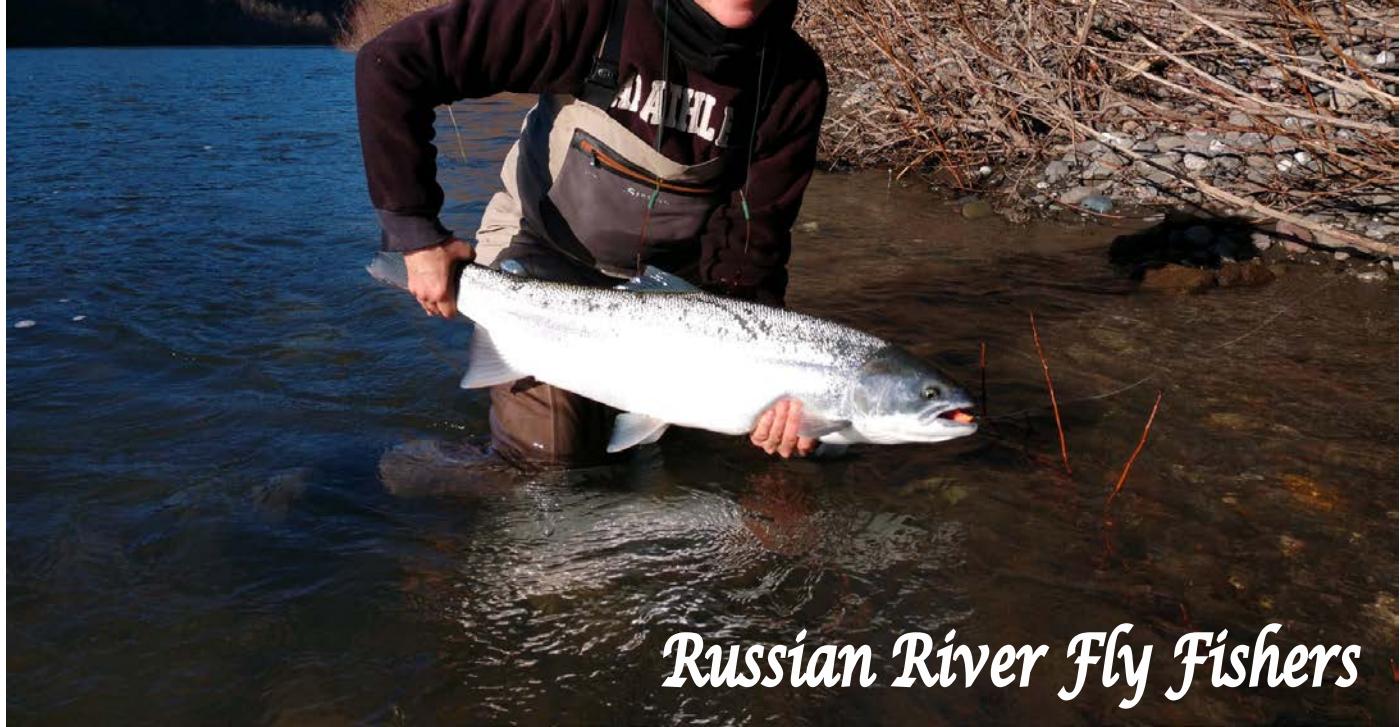


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President's Message

Fly Fishing in Winter?

If someone gave you a 2019 fly fishing calendar this Christmas, you might be staring right now at the January photo of footprints in the snow leading to some ambitious angler standing in an icy stream and wondering to yourself, "why would anyone in their right mind want to do *that*?" I have to admit that, while I spent a substantial part of my youth sitting on a bucket in front of a hole carved in the ice of various Midwestern lakes, I have never fly fished in the snow. Maybe that's because I hate putting chains on my truck more than I love fly fishing, but more likely it is because there are plenty of lower-elevation winter angling opportunities in Northern

California that don't require spraying anti-freeze on your rod guides. Even then, why would anyone go out in the cold and wet to fly fish in the dead of winter? Here are some benefits:

- Winter fishing can be productive – Our club's recent Lower Yuba River outing is an example. While the weather that weekend was damp and chilly, the fly fishing action was hot. And in locations like the Pacific coastal streams or Pyramid Lake, some of biggest fish are more accessible in the winter.
- No need to get up at the crack of dawn – Most fish work banker's hours in the winter, biting mostly in the middle of the day when the water is warmest.

- You can avoid the crowds – Winter fishing gives you access to prime spots, often without the need to share the water. If you prefer solitude in your fishing, this is your season. And speaking of pests, you won't have to worry about biting bugs either.

But for me, the big attraction of winter fishing is leaving cabin fever behind to enjoy the fresh air and stark beauty of nature. I may not hook anything in the effort, but the sensory calm and quiet of winter on the water can be the best catch of the day.

Tight lines,

~ Ed Barich



Santa Rosa Fishing Tackle, Duck Decoy, Sporting Collectible Show

Friday, March 8, 2019

Saturday, March 9, 2019

Show Hours -

Fri. 9 am to 5 pm & Sat. 8 am to 3 pm.

Santa Rosa Veterans Building

1351 Maple Avenue in Santa Rosa, off Hwy 12 across from the Santa Rosa Fairgrounds.

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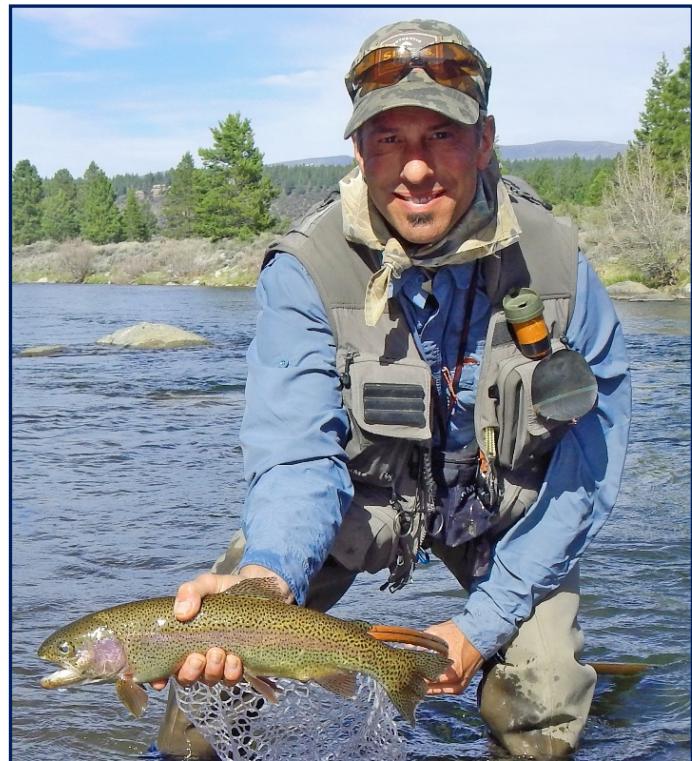
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**Check out the Russian River Fly Fishers
on the Internet at**

www.rrflyfisher.org

***for outings information, RRFF events,
member news, photos and more!***

My thanks to RRFF member **Marcus Pipkin** for volunteering to serve on our RRFF Board of Directors as Newsletter Editor.



RRFF General Meeting

featuring Jon Baiocchi

Wednesday, January 9th, at the Lodge Room of the Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building. Meeting begins at 7:00 pm.

For January's meeting we welcome back master guide **Jon Baiocchi** of **Baiocchi's Troutfitters**. Jon has been fly fishing and tying flies since 1972, and is a California licensed fly fishing guide, a published author, educator, innovative tier, and an award winning public speaker. He gives fly fishing presentations to clubs and expos across the state of California and Nevada. Jon serves on the Truckee Trout Unlimited Board of Directors, and volunteers his time with the South Yuba River Citizens League.

Born in San Jose, Ca in 1965, Jon's Dad moved the entire family to Paradise, Ca in 1967 to be closer to prime fly fishing venues and to raise his family in the spectacular forests of Northern California. Jon's Dad, Bob Baiocchi, was inducted into the Federation of Fly Fishers Hall of Fame in 1999 for his peerless conservation work, and was a major influence in helping Jon hone his fly fishing skills at a very young age. After finishing high school, Jon opted out of college to pursue a career as a professional snowboarder, competing at a national level, starring

in feature movies, and working with manufacturers in their research and development programs. After his career ended in 1993, Jon focused entirely on fly fishing and conservation, learning even more of the intricate details of his home waters.

Jon now owns and operates *Baiocchi's Troutfitters* guide service In Northern California where he has been guiding for the last 20 years. He has a reputation as a very hard working guide who has been trained by some of fly fishing's best known anglers and guides, both past and present. His enthusiasm for the sport is contagious, and combined with his simple approach to teaching gives students the skills needed to be successful on all types of water.

Moved by all things flora and fauna, Jon's passion for such is never-ending. Sharing his knowledge with others is of the greatest importance to him now, and to see others progress, and reach the next level in fly fishing, fulfills his life. This is the legacy his father left him, and a cherished tradition that Jon will continue in his honor. Jon's guiding destinations include Lake Davis, the Wild & Scenic Middle Fork Feather River, Frenchman's Reservoir, the North Fork Yuba River, The Big & Little Truckee Rivers, The Lower Yuba River, and many secluded creeks in Eastern Plumas County. Jon's philosophy on fly fishing is to keep it simple, be confident in your presentation, and have fun.

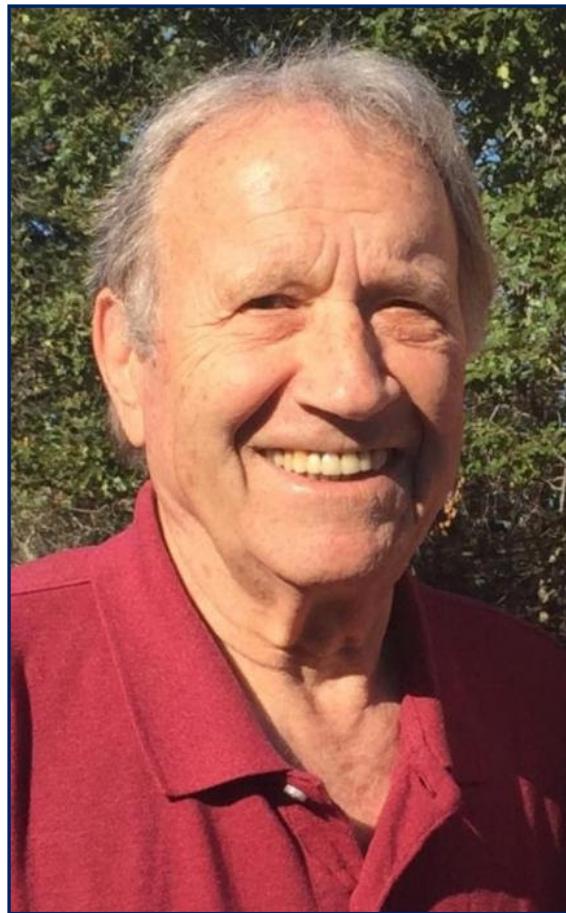
Jon will be presenting an overview of the Lower Yuba River, and the North Fork Yuba River. He will include a brief history of the two rivers, access areas, how to approach the different seasons, hatches, flies, and a few tips and tricks. Beautiful images and new detailed animated slides provide the audience with clear and concise information for future endeavors on the water while fishing the Yuba River watershed.

This will be a program you do not want to miss!

Join the RRFF on Facebook

We currently have **920 members** on our RRFF Facebook page.
You can keep up with the RRFF and our fly fishing and conservation community by joining us at:

<http://www.facebook.com/russianriverflyfishers>



In Memorium RRFF Life Member - Joe Banovich

On December 9th, 2018, the Russian River Fly Fishers lost another Life Member and long-time board member, Joe Banovich.

Joe joined the RRFF Board of Directors in 2001 and immediately volunteered to serve as Program Director, a position he held until his passing. He also served as RRFF President from 2005 until 2007 and was awarded Life Membership in the Russian River Fly Fishers in February of 2008 for service "above and beyond" the normal commitment. Joe was an RRFF member for nearly the entire 41-year history of our organization.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Joe's daughters, Jody and Grace, their families, and with Joe's ex-wife and friend, Kaye Banovich.

The family has asked that donations in Joe's name be made to the Russian River Fly Fishers Youth Program.

~ Steve Tubbs

Clearlake Women's Outing

December 2018

Our women flyfishers displayed the finest examples of the RRFF club unofficial motto: Fun, Fishing and Gourmet Dining. Oh...and Drinking!

There were hours of casting practice in December on two beautiful and mild late-fall days where decent sized Crappie were the targeted fish (and refused to show up!) Baitfish flies were grandly successful in catching baitfish; there were three kinds landed: Shad, Crappie and minnows.



Marsha and Patty practicing casting...

Hundreds of birds were having a heyday eating the thousands of tiny babies scattered all around Susan Bostwick, Judy Brandi , Patty Newland and Marsha Fine, who were all casting for what was supposed to be larger fish chasing the baitfish. Susan became top rod with a 3-incher, but Judy came in a close second. Deirdre Moy seemed to know that the effort was not worth it, and decided to enjoy a lovely outing at a sunny beach resort in a chair reading a good book.

Lee Soares (mentor, boat captain and general expert on lines, flies and technique) graciously helped each lady set up and practice casting. He also led several "snooping" tours in the Whaler - taking the ladies along the lake's banks, and a slough, hunting fish. None were found and other boats also came up empty-handed, in spite of the hordes of schools of baitfish and many flocks of birds.

Only one catfish ended up in the live well on the dock!



Top rods – Susan and Judy...

Since no one else was on the docks, everyone could even try out their back-casts, as practice seemed the big event of the day.

Indian Beach Resort in Glen Haven is a great place for an outing as the fully equipped cabins are right there on the beach and boat ramp access is easy. It is pet-friendly and the prices are reasonable, especially if sharing a 4-6 person cabin. If the women want to try it again, an outing is being planned for April. Date to be announced.

Much gratitude to Lee for patience - not only for mentoring us but with all the estrogen flowing.

~ Susan Bostwick



Dinner time...

Our continued thanks for the commitment of Susan Bostwick and Lee Soares, and their support of the RRFF Women's Activities and Fly-tying Program.

RRFF Donations - What do we receive and where does it go?

We occasionally receive cash donations, and you may wonder what becomes of that money. Here is a recap of donations since 2015.

We have received a total of 15 donations in the last four years totaling \$3750. Not all donations have a stated purpose in mind, however, about half (\$1800) were earmarked to be spent on Youth Flyfishing Programs. In particular, Joe Banovich's daughters asked us to put a link on our website to collect donations for Youth Flyfishing (in memory of Joe's passing) and to date we have received \$550 from Joe's friends and family, and from club members.

The board of directors has traditionally approved several causes supporting fly fishing within the limits of our finances. In the last four years, we have approved \$1900 donations to Casting for Recovery Northern California (helps fund their annual fall fishing retreat) and \$2100 to Trout in the Classroom (for purchases of fish tanks and filters).

Of course there is a lot more "free" donating going when you consider the time spent organizing events and manning the casting pond, as well as the donation of items from local merchants and members for our annual Cioppino Dinner raffle and silent auction.

~ Mike Spurlock, Treasurer

RAFFLE DONATIONS for RRFF Cioppino Dinner Raffle and Silent Auction

Saturday, February 16th, 2019

Contact one of the following Board members to have your donation picked up:

Gregg Wrisley, 823-5572 or gwrис@yahoo.com
Doug Mackay, 575-5709 or demackay@sonic.net

Please get your donations to us at least one week prior to the dinner.

All of the following contributions are desirable:

- **Fly Fishing Gear** and all types of fishing accessories. (Other fishing gear welcomed.)
- **Fly Tying Vises and Tools.**
- **Prams, Pontoons, or Float Tubes** (Must be in very good and safe condition.)
- **Camping, Hiking, and Recreational Equipment.**
- **Art Work and Books.**
- **Products and services** (from your, or a friend's, business.)
- **Guided Fishing Trips** or access to private fishing water.
- **Spa Sessions or Cosmetology Services.**
- **Food Items or Wine.**
- **Tickets to Sporting Events or Souvenirs.**
- **Dinners or stays at B and B's.**
- **Fun Family Activities.**

Include donor's name and description of the item donated. (Unfortunately, we won't be able to accept RV's, autos or large boats.) The RRFF Cioppino Dinner is our only fund-raising event of the year. Your donations and your participation always make this evening a memorable one! Make plans now to attend...

~ 2019 RRFF Dinner Donations Committee

RRFF Winter Fly Casting Clinics

The RRFF Casting Pond in Dan Galvin Park

Held on the first and third Saturday of each month, from noon until 2:30 pm (weather permitting).

Our Winter Fly Casting Clinics are **FREE** and are **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!** Beginners are always welcome.

We do have some equipment available for your use at the Casting Pond if you do not have your own.

This is a perfect opportunity for you to fine-tune your casting skills or learn new techniques. Our volunteer instructors can help you at whatever skill level you find yourself. Our casting pond is a remarkable venue, and one of only four in the entire state.

Won't you join us?

~ Steve Tubbs, Casting Instruction Director

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Calendar of Events

RRFF Winter Fly Casting Clinics – Held on the first and third Saturday of each month (weather permitting).
This event is **FREE** and is **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!**
Beginners are welcome...

January

- 5 Winter Fly Casting Clinic – noon – 2:30 pm
- 7 Rod Building – 6:30 pm (Julian Garrett)
- 9 RRFF General Meeting – 6:30 @ SR Vet's Hall
- 16 RRFF Board Meeting – Sportsman's Warehouse
- 17 Steelhead in the Classroom – 5:30 pm
- 19 Winter Fly Casting Clinic – noon – 2:30 pm
- 17-20 Gualala River Outing – (Chris Castellucci)
- 17-20 Sacramento ISE
- 21, 23 & 30 Rod Building – 6:30 pm (Julian Garrett)

Visit www.rrflyfisher.org for a complete list of upcoming events!

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Saturday, February 16th, 2019

Please join us for our annual

Russian River Fly Fishers

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Fundraising
Raffle

CIOPPINO DINNER

\$50.00 per person

(\$15.00 for children 12 and under)

Social from 5:00 until 7:00 PM

Wine will be offered with dinner and you are welcome to bring a special wine of your choice!

Dinner will be served at 7:00 PM

Veteran's Memorial Hall - 1351 Maple Avenue, Santa Rosa

Donations: rrflyfisher.org or contact - Gregg Wrisley 823-5572 gwrис@yahoo.com (Sebastopol) or Doug Mackay 575-5709 demackay@sonic.net (Santa Rosa).

FOR MORE INFORMATION or to contact volunteer coordinator: rrflyfisher.org or Ed Barich 539-4608.

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Cioppino _____ Steak _____ Chicken _____

Name _____

How many will attend _____ Telephone Number _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____ Tickets are **\$50.00 per person**

Pay Online @ rrflyfisher.org or send payment to:

Russian River Fly Fishers - c/o Mike Spurlock, 20 San Domingo Way, Novato, CA 94945

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Russian River Fly Fishers Membership Application

I acknowledge in this agreement, and fully understand, that it is a release of liability. I further acknowledge that I am waiving any right that I may have to bring legal action or to assert a claim against Russian River Fly Fishers (RRFF) for its negligence. Any member who invites a non-member (including member's spouse and family) agrees that such guest is bound by the same conditions and agrees to so advise the guest. I have read this statement and agree to its terms as a condition of my membership in the Russian River Fly Fishers. This agreement is valid for all RRFF sanctioned events, (fishing outings, picnics, meetings).

Name _____ Date _____ Referred by _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ E-mail Address* _____

How can the RRFF help you? _____

Occupation _____ Signature _____

* Required for e-mail newsletter

Please mark one of the following categories:

- I apply as a new member:** **Single membership** – \$50 annual dues **Gold membership** - \$1,000.00 (one-time)
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Dues paid by a new member joining the RRFF after March 30th of any year will cover the balance of that year and also the membership dues for the following fiscal year. The RRFF fiscal year runs from July 1st to June 30th

Please mail this application and your check payable to: **Russian River Fly Fishers**
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