old lady on Sundays after church? (Okay ... that's a stretch.) If you've got gear to clear, register now and reserve a table or half-table. Note: All sellers are solely responsible for conducting their own transactions. The Stanislaus Fly Fishers will not act as a third party in any transactions. There's a registration form on our website to secure your table space. Full table and half tables are available. Multiple tables if needed. Starting looking through your closets and storage areas for the stuff that's just gathering dust. One fisher's castoffs are another's great deal. If this works out well, we can make it an annual event.

Upcoming Outings & Events

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

- Fly Fishing 101 Class, June 10, 2024 (1st night)
- General Meeting - Family Dinner Night - June 11, 2024
- Clark Fork Outing, Stanislaus River (or Beardsley) - June 14-16, 2024
- Flytying Night - June 17, 2024 - 6:30 pm, Food Fix, 11th Street, Modesto
- Fly Fishing 101 Class, June 24, 2024 (2nd night)
- SFF Board Meeting - June 27, 2024 - 6:00 pm, Track 424 Brewery, 2150 Yosemite, Modesto
- Surf Perch Outing - Palm Beach State Park - July 6, 2024
- Fall River / Circle 7 Ranch - September 6-8, 2024
- Wild Horse Reservoir, Nevada - October 3-6, 2024
- YubaFest- October 5, 2024 - Sycamore County Ranch Park, Lower Yuba River



Spring Has Sprung

By Clay Hash, NCCFFI President

Spring is here and I hope it lingers a while longer. Our rivers, streams, and creeks are all running high. Fishing opportunities have been limited so far. Hopefully, they will all come down to fishable levels soon.

I recently returned from a trip to Europe where my wife Laura and I went on a cruise on the Danube River. The trip went from Budapest, Hungary, through Austria, and then through Germany. We had a wonderful time visiting cities like Budapest, Vienna, Salzburg, and Munich. The weather was springlike, warm, and glorious. I highly recommend it.

I'm now back in the saddle with NCCFFI affairs and getting caught up. We have been working on two events, Yuba Fest, and the Hall of Fame Dinner. Both are coming along nicely. There are articles about both events in this newsletter.

The council continues to promote the Fly Casting Skills Development (FCSD) program and more clubs are showing interest in integrating the program into their fly casting programs. An FCSD event is in the planning stages for a "Train the Facilitators" workshop and fly casting event in the Sacramento area for September 28th. The NCCFFI fly casters will be partnering with the CFFU club for the event. More information will be coming as the details are finalized.

The NCCFFI Board will be reaching out to your fly club to ask for a volunteer to be on the NCCFFI Board as a liaison to your respective clubs. If you are interested, please let me know.

I look forward to meeting you in person, at one of the events this year.

Clay Hash
NCCFFI President

YubaFest 2024

The NCCFFI is proud to announce that Yuba Fest 2024 will take place on Saturday, October 5th, 2024. The 2024 event will be a one-day affair with fly clubs and fly club members invited to a gathering of our fly fishing clan.

This is a great way for our fly clubs and fly club members to bond with fly fishing on the lovely Lower Yuba River at Sycamore Ranch County Park. The Fly Casting Skills Development Program will be featured with NCCFFI clubs that are experienced with program facilitating the fly casting. This will be an all-day affair with fun social activities later in the afternoon.

Yuba Fest is a partnership with the NCCFFI, the Gold Country Fly Fishers, and Fly Fishing Traditions. This has been the main fundraising opportunity for the NCCFFI over the past number of years. We seek and welcome your support. More information and details will be coming.

Tickets for the Yuba Fest event will be available soon. For more detail click [here](#).

Mark the date and come and have a fun day.



The graphic is a vertical rectangle with a light orange background. On the right side, there is a black triangular area. In the orange area, the text "yubafest 2024" is written in a red, cursive font. Below it, "Saturday" is written in a large, black, serif font, followed by a red fish icon. Underneath that, "October 5th" is written in the same black serif font. At the bottom of the orange area, "One-Day-Event" is written in a large, black, serif font. In the black triangular area, there is a white globe icon at the top, followed by the text "FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL" in white, bold, sans-serif font, and "Northern California Council" in a smaller white font below it. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner of the black area. At the very bottom of the graphic, a dark brown horizontal bar contains the text "save the date - more info to come!" in a light blue, cursive font.

yubafest 2024

Saturday 

October 5th

One-Day-Event

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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](#)

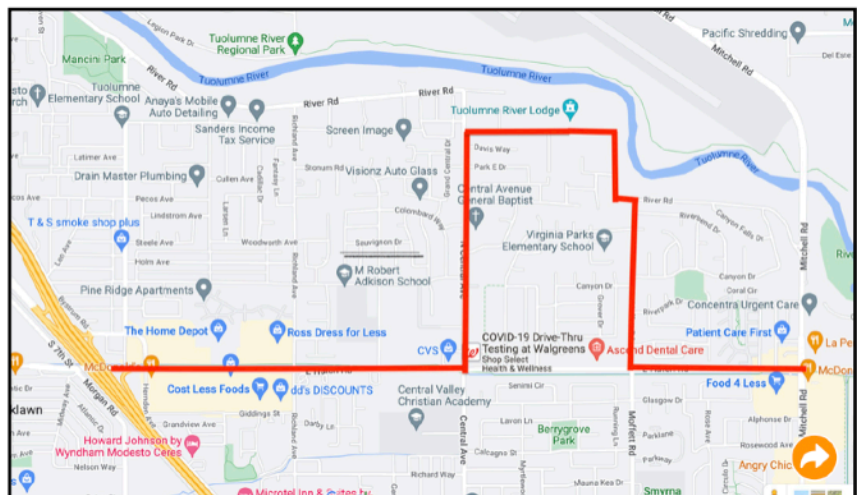
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Directions to Tuolumne River Lodge Tuolumne River Lodge 2429 River Rd, Modesto, CA

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](#)



Something fishy this way comes ...



Mountain View reservoir, Duck Valley Reservation. Vivian and I caught a bunch like this and bigger. Indicator fishing with Rob Anderson's outing, May 22-23, 2024.



A Fall River lunker. We caught lots of fish this year but most were small. A few 14 to 16 inchers. But you know me, I measure mine in pounds not inches. May 13-16, 2024.

What's in your net?



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