

The Cast



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President's Message

See You at the Pond Picnic

Now that most COVID restrictions have been removed in Sonoma County, our club is planning an evening picnic on **Wednesday July 14 at the Galvin Park Casting Pond**. It will be our first in-person gathering since the start of the pandemic, so I am looking forward to seeing you there! You can let us know you will be attending by adding your name to the picnic signup list on the RRFF website.

With the beginning of summer, I hope you are able to visit some of your favorite waters and wet a line. There has been a renewed interest among the general public in experiencing the great outdoors, so you may want to plan ahead for accommodations such as campsites. A

second year of California drought may also affect your choice of venue. Although water levels at reservoirs are at record lows, the tailwaters below dams are usually provide a constant cool environment for trout. Spring-fed lakes and rivers may also be less affected by the drought conditions. And don't forget the ocean and CA Delta can provide great fly-fishing sport at constant (except for tides) levels. Whatever you choose, do it soon before this summer slips by!

Finally, thanks to all of you who voted in this year's RRFF Board election. The nominated slate was elected and we added two new members to the board: Spencer Bader and Mike Borba. Please congratulate them for their commitment to keeping our club running strong.

~ Ed Barich

Spiff up your ride and let people know about our Club - all at the same time!!



See Don Shaw at the Thursday casting sessions at the Casting Pond to get yours. Only \$3 each.

Upcoming Fly Fishing Outings

Manzanita Lake Outing, September 23-26, 2021

A weekend of camping and fly fishing at beautiful Lassen Volcanic National Park. See details and signup sheet

at: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1XiY5UJySVPqkJGvQeMq9pV4SMKHKSQKrY6T-Go7taoo/edit>

Lewiston Lake Outing, October 14-17, 2021 -

Stillwater fly fishing for trout on Lewiston Reservoir, with possible side trips to the Trinity River. See details and signup sheet

at: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1FC3HSVyEFxpTsjbGj7vMyV8BZHdiE17H9dGRVqBDS2s/edit>

The Great 2021 Lake Almanor Hex Hatch Adventure: June 17-20, 2021

What a great trip to Lake Almanor! The group consisted of new and old members of RRF, some that camped and some to hotels or cabins - but anyone that needed accommodations did find them even at the first come-first serve sites on the west side of the lake. The South and North Almanor campground as well as the Rocky Point campgrounds are nice and close. For RV'ers it is 'primitive', but it can accommodate trailers, motorhomes, and tents. All are PGE campgrounds and the cost is very reasonable.

The west side of the lake is also where the Hex hatch takes place. On Friday, we teamed up with Lance Gray, lancegrayandcompany@yahoo.com, to guide us on the who, what, where, when of fishing the hatch. This was a great deal from Lance - 6 hours of his time and dinner. He came prepared for those that did not have gear, including float tubes. He also sold flies that he makes for Lake Almanor.

The first two hours with Lance were spent talking and looking at the geology of the lake. Then time to learn the setups to catch fish followed. When line setups were done, a tri-tip dinner with all the fixings was served giving us the needed nourishment before going out to catch fish. This also was a great time to get to know each other.

And fish were caught!!

On Saturday morning Gregg gathered the group for stream fishing on the N. Feather. I did not see any pictures but heard the fish were biting and many were caught. That evening we gathered on the beach for a 'tailgate dinner - BYOD. This was great, with good conversation,

and help with getting ourselves together for another round of Hex hatch fishing, and just enjoying the moment - this was a great group, great camaraderie- I want to say thank you all for making this trip - let's do it again!

~ Penelope Gadd-Coster



Gregg Wisly- fish on!!



Really Nice Fish



Are you interested in teaching Scouts how to fly fish?

There is a Scout Camp in Ukiah where they teach fly fishing, and they are in need of instructors. It is a four-day commitment Mon. - Thurs. They feed you including a Steak dinner, and in the evening, you can fish the lake for big Bass. There are usually four instructors per week so you will just be assisting the other instructors.

If this sounds interesting to you, contact Gregg Wisley at gwrisk@yahoo.com.

20 Years of Negotiation and the Klamath is on the Verge of Recovery

After nearly 2 decades of effort by many interested parties, the Klamath River can once again look forward to a future of health and recovered salmon & steelhead. The removal of 4 dams is nearing approval and will open 250 miles of new spawning & rearing habitat. The Klamath was the third most productive river for salmon & steelhead in the lower 48, but starting more than 100 years ago these four dams were part of the re-plumbing of the Klamath Basin by the Bureau of Reclamation.

We are now headed to habitat recovery as the license to operate the dams has been transferred from PacifiCorp, a subsidiary of Berkshire-Hathaway, to the Klamath River Renewal Corporation (KRRC) and the states of Oregon & California. Klamath River Renewal Corporation (KRRC) and the states of Oregon & California.

<https://apnews.com/article/california-oregon-dams-science-business-4062e8304fbc622b2771eccca97a5756>

License transfer will be followed by license surrender to KRRC later in 2021, and preparation for removal will begin in the summer of 2022. KRRC will complete the process of environmental evaluation (NEPA) and manage demolition and restoration. The Kiewit Corp will do the decommissioning starting in January 2023, with all four dams out by Fall 2023. Resource Environmental Solutions has been hired to implement & monitor restoration work during the 5-10 years after removal (<https://mailchi.mp/0321e8edd886/august-2019-krrc-newsletter-570659>).

The Northern California Council of Fly Fishers International began early Klamath discussions in 2003, which became formal negotiations in 2004 when Tribes, State & Federal agencies and the NGO parties sat down together for the first time. Two linked agreements were signed in 2010 to remove the dams and to restore some certainty between the river's fishery and the farming community dependent upon its water. Unfortunately, in 2015 one of the two agreements ended but the Hydropower Agreement was renegotiated and signed in 2015, allowing the dam removal process to continue (<https://waterkeeper.org/magazines/volume-13-issue-1/klamath-river-dam-removal/>).

We have been through many ups & downs over the past 17 years, culminating in 2020 when the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) kept PacifiCorp on the license against its wishes, fearing funding issues. Fortunately, Oregon and California stepped forward in the negotiations to guarantee additional funding, if needed, to add to the \$450 million already

allocated. A new MOU was signed in late 2020 which has allowed today's new license transfer removing PacifiCorp and adding the two states. This new transfer is now in place.

This fishery has been in trouble for generations due to toxicity and high-water temperatures caused by the dams. These conditions have allowed a parasite - c-shasta - to grow below the dams and infect out-migrating salmonids, killing nearly all of them (<https://microbiology.oregonstate.edu/content/disease-effects-wild-populations>).

The removal of the dams will allow better water quality and temperature, open 250+ miles of historic spawning habitat in headwater streams, and bring more certainty to farmers on water, once the ESA listed Coho salmon is removed from protections. For fly fishers this means one of America's great salmonid rivers can once again be an annual place to visit and fish. With patience & perseverance we can recover places we've mistakenly mismanaged. It's just not easy!

For further information:
<https://www.klamathrenewal.org/the-project/>

~ Mark Rockwell, President, NCCFFI

Club Dues Update

The board has decided that anyone who paid dues after 1/1/2020 will be considered paid for the upcoming fiscal year (7/1/2021 to 6/30/2022). We sent out a notification to members in June advising you of your payment status.



Dan & Mike Trolling



Dan Casting

Photos from the Lake Davis: June Club Outing



Pasta Dinner



Mike Casting



Dan with a Fish On



Brown Trout Close Up



Fish in the Net



Davis Blood Midge



Brown in Hand



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July Calendar of Events

No General Meeting Speaker this month

July 14 Club Picnic

July 17 Annual Pond Cleaning

Casting Pond Clinic on Summer Schedule - Thursdays 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm (We are following COVID protocols)

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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 _____ Cell Phone _____ E-mail Address* _____
Main Interests in the Club? _____
How Many Years Have You Been Fly Fishing _____
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)

Family membership – \$55 annual dues [JOIN ONLINE @ www.rrflyfisher.org](http://www.rrflyfisher.org)
 Junior membership – \$25 annual dues

Existing membership renewal: **Single membership** – \$50 annual dues **Gold membership** - \$1,000.00 (one-time)

Family membership – \$55 annual dues [RENEW ONLINE @ www.rrflyfisher.org](http://www.rrflyfisher.org)
 Junior membership – \$25 annual dues

Choose any areas you want help with:

- I would like help learning or improving my cast. I would like advice on fishing equipment. I would like a lesson in tying knots
 I would like a lesson in tying flies. I would like to have an experienced member mentor me on local waters or on a club outing.

Dues paid by a new member joining the RRFF after March 1st 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