

President's Message

Fishing Season Is Over? WRONG!

While certain fishing opportunities in our area are temporarily off-limits, that doesn't mean fishing season is over! Portions of the San Joaquin River and its tributaries are closed from November 1 through December 31 to protect the spawning migration of anadromous fish entering these waters this time of year. However, streams and rivers above the dams within this system remain open to fishing.

Before heading out, be sure to check the California Department of Fish and Wildlife regulations for specific information about the waters you plan to fish. Lakes and ponds are also great options, whether you're fishing from shore, a float tube, or a boat. In fact, catching bass or stripers on a fly rod can be an exhilarating experience!

There are also opportunities on portions of the Sacramento River, as well as the Trinity and Klamath rivers. Just remember to check the regulations for any seasonal closures or restrictions.

My point is simple: fishing isn't over; you just need to adjust your plans, change your setup, dress for the conditions, and perhaps be willing to put a few extra miles on the vehicle. There are plenty of options to satisfy that urge to get out on the water. So, get off the couch, grab your gear, and go fishing! And don't forget to call a friend to join you. They may be sitting on their couch wondering what to do, too!

Your Club, Your Voice, Your Future

The Stanislaus Fly Fishers is its membership, and your Board of Directors has that firmly in mind as we look toward the future. We want to build a club that reflects your interests, supports our community, and gives everyone a reason to be proud to be a member. But we need your help!

We are currently working on plans for the future of the club, and your input is an important part of that process. At our November general meeting, a questionnaire will be distributed and emailed to all

members. We encourage everyone to complete it and share their thoughts on what matters most to them.

We would appreciate your feedback on a variety of topics, including membership dues, speakers and presentations, community involvement, education and training, public awareness, conservation, outings, and, more broadly, the direction and identity of our club moving forward.

You can return your completed questionnaire at the November general meeting or email your responses by **November 15**. All feedback will be reviewed and used to help guide decisions about the club's future structure, activities, and priorities.

Thank you for your continued support and, most importantly, for being part of Stanislaus Fly Fishers. We look forward to hearing from you!

Go fishing,
Bob Bullock
SFF President 2026

November General Meeting



Our December Meeting Presentation will be Amy Terra, speaking on Getting your Casting Ready for a Fishing Trip." Amy is a long-time friend of our club; you probably enjoyed her casting activities at the last couple of Family Cast Iron Dinners. She is a certified casting instructor who trained with the Golden Gate Casting Club, some of you may have learned from Amy at the Free Saturday Casting Clinics in Golden Gate Park. During the nice weather months, she hosts a monthly public casting clinic in Lodi. I i know at least a few members have hired Amy to improve their skills.Amy is a member of Delta Fly Fishers and Active Member of The Woolfies, the women's group associated with Delta Fly Fishers. Amy's talks are always interesting and she's a talented casting instructor.

Come hear a talk about casting and bring your questions about casting or women in fly fishing.

I'd like to publicly thank Amy for stepping in with short notice after my scheduling mistake. I hope to schedule the Heritage Trout talk for early 2027.

SFF Sponsors Mending The Line at The StateTheatre



Sunday, November 22nd, our club is sponsoring a showing of Mending The Line (2022) at the historic State Theatre in Modesto. Doors will open at 1:00pm with a 2:00pm film start. Mending The Line tells the story of a Marine wounded in Afghanistan who is sent to a V.A. facility in Montana where he meets a Vietnam Vet who teaches him how to fly fish as a way of dealing with his emotional and physical trauma.

"Reviewers say Mending the Line delivers a deeply moving experience with authentic portrayals of PTSD and trauma recovery among veterans. Brian Cox and Wes Studi's superb performances, combined with [the] stunning cinematography of Montana's landscapes and fly-fishing scenes, create a powerful meditation on healing and hope. … most found it profoundly inspirational and beautifully written …. The film's therapeutic message resonates strongly …."

We will be featuring a small raffle and pre-sell ticket vouchers can be purchased at upcoming Modesto and Turlock farmers markets dates (see schedule below). The collected vouchers will also be entered into a door prize drawing. Let's turn out and make this a great event!

SFF at Modesto and Turlock Farmers Markets

We will be hosting booths at both markets this fall to promote our club, our fly fishing and fly tying classes, and the upcoming SFF-sponsored film Mending The Line showing at the State Theatre. We encourage members to come spend an hour or two working the booths with the board members. It's a lot of fun meeting new people and sharing our love of fly fishing. If you want more information or to let us know you'll be helping out, contact Michael Hewitt at (209) 606-0424 or mhewitt@stansilausflyfishers.org.

Farmers Market Schedule

Saturday, November 7 - Modesto - 8am-1pm

Fly Tying 101 Class





Our next Beginning Fly Tying class will be offered in January. We'll be trying a new model this time. A practical, progressive fly tying series of monthly, one-off classes designed to give students an approachable entry point to fly tying while building skills from one class to the next. There are four classes to be offered with each one a standalone class based on interest/ability. Classes will be once a month at a time and place to be determined. Cost for each class is $25 and includes all materials. Limit six students per class.

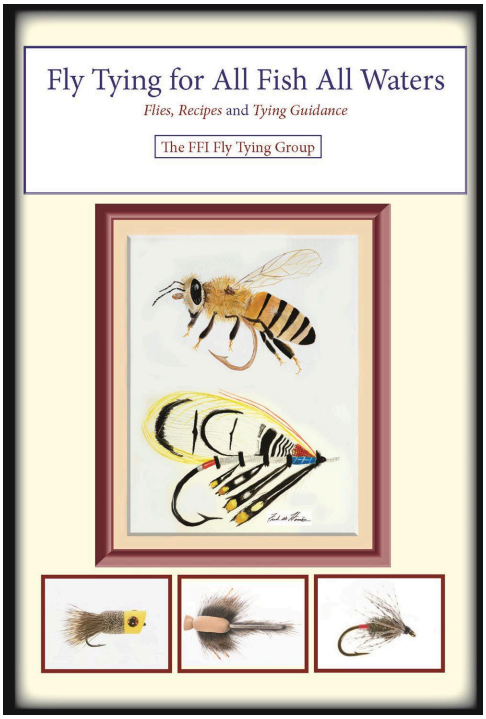
FLY TYING 101: The Fundamentals. Three foundational trout flies: Zebra Midge, Woolly Bugger, and Gold-Ribbed Hare's Ear.
FLY TYING 102: Wet Flies & Nymphs. A step forward with BWO Soft Hackle, GRHE Wet Fly and PT Nymph.
FLY TYING 103: Foam Flies. Three productive foam patterns: Foam Ant, Foam Beetle, and Foam Hopper.
FLY TYING 104: Killer Trout Patterns: Two deadly patterns: Elk Hair Caddis and Slumpbuster.

Knights Ferry Salmon Festival



Saturday, November 14, will be the annual Salmon Festival. Open from 10:00am to 3:00 pm it features a range of activities for kids and a salmon viewing opportunity at the bridge. SFF will host its usual fly casting station and information booth. SFF members are encouraged to attend and help man the booth. It's a very fun day and you'll have time to explore the event. We'll start setting up around 9:00am. As the saying goes, many hands make light work so we hope to see you there. If you plan on attending, please notify Michael Hewitt at mhewitt@stanislausflyfishers.org or text or call 209-606 -0424.

Fly Tyer's Corner - By Michael Hewitt



I attended the FFI FlyFest in September and sat in on several sessions on fly tying as well as strolled through the demonstration tyers area talking to tyers and watching their techniques. Many of the tyers belong to FFI's Fly Tyer Group. The FTG has its own section on the FFI website with all kinds of resources for tyers. There are several online manuals, a video library, a fly of the month, their monthly newsletter "The Whipfinish Journal," and the Buz Buszek Library. In September 2024, the FTG had a rendezvous in Dallas, TX. What emerged from the gathering was an idea of a book featuring patterns from very accomplished tyers who otherwise would largely go unnoticed. Tyers who haven't made a career out of publishing. This book became Fly Tying for All Fish All Waters. It was a limited production run and I was able to grab one of the last available copies.

As the title implies, the flies in this book in the first section cover flies from tyers who fish for all variety of species in all types of water. There are 30 patterns in this section, each beautifully photographed in step-by-step fashion, often with background information and fishing tips. THe second section is a retrospective on conclaves and tyers from 30-35 years ago. Again, this section is filled with patterns and thoughts from some very famous and some not-so-famous names. The last section is called "How to Become a Better Tyer" and features advice from a host of familiar names, including Gretchen and All Beatty, TIm Flagler, Skip Morris, Kelly Galloup, and Charlie Craven to name a few.

Being that it was a limited run printing and not mass produced and sold, it is not an inexpensive book and the cost reflects what it cost to produce it. At $75 it is easily the most expensive tying book in my collection. The FTG has plans to produce a short three-book series in the future along the same vein, featuring the talents of FTG tyers. If they are anything like this effort, they'll be well worth looking into.

Let's go fishing…

Stanislaus Fly Fishers' primary reason for being, is to help you get on the water! We provide group outings to diverse local and unique locations in California. We want our members to continue the

learning process by fishing with others. Fishing is always centered on learning regardless of skill or experience. And this has to be fun!

There are many ways to fly fish, including: dry flies, nymphing, streamers, etc. Each of these methods build on skills which are unique to each method.

Outings are a great way to learn from our fellow club members, while having a great deal of fun.

So where are we going in 2027? We have been doing three major out-of-area outings the past year and will repeat again in 2027. We will be doing multiple local single-day outings throughout the year, but here we want to emprise our longer overnight outings.

Fall River







The first one is a spring outing, scheduled Friday – Sunday April 23-25 (2 nights), at Circle 7 Ranch, Fall River Mills CA (east of Redding CA). We have reserved the "White House" at Circle 7 Ranch, located right on the famous Fall River. This is a very fun outing, with lots of fishing, food, and fun. In addition to fishing on the Fall River, there is the famous Hat Creek nearby, plus Baum Lake. The Fall River must be fished from boats (rented at Circle 7), but Hat Creek is a great walk & wade location, and Baum Lake is perfect for float tubes. Maximum 11 persons.

Tioga Pass







Our second is a summer outing, a two-night camping trip from Wednesday, August 18, through Friday, August 20. We're going midweek because the limited campsites are difficult to reserve on weekends. Just outside Yosemite National Park, Tioga Pass offers spectacular scenery at elevations of 9,000–10,000 feet. We'll camp at Junction Campground, with fishing options including Lee Vining Creek, Sawmill Creek, the Dana and Lyell forks of the Tuolumne River, plus more than 50 lakes within a five-mile radius. Rainbow, Brown, Brookie, and even Golden trout are here. Lots of hiking options also.

Kings Canyon National Park or Mono Hot Springs

The third Fall outing will be in the southern Sierra, either at Kings Canyon or Mono Hot Springs. First week of October or the last week of September is the best time for fall fishing. We will choose one

location, based on member desire. If Kings Canyon we can choose a weekend, and it will be a camping outing. At Mono Hot Springs, we rent cabins and it should be a weekday outing due to the very narrow 20-mile road which is not fun or recommended on weekends. Either location favors dry fly fishing at its best. Gin clear water. Wet wading. Foam ants or other dry flies. So dates and location will be determined later.

Consider joining us on one or all outings in 2027. Did I mention we have fun? And we catch fish, learn from each other, and have great food. John Driver, Outings Coordinator

Swaggin' it with Janice



Have you been looking for a way to show your Stanislaus Fly Fishers pride both on and off the water? Rustic Embroidery Barn is now offering a selection of SFF apparel and merchandise featuring our club logo.

Whether you're looking for a new hat for your next fishing trip, a UV-resistant decal for your vehicle or boat, or an embroidered shirt to wear at club events, there are several options available. A complete price sheet and product catalog are included with this newsletter for your review.

Please click here to view some of the items available:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hEa-uJVMZrds2y1CqOCX0Pc_kW7dnDsz1PNWL-IbHeU/edit?tab=t.0

I appreciate the opportunity to provide quality club merchandise for our members and look forward to helping you represent Stanislaus Fly Fishers wherever your fishing adventures take you.

Janice Rinehart
Rustic Embroidery Barn
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What's Up with WhatsApp?

The SFF board recently faced a situation where our use of a text group to facilitate communication, coordination, and planning ran into a familiar problem. Due to the different technologies used in text messaging between Android (cellular based: SMS/MMS) and iPhone (internet based: iMessage), when we need to add a new individual to our mixed-platform group message, we are forced to start a whole new group text thread, and in the process lose continuity. It's not a major deal by any means other than it causes confusion if someone mistakenly posts in an old group text (and there have been several at

this point), and it starts a snowball of disconnected messaging. After some discussion, the board determined that the internet-based messaging app WhatsApp provides us with a solution. Members to a WhatsApp Community (which is simply a text group) can be added or removed without disrupting the chain and history of messages. So, we created a Community called Stanislaus Fly Fishers, and within it, we created a restricted Group for the SFF Board.

That now presents us with an opportunity to achieve something we had talked about for several months … a way to communicate with club members in a timely manner (other than via email) regarding event reminders, outing coordination, requests for assistance, etc. Emails might only be checked sporadically, but text messages are usually delivered, noticed, and read more immediately. With that in mind, we are making our WhatsApp Community open to all paid members who wish to participate. WhatsApp is free to download and use for both platforms. At the bottom of this article, there are links to the app stores and a link to an open invite to the Community. It will be open to all current paid members.

This is purely an opt-in situation. Only use it if you want to receive more timely reminders of our activities. Click on the link below, and if your club status is current, your request will be approved. Alternatively, email me with your phone number or WhatsApp username, and I will use that to send you an invite. mhewitt@stanislausflyfishers.org. This is new territory for us so please be patient as we work out the bugs.

Apple App Store Google Play Store Stanislaus Fly Fishers Community



Click here for a link to our Google Calendar.

Upcoming Outings and Events

- Modesto Farmers Market Booth - November 7, 2026 - 8am-1pm
- General Meeting - November 10, 2026
- Owens/Crowley Outing - November 11-12 (Tentative)
- Salmon Festival - Knights Ferry - November 14 - 10am-3pm
- Open Fly Tying Night - November 17, 2026 @ Food Fix
- Board Meeting - November 19, 2026 @ Track 424
- "Mending the Line" Film - November 22, 2026 @ State Theatre
- Delta FF Fly Tying Day - December 5, 2026
- Annual Holiday Dinner - December 8, 2026
- Open Tying Night - December 15, 2029 @ Food Fix
- ISE Show - Sacramento, CA - January 14-17, 2027
- Fly Fishing Show - Pleasanton, CA - February 26-28, 2027

SFF 2026 Board of Directors

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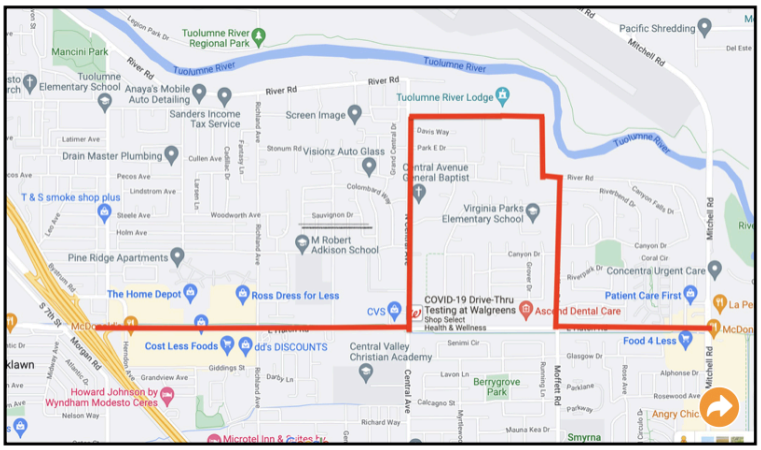
SFF Membership Form **FFI Membership Link**
SFF Liability Waiver

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.



At the Market





Around the rivers



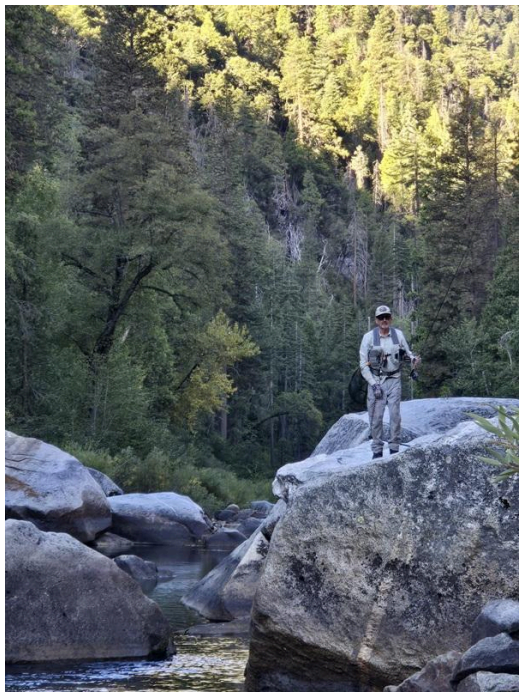


Fly Fishing 101





Kings Canyon National Park



Happy Fishing!