



President's Message

October 1, 2024

Hello Fellow Fly Fishers!

October! Already! I sure hope the heat has passed us by. I am really over all the 100 degree days! Fall is my favorite season, all the leaves changing color, a crispness in the air, and hungry trout!!

The Fall River outing was fantastic! Cannot wait to go back in April. For me the trip was not just about fishing, I also spent some time reminiscing. My grandfather is buried in The Veterans Cemetery outside of Redding, so I took the opportunity to place a new fly on his marker. Also spent some time in Burney. I have not been there in decades. Not much has changed.

Hoping to get out and fish up 108 at least once more before the weather sets in. I will try to post on Facebook if I go. And to let everyone know ... Hey! If you are heading out, let the community know. Who knows if someone can go along?

Helping out the club: We REALLY need someone to coordinate speakers. This is an important task that does not have a huge time commitment. We, the Board, are getting too busy, and really would like someone to take this task on. Want to know more? Talk to any of the Board members.

As always, I hope to have a large turnout at the meeting (October 8) because what do we need at the meetings?

Fly fishers and potential fly fishers! Come to the meeting, bring some beverages, and 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, October 8, 2024

Our October program will feature presentations recapping the recent SFF Fall River outing as well as some personal trips taken by Outings Director John Driver who manages to get in more than his share of fishing opportunities. (We're jealous!) We will also have a brief presentation on the annual Knights Ferry Salmon Festival in which we participate each year. more info on that below.

... 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, October 12th. 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

The Fall River outing was reportedly successful. There will be more info on that at the October meeting. A spring outing for The Fall has been scheduled for April 24-27. Stay tuned for more info on that trip and signups.

While on that subject, at the last board meeting registrations for outing like Fall River was discussed wherein a major deposit and/or full payment are due for our reservations. It was decided that member registrations must be paid in full to reserve an open spot. All spots are open until paid for on a first come, first served basis. This is to recover encumbered funds as quickly as possible.

John Driver, Bob Bullock, and myself will be heading up to Lake Almanor to fish for the large trout feeding on pond smelt at this time of year. We should have an interesting report for you at the November meeting. This outing is replacing the Wild Horse outing that was originally scheduled.

... Knights Ferry Salmon Festival

The annual event returns November 9th. Once again our club will host a booth featuring fly casting for youth and adults, plus a new wrinkle for the children too small to try fly casting ... a salmon-feeding cornhole game! This is a great event and we encourage all members to attend and stop by or work the booth for a while. It's one of the ways we increase awareness of our club!

... 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 or perfecting one.



Turnout is improving and we hope to get a steady number of participating tyers each month. Tying will usually start around 6:00 - 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 which is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 10, 2025. 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. There will also be a Regal-style tying vice available for purchase as well.

... Stanislaus River Cleanup Day

The ESRCDC and City of Oakdale hosted a Stanislaus River Cleanup day September 21st.

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.

Several SFF members attended and we'd like to thank them for their efforts and for representing SFF in the endeavor. Member Anna Duarte reported that she, Cristie Crawford, Kim Lundstrom, and Marco Barragan were there. Sadly, this was not your basic clean-up-random-trash event. Most of the clean up involved debris and trash from homeless encampments. Not surprisingly the unhoused crisis is affecting not only urban areas, but riparian environments as well. There is a photo essay of the day at the end of this newsletter. Once again, thanks to our members who participated fulfilling one of the goals for our club which is to act as stewards of our rivers and watersheds whenever and wherever possible. We sincerely appreciate the time and effort they devoted to this.



Upcoming Outings and Events

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

- General Meeting - "Fall River/Outings Recap" & "Stanislaus River Salmon Festival"- October 8, 2024
- Flytying Night - October 14, 2024 - 6:00 pm, Food Fix, 11th Street, Modesto
- YubaFest- October 5, 2024 - Sycamore County Ranch Park, Lower Yuba River
- Lake Almanor Outing - October 9-11, 2024
- SFF Board Meeting - October 24, 2024 - 6:00 pm, Track 424 Brewery, 2150 Yosemite, Modesto
- Salmon Festival, Knights Ferry - Saturday, November 9, 2024 -10:00 am - 3:00pm
- Annual Holiday Dinner - Tuolumne River Lodge - Tuesday, December 10, 2024
- Fly Fishing Film Tour 2025/Rivers of Recovery Fundraiser - The State Theater - May 10, 2025

NCCFFI October's President's Message

By Clay Hash

Let's Get Ready for Yuba Fest

**** PRE-EVENT & EVENT DAY TICKET PRICE \$20****

I've been busy the last few weeks getting ready for our Yuba Fest Event, I should really say the last two months. I have had great support from the Gold Country Fly Fishers (GCFF), and the NCCFFI Executive Board. I especially want to thank Ron Beltramo, our Chair of Communications, and Debbie Bond, a member of the GCFF Board and the Co-Chair of the Yuba Fest Organizational Committee. Without their hard work, Yuba Fest would not take place.



The weather looks to be perfect for the event, clear, sunny, and warm. Quite a bit different than last year's rainy day. All the reason for everyone to come and enjoy this fun event. More than anything, Yuba Fest is an event that brings fly fishers together to celebrate our sport and the lovely Yuba River. It is a fly fishing social event with perks.

Fly Casting - One of the major attractions of Yuba Fest is the fly-casting instruction at the event. Fly Fishers International (FFI) has developed the Fly Casting Skills Development Program (FCSD). It is an excellent program. This program is the fastest growing fly-casting instructional program in the world. It allows fly casters at all levels to assess their skills and work on improving them.

The program is for beginning to advanced flycasters. It has four levels, Foundation, Bronze, Silver, and Gold. Fly casting instructors will be at the event to help you learn how or learn how to improve your fly casting. Fly casting will take place from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm. Fly Rods are provided for the participants.

Environmental Groups - The Yuba River watershed is a precious environment. There are many people and groups that work hard to protect, preserve, and enhance it. Many of those people and groups will be at Yuba Fest to share with you what they are doing regularly to accomplish their goals. Groups like SYRCL, CSPA, Trout Unlimited, Sierra Streams, and the Wolf Creek Alliance. These groups will have booths where you can meet them and see what they are doing specifically in our area and elsewhere. At 1:00 in the afternoon, there will be an opportunity to hear them speak about their current projects and plans for the future.

Lower Yuba Fishing Talks - My educational guide service, Fly Fishing Traditions, will be hosting three different talks for interested fly fishers about aspects of fishing the Lower Yuba River. These talks will give fly fishers perspectives from knowledgeable and experienced guides and fly fishers. These talks will take place in a "presentation tent". Ask for directions to the area where the talks will take place at the GCFE booth.

- 9:30 to 10:30- There will be a discussion about fly fishing the Lower Yuba through its seasons and how to prepare for fishing them
- 10:45 to 11:45 - There will be a discussion on current and future access to the Lower Yuba River. It is becoming harder to access the river as landowners are restricting access more and more.
- 1:45 to 2:45 - There will be a talk where you will get a perspective on fishing the river from fly fishing guides and fishermen who have been fishing the river for years.

Fly Tying - For those of you who are fly tiers, there will be exhibition fly tiers that will be demonstrating their craft throughout the day. You can observe their fly-tying expertise and talk to them about fly-tying techniques and their favorite fly patterns. Many will be tying patterns that are used on the Yuba River.

Food and Drinks - There will be food and drinks available at the event. There will be breakfast items available from 8:30 am to 11:00 am. There will be coffee, tea, hot chocolate, water, and breakfast pastries available for \$5. In the

afternoon from 12:00 noon to 2:00, you can purchase lunch for \$10. The lunch will be BBQ brisket sandwiches served on a brioche bun, chips, cookies, and a drink. Water, Coke, or 7up.

Silent Auction - As a fundraiser, there will be a silent auction at the event to help cover the costs of the event and to raise some funds for the sponsors of the event. These sponsors make the event possible every year. The charge of the \$20 entry fee is also used to cover the costs of the event. Your purchase of a ticket and making a bid on the silent auction items make putting on this event each year possible. For those of you who volunteer for the event, please consider purchasing an admission ticket as a donation to the annual Yuba Fest event. It would be greatly appreciated.

Time to Celebrate - We will close the silent auction at 3:30 pm with a final settle-up for payments with winning bidders by 4 pm. The event will then turn into a social event with music and acknowledgments. This will be a BYOB, bring your own drinks, beer, and/or wine. We will have fun getting to know each other better and wrapping up the fun day in a celebratory manner. The event will close at 5:30.

Why Not Come? Come and spend the day with your fellow fly fishers and you will be talking about it for weeks afterward. So in summary, participate in this great event and get to know your Nor Cal fly-fishing neighbors. We need your support and hope you will join the festivities.

Please note that we are charging:

- \$20 for pre-event tickets online until 11:59pm on October 4th. Save the waiting in line.
- \$20 on the day of the event "on-site"
- Youth 18 and under are free.

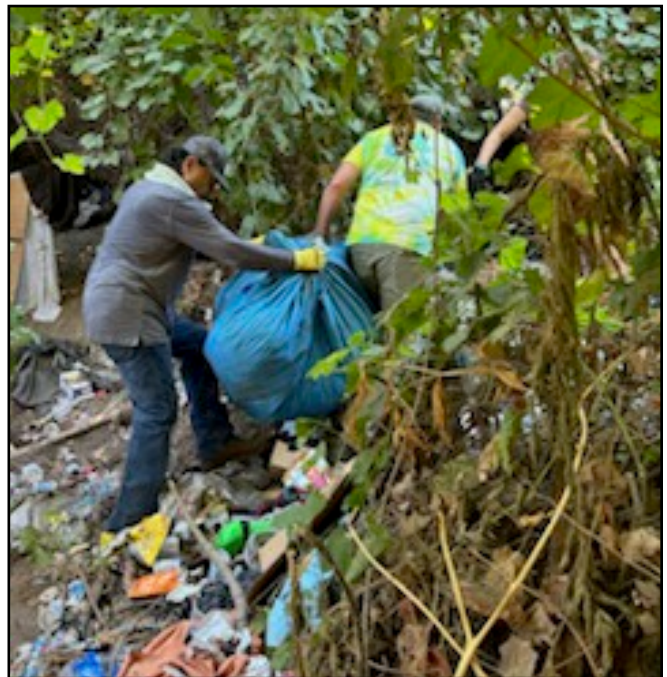
The ticket sales are meant to cover our costs for putting on the event. Purchase the pre-event tickets by [clicking here](#).

Teamwork makes the Dream Work
Clay Hash
NCCFFI President

... Stanislaus River Cleanup Day

Anna Duarte report:

“Fwd: ... Today Cristie, Marco, Kim, and I represented the Stanislaus Fly Fishers [as] volunteers... the lady that gave the talk about the river clean up took pictures of us and thanked us for our energy with the clean up! There were 8 Oakdale Police overseeing the clean up ... However, we all thought we were picking up juice boxes, glass, etc, ... we were cleaning up an overwhelming amount of homeless encampments! Was a good day with the community!”





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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>



 SCAN ME



Explore bass patterns with tying expert Ben Byng!

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

Raffle with great prizes



FAIRFIELD INN AND SUITES

262 Rocky Lane
Lodi, Ca 95240

December 7, 2024

8am-2:30pm

For More information email

deltaflywebmaster@gmail.com



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**Sat. Nov 9
10-3**

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Family Friendly

FREE EVENT, \$10 Parking (or USACE Pass)

Knights Ferry Recreation Area

12 miles East of Oakdale off Hwy 120

\$10 Parking in USACE Lots

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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](#)

