



## President's Message

November 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

### ... November General Meeting - Tuesday, November 12, 2024

Our November meeting will feature our friends from Delta Bass Bugs returning for another informative program. Brian and Bradley know a thing or two about streamers and fall bass so this will be a good opportunity to benefit from their experience.



### ... 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, November 9th. 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

No large formal outings occurred in October. Bob Bullock, John Driver, and myself spent a couple of days testing Lake Almanor, but the results were poor. One fish to hand by John, one to boat by me, and a few sparse tugs were all that were managed. A few trollers were out (very few) and they were fishing fairly deep. On the bright side, we did find a really good restaurant for dinner one night. So, there's that ...

Derek Coelho led a small group to the east side fishing the Walker River. He was joined by Marco Barragan, Cristie Crawford, Anna Duarte, Kim Lundstrom, Janice Rinehart, and Debra Strickland. Hopefully, we'll get their outing report at the November meeting, but you can see the photos from the trip later in the newsletter.

### ... 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 has been great 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. Both the theater and the film have been secured. 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](mailto: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.

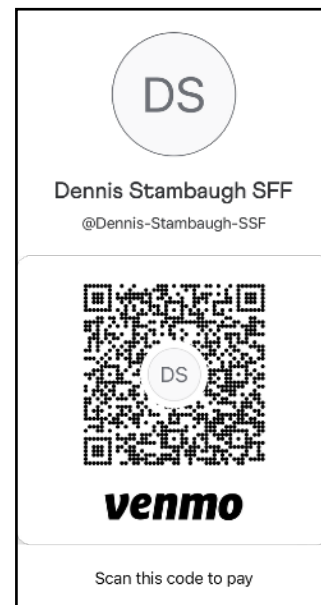
Prices vary with items marked from \$5-\$60. This is a great way to add to your feather collection. We will also have our assortment of flies for sale at \$2 ea.



### ... SFF Annual Holiday Dinner

As usual, our December meeting will be a dinner with no formal program. This year member Hank Olson and his crew from Food Fix will be providing a great meal for us. Tickets are \$25 per person. You should have already received your invitation via SignUpGenius. **Please RSVP by December 2nd.** You can visit the sign up page [here](#). Checks can be mailed to: Dennis Stambaugh at 3833 Blue Bird Drive, Modesto, CA, 95356. You can also pay via Venmo using @Dennis-Stambaugh-SSF or by scanning the QR code on the right.

There will also be a raffle with some great prizes. Check out the flyer in this newsletter to see the menu. We hope to see everyone and their significant others turn out for this annual event. There will be some beer, wine, and water provided, but feel free to BYOB to meet your own preferences.



### ... Upcoming Classes

Planning is in the works for Fly Tying 101 and Fly Fishing 101 for the spring 2025 as well a couple of casting clinics. The current plan is to offer FlyTying 101 on Wednesdays starting April 2nd. The class would be five sessions and meet weekly, except for April 23rd, and end on May 7th. Final details once our location is confirmed. Also, we are looking at scheduling a bass popper-making class for this winter led by Pat Roe. This would be a two-night class with classes one week apart. Night one would likely be cementing hooks into bodies, tying on tails, and painting. Night two would be applying a hard finish to the bodies. Stay tuned!



# OFFICER ELECTIONS 2025

## ... 2025 Officer Elections

We will hold elections for officers for next year at our November meeting. Nominations are open for President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Current nominations include:

President - Paul Wallace

Vice President - Bob Bullock

Treasurer - Dennis Stambaugh

Secretary - Mike Hewitt

Other board positions, Membership Director, Outings Director, Community Outreach Director, At-Large Directors, and Program Chair, are appointed positions. Any member interested in filling an appointed position and/or running for an elected position should contact President Gus Link at [flylink48@gmail.com](mailto:flylink48@gmail.com). It would certainly be nice to see some new faces taking more active leadership roles in our club. Fresh ideas are always welcome! These positions don't involve as much time as one might think, and running the club is very much a team effort, so don't be overwhelmed or daunted by the thought of responsibility. You can do it!

## Upcoming Outings and Events

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

- General Meeting - "Streamers for Fall Bass"- November 12, 2024
- Salmon Festival, Knights Ferry - Saturday, November 9, 2024 -10:00 am - 3:00pm
- Flytying Night - November 18, 2024 - 6:00 pm, Food Fix, 11th Street, Modesto
- SFF Board Meeting - November 21, 2024 - 6:00 pm, Track 424 Brewery, 2150 Yosemite, Modesto
- 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 November's President's Message By Clay Hash

### Hall of Fame Dinner is Almost Here!

The Hall of Fame Dinner is less than two weeks away on Saturday, November 9th. This is our 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.

The ability to purchase tickets online is now closed. We can take a few more people (at the \$160 ticket price) on a first-come, first-serve basis. If you still want to get a ticket to the Hall of Fame Event, please reach out to Ron Beltramo (NCCFFI First Vice President) by sending an e-mail to [rjbeltramo@aol.com](mailto:rjbeltramo@aol.com), stating your need (for one or two tickets) This opportunity will close on Tuesday, November 5th.

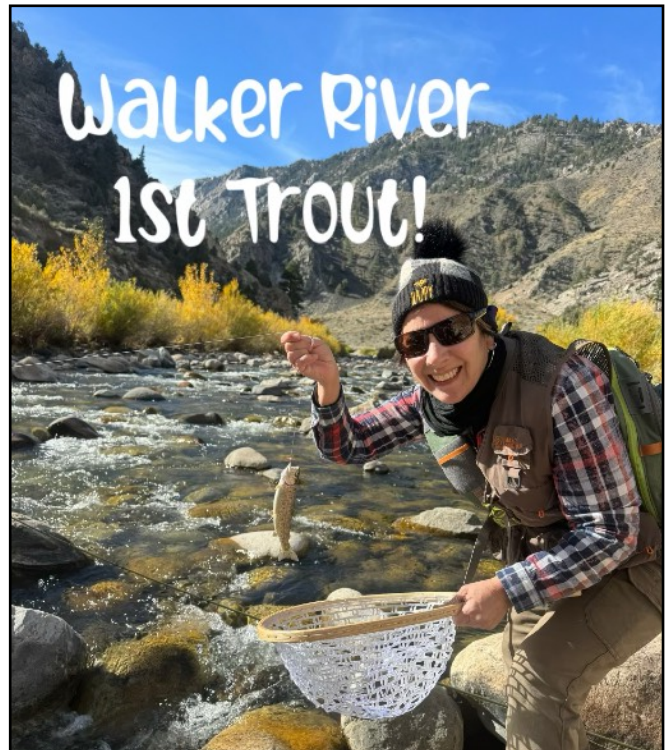
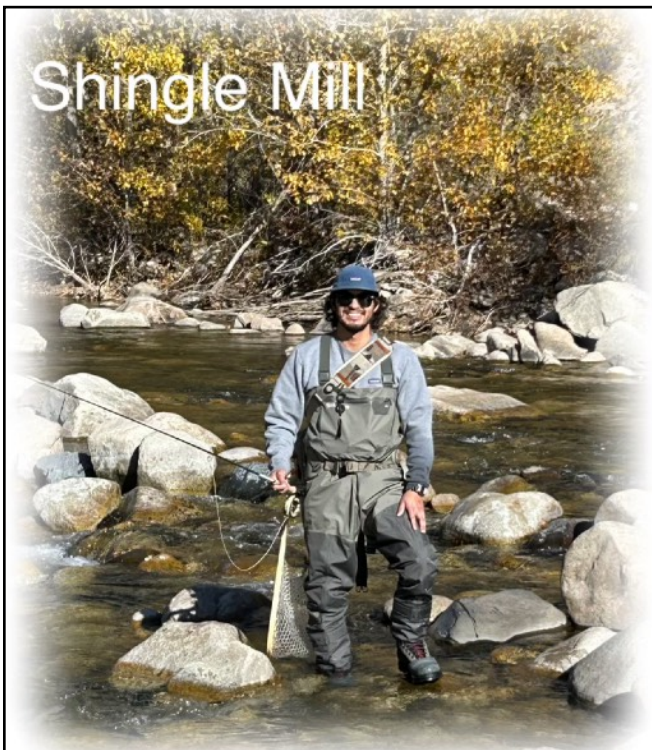
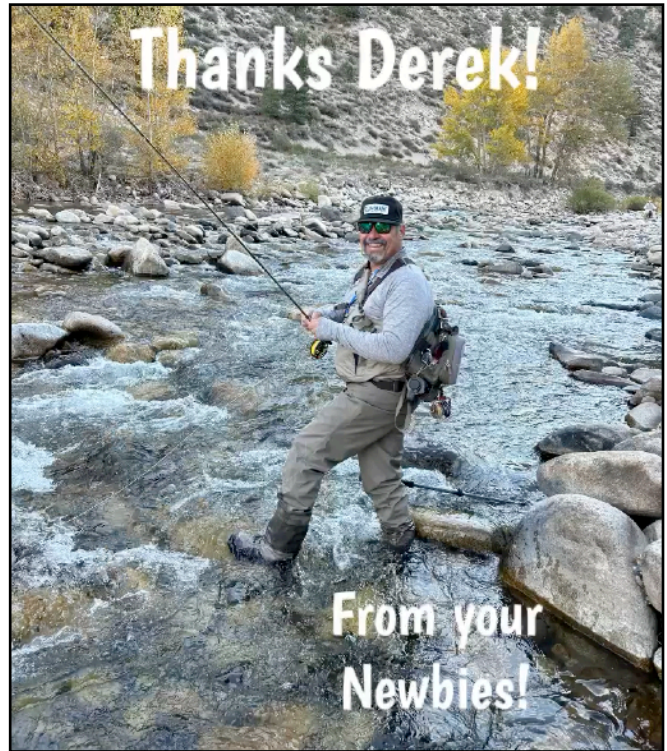
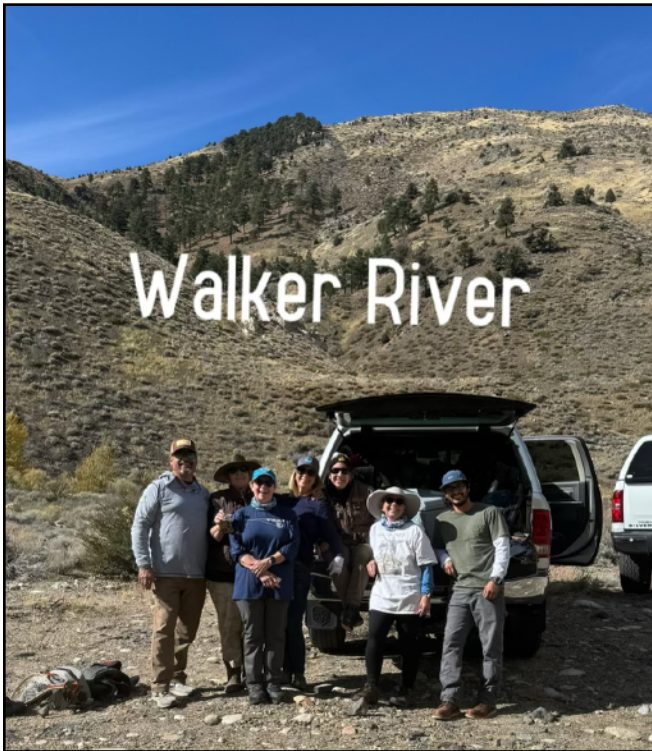
Once Ron receives your e-mail, he will get back to you to let you know if any seats are still available for the Hall of Fame Event and help you secure & pay for your ticket(s). There are only a few seats available, so don't delay if you want to attend the Hall of Fame Event. Don't miss this opportunity to attend this memorable event.

Please note tickets "will not" be available to buy at the door on the day of the Hall of Fame Event."

Teamwork makes the Dream Work  
Clay Hash  
NCCFFI President



# ... Walker River Outing Photos









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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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**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](mailto:deltaflywebmaster@gmail.com)



**14<sup>th</sup> Annual**

**STANISLAUS RIVER**



**Sat. Nov 9  
10-3**

**SALMON FESTIVAL**

**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 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  
At-Large: Anthony Johnson

### 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.

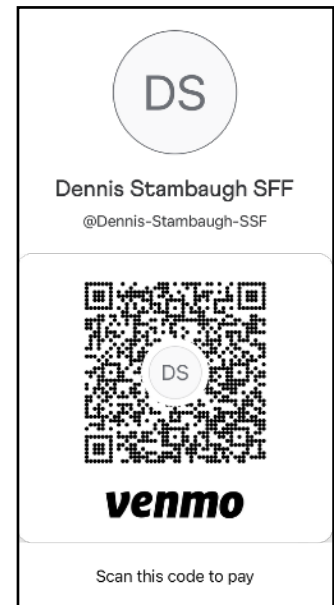
Reminder: Club dues **DO NOT** include FFI dues. FFI dues are paid directly to the FFI and must be maintained regularly since the SFF is an FFI Charter Club. If you are not an FFI Life Member, or do not pay for three years at a time, you must renew your membership yearly! Remember to list the Stanislaus 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).

Venmo or 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.

