



President's Message

December 1, 2024

Where the heck did November go? Just seemed to fly by! That seems to be a common theme as I gain more experience in this journey called Life! I hope everyone's Thanksgiving was filled with family, friends and WAY too much food! Thanksgiving is a small affair at our house, not many folks left to celebrate with. We do get together and it is a great excuse to make all the Thanksgiving favorites! In the last few years I have been making my pumpkin pies from scratch, experimenting with different pumpkins. This year? Butternut squash! Oh YUMMY! I may never go back!

Looking forward to this month's dinner meeting, Hank Olsen of Food Fix has a great menu lined up! I am very thankful we can support our members' business. I have always tried to support the people I know, from my customers, to my friends and my neighbors. If I need a product, I am going to buy it from a friend or local rather than from MegaZon Mart. From supporting my co-workers' kids in the Jog-a-Thon, to frequenting local businesses, I think it helps and grows the community. We all need more of that.

Wow! All these words so far and not a single mention of fishing! We are in the doldrums of the year for stream fishing, though the lakes are fishing well by boat (so I am told, wouldn't know firsthand 😞). As a stream guy, yeah, I have not been fishing in a while. Hope to change that, but life is a bit crazy at the moment, and fishing is far down the list. Maybe I will make New Year's Day on the Moke!

On to Biz!

I would like to welcome Janice Schoonhoven-Rinehart as our newest Board Member At Large! Welcome aboard Janice! Great to have you on the Board!

This will be my last President's Message! As many of you know, Paul Wallace will take over as President starting in January. Welcome Paul! The rest of the Board remains the same with the addition of Janice.

It has been an honor to serve the Club as President for the last 2 years, to see the growth of the Club, and to welcome all the new members! I know Paul will do a great job and continue the growth of the Club. I look forward to where the Club is going next!

I am not going to disappear from the Club, but I do plan on taking a break from Board duties until I figure out how best I can serve the Club.

I have been asked to continue to write something for the newsletter each month, so look for that starting in January. It may not be entirely fishing related, but then again, when has it ever been?! Fishing and Life for me are forever intrinsically intertwined.

As always, I hope to have a large turnout at the meeting (December 10), because what do we need at the meetings?

YOU! Yeah YOU, the person reading this! Come have some great food, bring a bottle of wine or a couple of brews and let's have some fun! Remember to sign up on the SignUp Genius site, if you need the link, email me.

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 Paul, 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 2025!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Tight Lines!

~ Link

... SFF Annual Holiday Dinner

This is the last day to sign up for the Holiday Dinner. Tickets are \$25 per person. 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. There will be a raffle with some great prizes. The flyer in this newsletter shows the menu. We hope to see everyone and their significant others turn out for this annual event. Some beer, wine, and water provided, but feel free to BYOB to meet your own preferences.

Club News

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

Our December meeting will be the aforementioned Holiday Dinner. There will not be a speaker or formal program.

... 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, December 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

No formal outings planned for December or January, although some members will likely hit the rivers that open up January 1.

... Knights Ferry Salmon Festival

The annual event returned November 9th. Our club hosted two booths this year, one featuring fly casting for youth and adults and one for promoting the club. As usual this was a great event, with beautiful weather and a strong turnout. Several members attended to staff the booths (I can't say "man the booths" because we had a lot of our ladies there!) and it was a very fun day.

... Open Fly Tying Night, Monday, December th

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. Tie whatever you want, but there may occasionally be a target pattern for those interested in learning a new fly or in perfecting one.

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. If you are a new tier and intend to be there, please text me at 209-606-0424 to let me know so I can tell Bud Heintz who has been great helping out the beginners.

... 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: mhewitt@stanislausflyfishers.org.

... 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!





**DECEMBER
10**



MENU

The Menu:

- Roasted Turkey Breast w/Gravy & Cranberry Sauce
- Garlic Roasted Green Beans
- Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
- Pretzel Roll Stuffing
- Rolls & Whipped Butter

The Price:

- \$25 per person prepaid.

RSVP by December 2, 2024

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2024 SFF ANNUAL HOLIDAY DINNER

**TUOLUMNE RIVER LODGE
6pm-8:30pm**

Upcoming Outings and Events

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

- Annual Holiday Dinner - Tuolumne River Lodge - Tuesday, December 10, 2024
- Flytying Night - December 16, 2024 - 6:00 pm, Food Fix, 11th Street, Modesto
- SFF Board Meeting - January 2, 2025 - 6:00 pm, Track 424 Brewery, 2150 Yosemite, Modesto
- North Shore Tulloch Lake Outing - April (TBD), 2025
- Fall River Outing - April 24-27, 2025 - Burney, CA
- Surf Perch Outing - May (TBD), 2025
- Outdoor Family Night - June 10, 2025 - Tuolumne River Lodge
- Fly Fishing Film Tour 2025/Rivers of Recovery Fundraiser - The State Theater - May 10, 2025
- Swap Meet Night - June 10, 2025

NCCFFI December's President's Message

By Clay Hash

I hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving Holiday and had their fill of good food with friends and family. I did for sure. I think about our 2024 year and the work we accomplished. I am thankful for the support of our NCCFFI Board and many of our leaders from our NorCal fly clubs. We managed to accomplish a lot with a limited number of members of our NCCFFI team. I'll review some of the highlights.

We started the year with our first event in February, the Pleasanton Fly Fishing Show. We managed a booth there and also helped coordinate the fly casting event which featured the Fly Casting Skills Development program (FCSD). We actively recruited FFI members and helped fly fishers connect to our 28 fly fishing clubs. We also helped the Scouts with their fly fishing merit badge, teaching fly tying, knot tying and fly casting. The 3-day show was a great effort and successful.

In April we attended the Spey-O-Rama event at the Golden Gate ponds and worked to connect with fly fishers. We once again worked to connect fly fishers to our fly clubs and recruit FFI members.

In May we formed the Yuba Fest Organizational Committee to prepare for the event that took place in October. For a one-day event, it takes a large planning window to get it right. The event took place on a warm and bright October day and was well attended. Our Yuba Fest goals were attained and the people who attended had a great time. We have set a date for Yuba Fest 2025. It will be on Saturday, September 6th so "Mark the Date."

In September, The CFFU club of Sacramento sponsored and hosted an FCSD event for local fly clubs. Willy George, our NorCal Fly Casting Director, organized the event with the help of members of the Amador Fly Fishers, Fly Fishers of Davis, Delta Fly Fishers, Gold Country Fly Fishers, and the Granite Bay Flycasters. This event was a "Train the Facilitators" event. Willy George stated that it was the largest event of its type ever. It was a fun and educational event. I encourage all of our NorCal clubs to get involved with the FCSD program.

The highlight of the year was the Hall of Fame Dinner which took place in November. More about this in separate articles. This is an event that last took place nine years ago. Mark Rockwell, our past president, worked with The Fly Shop to put this event together and saw it to fruition. I thank Mark, The Fly Shop, and members of the NCCFFI Board for their hard work.

I am hopeful that the NCCFFI can benefit from its experiences of 2024 and build on them for 2025. I thank all of our fly clubs for their support and hope to continue to connect with all of you in the coming year.

Clay Hash
NCCFFI President

... Knights Ferry Salmon Festival Photos

(Provided by Anna Duarte. Thank you, Anna!)







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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



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.

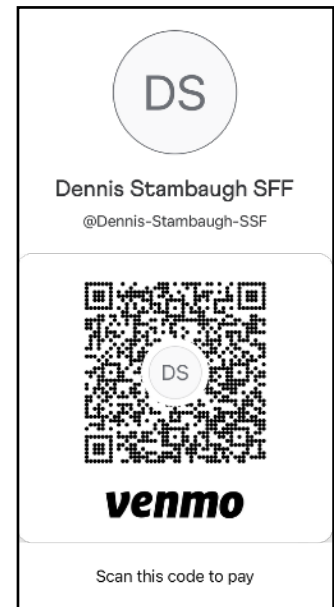
Reminder: Club dues **DO NOT** include FFI dues. FFI dues are paid directly to the FFI and must be maintained regularly since the SFF is an FFI Charter Club. If you are not an FFI Life Member, or do not pay for three years at a time, you must renew your membership yearly! Remember to list the Stanislaus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

