



President's Message - February 2025

It's another exciting month at Stanislaus Fly Fishers. We are taking firm steps towards conservation. It's the Pleasanton Fly Show. We are bringing Tim Flagler to speak in Modesto on Feb 25th!

February is the Pleasanton Fly Fishing Show. I urge you to take advantage of the opportunities. The FFI casting teachers will be out with lessons and testing for Foundation Skills and Bronze/Silver/Gold Casting Skills. This is a great opportunity to get qualified instruction; for free! I will be attempting to finish my Silver Casting certification. There are also lectures and seminars offered by lots of speakers on all aspects of fishing and places to fish. So, the booths are fun, but take advantage of the opportunities to learn as well. I will be going on Saturday to attend the FFI presidents' lunch and there will be room in my car. Please get on our Facebook page or text each other. Carpooling doesn't just reduce Carbon pollution, it's also fun! Go together!

John Driver and I have been continuing our efforts at conservation. We have had some very optimistic meetings with TID. It looks like they need some help with things like river clean up, and how to design angler access in their restoration work. TID would like to allow more angler access to their property, but vandalism is a problem. We are very optimistic that we might be able to plan organized outings to TID property on the Tuolumne River. We are beginning the plans for a river clean-up at the Tuolumne River Campground.

Finally, please plan to come hear Tim Flagler speak on "Trout and What to Feed Them." Tim is an active YouTuber and videographer. His YouTube channel Tight Line Video has great fly-fishing instructional content and lots of fly-tying content. I highly recommend watching the tie-off he does with Tom Rosenbauer from ORVIS and Cheech from Fly Fish Food. These skilled tyers tie the same pattern, but approach it completely differently, I always learn a lot. Doors open @ 6:30 PM at BakeShop 938 11th Street, Modesto. Cost is \$20 per

person for members and \$25 per person for non-members. (SFF membership is always a family membership...bring your household family!).

~ Paul

Link's Lines – February 2025

I have been looking for an apt quote from John Geirach, there are many. If you have not read Mr. Geirach, I highly recommend picking up one or a dozen of his works. The Fly-Fishing world lost a giant with his passing in October.

“The solution to any problem-work, love, money, whatever- is to go fishing, and the worse the problem, the longer the trip should be” JG

My problem right now? Lack of fishing. I think I need a long trip! Lately finding the motivation to even go out for a short trip is lacking. Like life, there are many factors to my not getting out, work, all the things that need to be done, aging parents, blah blah blah.

Not problems really, just life getting in the way. Which, at this point, is a problem! I need to go fishing! Problem solved!

~ Link

Club News

... February General Meeting - Tuesday, February 11 , 2025

Our February meeting will feature Robert Ladd sharing the process of building bamboo fly rods. Over the years Robert has built and donated several bamboo rods for our Rivers of Recovery raffles at The Fly Fishing Film Tour. They are exquisite pieces of craftsmanship and his presentation should be quite informative and interesting.



... Special SFF Presentation - Tim Flagler

Tim Flagler has been fly fishing and tying for more than 30 years. He founded Tightline Productions in 1998, a video production company that specializes in promotional and instructional video. He's known worldwide for his tying videos. Tim's also a presenter, instructor and guide. We are fortunate to have been able to secure a presentation by Tim on "Trout and What to Feed Them" while he is in the area for the Fly Fishing Show in Pleasanton. The presentation will be held at The BakeShop, 940 11th Street, Modesto (next door to Food Fix) on Tuesday, February 25th. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Program at 7:00. Food and drink available. Seating is limited to 40 people. Admission is \$20 per person for SFF members or \$25 for non-members. Register [here](#).



... 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, February 8th. 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! They have poles or bring your own. Please sign up in advance. <https://ggacc.org/event-5922118/Registration>. Cathy and Paul Wallace have made this a "day in the city," casting in the morning and museum in the afternoon. Sometimes, a stop at Lost Coast Outfitters; always a nice lunch in the city! They've figured out the BART/Muni connection and it's easy!

... Outings and Events

The Pleasanton Fly Fishing Show runs February 28-March 2. This is always a fun show to attend with a lot of great speakers. Definitely worth attending for at least one day.

Our first major outing is the Fall River trip booked for April 25-27. There is room for 11 participants. Signups are open now. Cost is \$225 per person for two nights lodging if paid prior to April 1st. \$250 per person after that. For more information on the trip, there is a detailed description [here](#).



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

The fly night is 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 tyer 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

We're already hard at work on this year's fundraising event which is 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. 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**. Of course, we're always looking for donations for raffle prizes to help generate excitement and funds we can contribute to Rivers of Recovery.

... 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 the following nights:

- Wednesday, April 2nd - Zebra Midge
- Friday, April 11th - Wet Fly
- Thursday, April 17th - Woolly Bugger
- Wednesday, April 30th - PT Nymph
- Wednesday, May 7th - Elk Hair Caddis

Classes will be held in the Ceres Schools District Office, Conference Room C. Setup at 6:00 m\pm. Class starts at 6:30. \$75 for SFF members or \$100 for non-members. Club vices/tools can be taken home for the duration of the class with a returnable \$50 deposit. Class size will be limited to six participants.

Register [here](#) or at a general club meeting.

... 2025 SFF Dues

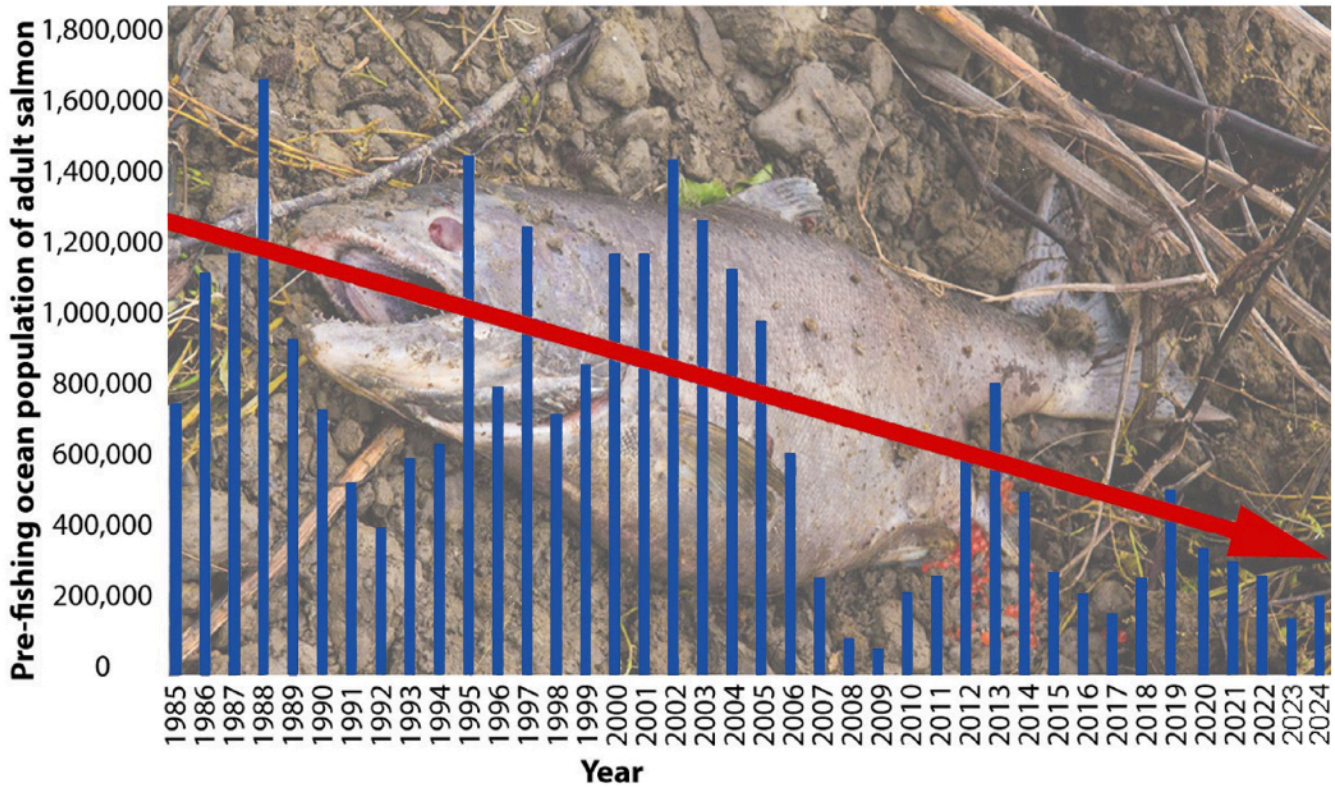
Dues for 2025 were due and payable. January 1st. Please remit your dues ASAP along with your membership form and a signed liability waiver. Dues can be paid in person at the January 14th general meeting, by check mailed to Dennis Stambaugh, or by Venmo. Links to forms and mailing and Venmo info are [here](#).

Starting this year we are following the lead of other fly fishing clubs and requiring all members to sign a hold-harmless waiver when they join or renew their membership. Any guests attending an outing will be required to sign the same agreement before participating. A copy of the waiver can be downloaded [here](#) and mailed to Dennis Stambaugh at the same address linked above. Waivers will also be available at the general meeting.



... By the Numbers

Central Valley Salmon Population 1985 - 2024



2024-25 Fall Run Chinook on Mokelumne River - 30,000+

FishBio Report - 2024: 3,486 Chinook salmon observed passing through the Stanislaus River weir

Upcoming Outings and Events

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

- General Meeting - February 11 - Robert Ladd "Bamboo Rod Building"
- Flytying Night - February 17 - 6:00 pm, Food Fix, 11th Street, Modesto
- Special Presentation - February 25 - Tim Flagler "Trout and What to Feed Them"
- Fly Fishing Show - February 28-April 2 - Pleasanton, CA
- North Shore Tulloch Lake Outing - April (TBD), 2025
- Fall River Outing - April 25-27 - Burney, CA
- Surf Perch Outing - May (TBD), 2025
- Fly Fishing Film Tour 2025/Rivers of Recovery Fundraiser - The State Theater - May 10
- Outdoor Family Night - June 10 - Tuolumne River Lodge

NCCFFI November's President's Message

By Clay Hash

Welcome to 2025 from the NCCFFI!

Welcome to 2025. I hope you have plans for many fishing experiences in the upcoming year. Planning is the key for me. I typically sit down with my wife, Laura, and we plan trips for the whole year. We may not be finalizing dates, but we are getting our initial thoughts going. It's a mix of family trips and fishing trips. It's not a bad idea if you want to knock off some trips you've always wanted. With the NCCFFI, we are trying to do the same thing, set goals and dates for our events.

This year's NCCFFI goals mainly focus on connecting with our fly clubs and members. Here are some of them.

Club Liaison Program—We will embark on a new "Club Liaison" effort to establish a more vital connection to our fly clubs. The plan is to recruit a volunteer, or "liaison," from each fly club to represent their fly clubs' interests and work with the NCCFFI board. This relationship is crucial for sharing our vision of organizing events, providing fly fishing skills education, promoting conservation projects, and providing club management expertise with our regional fly clubs.

Club Leaders Happy Hour—We will be continuing our monthly Club Leaders Happy Hour Zoom meeting and hope to make it fun and informative. We will pass on our joint experiences. If you have not attended one yet, you should try it.

RiverMouth Newsletter - Our goal for the RiverMouth is to continue to improve the content and keep it interesting to all fly fishers. We are looking for people who would like to become regular contributors to the newsletter.

Conservation - We also aim to expand our conservation network with affiliated clubs, focusing on preserving our resources for future generations. We ask that each club report its conservation projects to the board so we can help see their projects to fruition.

Fly Casting - We will continue rolling out the Fly Casting Skills Development program, encouraging clubs to help each other. Fly clubs with an existing FCSD program can help other fly clubs in their area get a program started.

Presidents Lunch - Each year, the NCCFFI hosts a Presidents Lunch at the Fly Fishing Show in Pleasanton. We invite the presidents and one additional club leader from each fly club to attend. This year, it will take place on Saturday, March 1st, at about noon. Invitations with the final details will be sent out. I hope your club leaders will attend. You can email me to RSVP for lunch at clayhash.fft@gmail.com

Updating Club Contacts - Each year, most fly clubs transition their leadership. New Presidents and officers are elected. The NCCFFI would like to be able to stay in contact with club officers. We would appreciate it if you would share your contact information with us. Please share your email address and phone number for these officers of your club. The contact information is not shared.

- President
- Vice President
- Conservation Chair
- Webmaster
- Newsletter Editor

Please send the contact information to clayhash.fft@gmail.com

So please,

- Join our monthly Club Leadership Happy Hour Zoom meetings, starting January 30th at 5:00 pm.
- RSVP for the Presidents Lunch on March 1st
- Recruit a liaison from your club.
- Provide conservation project listings.
- Continue the rollout of the FCSD program.
- Provide updated Club Contacts information

If you have any questions about the NCCFFI, our goals, or purposes, ***please reach out to me.***

Teamwork Makes the Dream Work

Clay Hash, NCCFFI President.



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SFF Membership Information

Membership fees for 2025 currently \$45/year, are now due. For your convenience, we can 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. Application and liability waiver links are below.

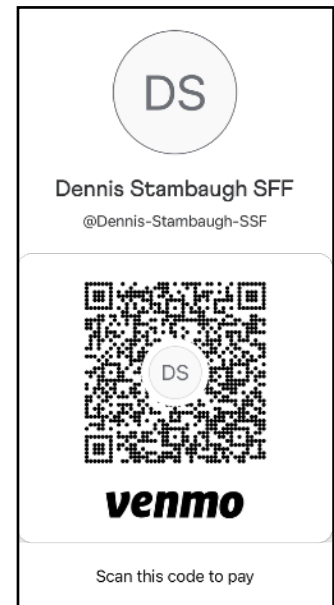
Venmo or Mail Membership Dues to:

Dennis Stambaugh
3833 Blue Bird Drive
Modesto, CA, 95356

[SFF Membership Form](#)

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Directions to Tuolumne River Lodge 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.

