



President's Message

September 1, 2024

Hello Fellow Fly Fishers!

September is upon us! Hopefully bringing some cooler weather in the valley and more opportunities to fish locally. I want to try some fall still water fishing from my pontoon boat now that the temperatures are receding. Carp have been catching my interest lately, going to try to target some. Might have to get an electric trolling motor on my 'toon!

I really enjoyed Jimmy Morales at the August meeting, this was the second time he has presented to the Club. This is a man who speaks my language, small streams and dry flies! Mono Hot Springs is on my bucket list, I just need to find the time to get out there. Isn't that always the case?

Great outing to White Pines Lake! Congratulations to all the folks who caught fish! I sure had a great time, it seems like everyone else did also.

Fall River outing is coming up, I can hardly wait! My first time, looking forward to learning a new water and hopefully catching some fish! Hanging out with fellow fly-fishers is always a bonus! Sharing food and drink after a full day of fishing has always been, to me, icing on the cake.

Helping out the Club: We are working on a list of needed positions. It is slow work, but we are getting there. If you want to help out, please let us know.

As always, I hope to have a large turnout at the meeting (September 10), because what do we need at the meetings? Fly fishers and potential fly fishers! Come to the meeting, bring some beverages, let's have a good time with our sport.

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

... August General Meeting - Tuesday, September 10, 2024

Our September program will feature Game Warden Mason Hemphill from CA DF&W. This will be a great time to get answers to any questions you might have regarding regulations, as well as get insight to the responsibilities and duties of and requirements for becoming a game warden. We've been trying for months to get a warden to speak and we finally managed to coordinate a visit. Plus, we'll have Andrea Brophy, Communications Manager for the East Stanislaus Resource Conservation District, speaking on the upcoming Stanislaus River Cleanup Day. Don't miss it!



... GGA&C Club Free Casting Clinic

The free casting clinic is usually held the second Saturday of every month from 9:30 am - 12:00 pm at Golden Gate Park. The next event will be held Saturday, September 14th. 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

Our White Pines outing was well received and attended by club veterans and several beginners. This was the first time the club has visited the lake, but it likely won't be the last.

September 6th-8th saw the club return to the Fall River and Circle 7 Ranch. We'll have a more detailed report in the October newsletter.

Although it's a physical distance away, a trip to Eastern Nevada and Wild Horse Reservoir is scheduled for October 3rd-6th. **Detailed information on all trips is on our [Outings](#) page of our website.** There is still room in our cabin for one more (maybe two), plus for RVers, there's an excellent state campground with nice bathroom/shower facilities. This can be a great fall fishery, so don't miss this opportunity.

... Open Fly Tying Night, Monday, August 19th

The fly night is currently held at Food Fix at 938 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. You are always free to tie whatever you want, but there may occasionally a target pattern for those interested in learning a new fly of perfecting one.

Turnout is improving and we hope to get a steady number of participating tyers each month. Tying will usually start around 6:30 pm and the session will wrap up no later than 9:00 pm. BYO gear please. For beginners we'll try to have some equipment you can use, but if you truly want to make progress, you need to have your own equipment so that you can practice at home. Remember, 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

As previously reported, 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 nearly 130 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.

... For Sale

The club has two containers of rooster/hen capes & saddles (plus other feathery items) that will be available for sale to club member tyers at great prices. While pre-owned, all are in great shape and pretty much complete. Prices vary with items marked from \$5-\$60. This is a great way to add to your feather collection. We will also have our assortment of flies for sale at \$2 ea.



NCCFFI September's President's Message

By Clay Hash

Let's Get Ready for Yuba Fest and the Hall of Fame Dinner

We have been working hard on getting ready for two of our yearly events, Yuba Fest, and the resurrected, Hall of Fame Dinner. Both events have taken a lot of effort and planning.

I thank the people who have worked hard to make them happen. Mark Rockwell, our past president, has put in the time and effort to bring the NCCFFI's Hall of Fame Dinner to life. Ron Beltramo, our marketing and communications chair has also helped to market both events.

Cece Rubin, our website and social media director, has spent countless hours marketing both Yuba Fest and The HOF dinner. Debbie Bond our Yuba Fest Committee co-chair has done a great job organizing our Yuba Fest event. Thank all of you and others who are working to make both events fun and successful.

Yuba Fest

Yuba Fest is a little over 4 weeks away. I encourage all of you to consider attending the event. It is a fun day with lots of things going on to interest fly fishers. I think most of all it is an opportunity to celebrate the Yuba River, fly fishers, fly clubs, and fly club members. There will be something there that interests almost everyone. You can check out the information about the event elsewhere in the newsletter.

**** PRE-SALE & EVENT DAY TICKET PRICES**

Please note that we are charging \$20 for pre-sale tickets online - and - \$25 on the day of the event "on-site". Youth 18 and under are free. The ticket sales are meant to cover our costs for putting on the event. Purchase the pre-sale, discounted tickets by clicking [here](#).

We will have a silent auction at the event to raise a small amount of funds for our operations. I thank you in advance for your support.

The Hall of Fame Dinner

The Hall of Fame Dinner is our real fundraiser for 2024. The event will support our ongoing operations to help us communicate and support our Northern California fly clubs in a bigger way. This will be a fun evening and I hope that you will come and join us there. There is updated information in the newsletter.

Also in Fly Casting News

Our council and some of our Northern California clubs are using the FFI's Fly Casting Skills Development program (FCSD) to teach fly casting to their club members. Other clubs are in the process of rolling out the FCSD program. Two events are happening soon that will help that process.

The first one is a Teach the Facilitators workshop that is happening on September 28th in Sacramento. There is detailed information about this event in an article in this newsletter. The workshop is being led by some of the GCACC Casting Instructors. They are as good as it gets. The workshop is being hosted by the CFFU Fly Club. Note that this event is for fly clubs in the Sacramento area and the Sierra foothills.

The second one happens a week later at Yuba Fest on September 5th. At Yuba Fest, the Gold Country Fly Fishers will host the FCSD event. This event is different as the teachers will be club-level fly-casting instructors and other fly-casting mentors from fly clubs. You will witness what is possible as to how your club can run a top-notch fly casting program if your volunteers want to work hard at it. We can show you the way.

At Yuba Fest women fly fishers are invited to come and participate in the FCSD fly casting part of the event. Women can sign up to participate together.

So in summary, participate in these great events and get to know your Nor Cal fly-fishing neighbors. We need your support and hope you will join the festivities.

Teamwork makes the Dream Work

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 crew from GGACC will be there to help with your fly-casting skills, putting on a program similar to what they do at the Fly-Fishing Show. The Fly-Casting Skills Development Program will be featured. 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.

Mark the date and come and have a fun day.

TICKETS ARE \$25 at the event or \$20 advanced sale.

Buy discounted, advanced sale tickets at: <https://events.eventgroove.com/event/2024-Yuba-Fest-98282>



The poster features a diagonal split background of orange and black. On the orange side, the text reads "yubafest 2024" in a red script font, followed by "Saturday" in a large black serif font with a red fish icon to its right, "October 5th" in a black serif font, and "One-Day-Event" in a large black serif font. At the bottom of the orange section, it says "save the date - more info to come!" in a teal script font. On the black side, there is a white globe icon, the text "FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL" in white, "Northern California Council" in a smaller white font, and a white QR code.

Yuba Fest 2024 Information Sheet

What is Yuba Fest 2024?

Yuba Fest 2024 is a gathering of people celebrating the Lower Yuba River watershed. Our NorCal Fly Clubs, people that are members of our Northern California Fly Clubs or those people that participate in fly fishing, conserving, providing education and a sense of community are encouraged to come and participate.

BBQ Brisket Sandwiches will be served for lunch along with sides, chips, and drinks. The event will offer fly casting education for all levels of fly casting. There will be special opportunities for women fly casting instruction.

It will be a one-day celebratory event with activities for fly fishers and conservation minded people. The Yuba Fest event is an NCCFFI fundraiser.

Learning Possibilities

- Fly Casting Individual Instruction
- Fly Casting instruction using the FFI's Fly Casting Skills Development Program run by FFI Fly Casting Instructors and other Fly Club's Fly Casting Mentors
- FlyTying – Focusing on patterns to be utilized on the Lower Yuba through the Seasons
- Women's Fly Fishers and Women Connect
- Fishing the Lower Yuba – Talk
- Dry Fly Presentation Workshop
- Conservation in NorCal - Speakers

Auctions

- Fly Boxes with flies tied by NorCal Fly Tiers
- FlyFishingGear
- BuddyTrips
- GuideTrips

Where and when does Yuba Fest take place?

Yuba Fest 2024 takes place at Sycamore Ranch County Park on the Lower Yuba River. It will take place on Saturday, October 5th, 2024. The event is scheduled for Saturday from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm with breakfast items, BBQ lunch, music, and a celebration in the late afternoon.

There is a beautiful campground at Sycamore Ranch, and it is recommended to reserve a campsite and enjoy the area and after Yuba Fest festivities in the campground.

Who are the hosts of Yuba Fest 2024

The hosts of Yuba Fest 2024 are the Northern California Council of Fly Fishers International who represents fly fishing clubs from Northern California, Fly Fishing Traditions, an educational fly fishing guide service operated by Clay Hash, and the Gold Country Fly Fishers. This will be the 5th year of the event. Due to Covid, the 2020 and 2021 events had to be postponed.

What type of fundraising activities will be happening at the event?

- Silent Auction for fly gear
- Silent Auction for flies donated by fly tying experts.
- Silent Auction for fly fishing trips

- YubaFest T-Shirts for sale
- Breakfast Items that can be purchased when you purchase a ticket for \$6
- A quality lunch that can be purchased when you purchase a ticket for \$10.
- An entry fee for attending the event of \$20.

Who is encouraged to attend?

The Northern California Council of Fly Fishers International, the host of Yuba Fest 2024 encourages members of fly fishing clubs from all over Northern California to attend. Any person interested in fly fishing, whether you are simply curious about what fly fishing is about, just getting started, or an experienced flyfisher. People that use the river for recreation, kayakers, bird watchers, and conservationists.

Women fly fishers are invited and there will be special activities for them.

Will there be speakers at Yuba Fest 2024?

Mark Rockwell, the past president of the Northern California Council of Fly Fishers International will speak about Conservation, Education and Community regarding our Northern California fly fishers and their fly fishing clubs.

Will there be conservation groups attending Yuba Fest 2024?

Groups like South Yuba River Citizens League (SYRCL), Sierra Streams, Trout Unlimited, Cal Trout are being invited to attend.

What fly fishing skills can you learn at the event?

There will be many opportunities to gain experience and improve your fly fishing skills at Yuba Fest 2024.

- Fly tiers to show you patterns to use on the Lower Yuba and demonstrate their expert tying techniques.
- Guides talking about how and when to fish the Yuba River.
- Fly casting mentors to help you improve your fly casting.
- Learn about dry fly presentation techniques and practice them on the “Casting the Clock” workshop.
- Women are welcome and will have opportunities to connect with other women fly fishers, women’s fly fishing groups including FFI’s Women Connect and participate in the Fly Casting Skills Development program and other aspects of fly fishing.

Will there be food and beverages available at the event?

- There will be coffee, tea and breakfast snacks served in the morning for purchase. \$6.
- A BBQ Brisket Sandwich lunch with sides and drinks will be served and available for purchase for \$10.

What does it cost to attend the event?

The cost of attending Yuba Fest on Saturday is \$20 per adult, Kids under 18 free. Profits generated from these events will go to the NCCFFI and their partners.

... Stanislaus River Cleanup Day

The ESRCDD and City of Oakdale are hosting a Stanislaus River Cleanup! The River Cleanup is a partnership with the City of Oakdale and the California Coastal Commission in an effort to remove garbage from all of California's waterways, and is the largest volunteer event in the state.

In past years, over 100 volunteers cleaned up three locations along the Stanislaus River and removed close to 1,500 pounds of trash and recyclables. The event provides a great opportunity for all involved to learn about California's water sources and positively contribute to a vital part of our environment.

Join us in Oakdale for this year's cleanup!

- Saturday, September 21st, 2024 from 9-12pm (Lunch Provided – please RSVP)
- Hwy 120 and Cost Less Market in Oakdale, CA

STANISLAUS RIVER CLEANUP DAY
 9.21.2024 9am - 12pm
 Oakdale - Hwy 120 and Cost Less

YOU ARE BIGGER THAN YOU THINK

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED at 11am.
 PLEASE RSVP HERE:
<https://linktr.ee/eaststanislausrcdd>

Contact:
 Andrea Brophy
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 925-408-2047

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[RSVP HERE](#)

Upcoming Outings and Events

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

- Fall River / Circle 7 Ranch - September 6-8, 2024
- General Meeting - "DF&W Warden Mason Hemphill" + "Andrea Brophy, East Stanislaus Resource Conservation District" September 10, 2024
- Flytying Night - September 16, 2024 - 6:00 pm, Food Fix, 11th Street, Modesto
- SFF Board Meeting - September 26, 2024 - 6:00 pm, Track 424 Brewery, 2150 Yosemite, Modesto
- Wild Horse Reservoir, Nevada - October 3-6, 2024
- YubaFest- October 5, 2024 - Sycamore County Ranch Park, Lower Yuba River
- Salmon Festival, Knights Ferry - Saturday, November 9, 2024 -10:00 am - 3:00pm

NCCFFI September Conservation Report

By Mark Rockwell, NCCFFI Conservation Chair

As I grow older, and I'm hoping wiser, I'm more willing to discuss issues that are not easy but needed. I've been watching changes in the weather over the past 20 years, and, frankly, I'm concerned.

We moved from our home in the Sierra foothills because of fires, and increasingly hotter days - and nights. Our first 2 years there we used our air conditioner about 4-5 days a year. Our last year there we were running the air conditioner every day for 3-4 months. Change is upon us. The Earth is really our only home!

As we see summer coming to an end, and Fall on the horizon, we think of Trout fishing trips to waters that have been too warm for the past few months. What is often not thought about is the health of the fishery or the places we choose to fish. With Climate Change creating challenges to humans as well as fish and wildlife, we need to think about the places we fish, and the stresses being felt by fish & wildlife due to weather. The often-asked question is, What can I do to help that will have a positive impact on climate? My answer - a lot. Many of us, however, are not in the game. We're just watching and wondering.



What do I mean when I say, "We're not in the game." To me, too many of us are not engaged in activities that can make a difference. It is going to take all of us to keep this planet livable into the future. First step - accept that the science behind Climate Change is correct. It has been before us since the 1970's. It's not a new change, and it's a problem still looking for a solution.

There's an ole adage in business - Lead, Follow, or get out of the Way! If you are not a follower of the leading people working on changes to help our environment, or you're not a leader in creating economic and social changes that will reduce Greenhouse gasses, then you are 'in the way'. Pick a lane, and make sure you're not in the lane doing nothing. You are not safe in that lane! You cannot divorce yourself from the reality that a hotter planet will become unlivable.

I'm not being negative, but I am being a realist. I'm tired of listening to people say science is wrong, these changes are normal. There is nothing or no

one credible who thinks these climate changes are normal. What they are is resultant - the changes are a result of years of human behavior that are now coming into focus in ways that are telling us - we must change.

I would ask that all of us become more intentional about what we do, how we vote, how we live, and how we talk when it comes to caring for our environment. Conservation is only one aspect of caring for the planet. Few of us, myself included, is someone who creates new technologies, or finds new science that allows us to produce energy without producing greenhouse gasses. Hence, we have to do things that use less and protects more. Manage our investments such that we invest in companies that improve the climate, create low carbon producing products, or develop devices to take carbon out of the air efficiently. Buy cars and other products that are low carbon producing and leave a small footprint relative to natural resources.

A big way to help the process is to elect public officials who show they are going to make the investments in policy & spending that moves us closer to a zero-carbon economy and society. Give donations to groups who care for the environment and are working to help Nature adapt to Climate Change. Every day we need to think, "What can I do today to make a difference? ". Then go do it. If all of us were to do our part, it makes a difference. Doing nothing only adds to the problem.

A good book to read, and there are many, is How to Avoid a Climate Disaster, by Bill Gates. Here is someone who has all the money he'll ever need, yet he's pouring money into alternative energy research, small reactors that produce electricity with nearly zero waste, and innovative climate technology like e-fuels, that use carbon dioxide exhaust from oil refineries to produce low carbon fuels for diesel trucks and one day airplanes. He isn't doing it for the money! He understands we all need to do our part, and "get in the Game." Use our abilities, creativity, desire to make a commitment to be part of the solution.

We all could do a little more than what we are doing today. Do it for our kids and grandkids, our fisheries, or whatever reason that motivates you. Vote for better climate. Spend for better climate. Talk about a better climate. Be positive we can get it done! We can do this!

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Basso/La Grange Reach Restoration Project

Member Barry Kutz shared these photos from a recent visit to the restoration work site. The project is described as: “designed to primarily benefit chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) and steelhead/rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) via the restoration and enhancement of approximately 65 acres of floodplain rearing habitat and eight spawning riffles within the lower Tuolumne River. This restored habitat will support improved productivity of salmonid populations on the lower Tuolumne River. The Project also includes construction of a non-motorized boat access path.”



... White Pines Outing Story

There was lots of coaching, mentoring, and practice. Tiny bluegill hit dries and nymphs. Students got practice getting hits and setting the hook. All but one caught a fish! Derek took the group to Boards Crossing and Kim caught a trout! Derek and Marcus also went to Avenue of the Giants. Students from SFF classes in attendance were: Marcus Haney, Debra Strickland, Kim Lundstrom, Keith Bader, Ana Duarte, and Christie Crawford. Mentors were: John Driver, Bob Bullock, Derek Coehlo, Roger Ringsted, Gus Link, and Paul Wallace.

... White Pines Outing Pictures



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DELTA FLY FISHERS FLY TYING DAY

December 7, 2024. 8am to 2:30pm

Spend the day, tying flies with expert tyer, Ben Byng. Ben will lead participants through a series of bass-focused flies. All tying materials and instructions will be provided. Tying tools will be available to borrow for the day. Breakfast, lunch and dessert included. Come and join the fun!

Sign up <https://link.waveapps.com/baed4a-mnvtr2>



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\$30 per person includes tying instruction, tying materials, breakfast, lunch, dessert, a thank you gift and entry into door prize drawing!

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262 Rocky Lane
Lodi, Ca 95240

December 7, 2024

8am-2:30pm

For More information email

deltaflywebmaster@gmail.com



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SFF Membership Information

Membership fees for 2024, currently \$45/year, 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](#)

