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2012 Hall of Fame

by Bobbie Armor, V.P. Hall of Fame

The Northern California Council Federation of Fly Fishers recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to our sport through induction into the NCCFFF Fly Fishing Hall of Fame. Criteria for this distinction include the improvement of the art, science, literature, techniques, enjoyment and conservation of fly fishing and the resource, including all species of fish and all types of waters. There is a formal nomination and award process. A nomination form can be found at all times on our website: www.nccfff.org. Nominations are held indefinitely and reviewed annually at a special committee meeting.

This year **Hal Janssen** will be honored at an evening induction ceremony, on March 10, 2012 at the Shrine Event Center in Livermore, CA. The sit down dinner is preceded by a social hour that includes a silent auction. Then Hal is inducted into the Hall of Fame. There is an opportunity for friends to say a few words. At the end of the dinner a live auction is held. Proceeds fund the conservation programs of the 501(c) 3 NCCFFF. Hal will be the 34th inductee.

2011 Festival of Fly Fishing

by Vicki Fenner, V.P. Membership

The NCCFFF Fall Fly Fishing Festival was held on October 7th & 8th at the Nugget Hotel in Sparks NV. The Festival offered fly tying demonstrations, casting clinics, vendor booths, breakout sessions, and the Learning Center.

The Festival's highlight was the Saturday night Banquet, where Felix Smith was presented the NCCFFF Lifetime Achievement Award. Felix is a fisheries biologist, recently retired after 34 years in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Felix was one of the biologists on the team that found the first deformed birds in 1983 at Kesterson National Wildlife Refuge. He risked his career to make sure that this environmental catastrophe was made public and wasn't kept hidden. Felix has also written and given testimony about the preser-

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Felix Smith Receives the Lifetime Achievement Award From President Gene Kaczmarek

President's Message

by Gene Kaczmarek, President

Holiday season is upon us; I hope this past year was good to you. Next year for me and the council is shaping up to be very interesting. This is also the time to reflect on the past year and look forward to the new.

Our Fly Fishing Festival in Sparks was a success. Thanks to Tom Smith and Vicki Fenner for co-chairing this event and a big THANK YOU to their entire list of volunteers. Another highlight was the presentation of the Life Time Achievement Award to Felix Smith for his long fight for the waters and fish.

What will 2012 bring? Spring brings the "Show" season. The council will have a booth and the *Learning Center* at all the Northern California shows. This is our chance to inform the public about the Federation and help teach them about fly fishing. I hope you marked your calendar for March 10th as we honor Hal Janssen with his induction into the *Hall of Fame*. Invitations and dinner reservations will be sent out in early January.

We are still looking for your clubs to tell us about all the great things you are doing. Watch the Council's web site for their bragging.

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vation and restoration of fish and wildlife habitat. He currently serves on the board of Save the American River Association and is a member of the Environmental Water Caucus of the Sacramento Area Water Forum.

The Festival provided an opportunity for attendees to observe some of the best fly tyers demonstrating their skills and ingenuity. Many were amazed at how, with such apparent ease, a fly that can actually catch fish is created. Many thanks to the expert fly tyers who donated their time to the event.

Our casting instructors offered attendees the chance to hold a fly rod and cast as far as they could. There were many takers from children to grandparents who found that with a little instruction, anyone can learn to cast. Many thanks to our expert casting instructors who volunteered their time.

Vendors who attended had a chance to meet and display their products to many local and regional fly fishers. Among the displays were guided trips, fly tying materials, rods, reels, line, flies, pontoon boats and many other products. A sincere thanks to the vendors for helping to make the Festival a success.

Breakout rooms provided the venue for expert talks given on a variety of topics throughout Friday and Saturday. Topics included: choosing the right equipment; fishing the Sacramento River Delta; and fishing the Truckee and Little Truckee Rivers. A fascinating movie on fishing in Egypt and in Mongolia for monster taimen was a big hit. A tremendous thanks to those who volunteered their time to share both personal and professional expertise.

The Council hosted a fly fishing learning center, a big part of which includes our *Trout in the Classroom* program. This program gives school children the opportunity to study and experience the life cycle of salmonids. The Learning Center also hosted a fly tying table, where attendees could learn to tie a fly and then take it home with them. Information on fly fishing clubs throughout Northern California and Nevada was also available. Many thanks to the Directors who manned the booth throughout the Festival; your dedication to the sport and our organization is priceless.

There are numerous other people to thank for their contributions to the event, their endless hours of effort and attendance to make the Festival a success. A sincere and heartfelt thanks to you all.

And lastly, many thanks to all who took the time to attend this event. The Festival is one of our major fund raisers held throughout the year. Without you showing your interest in the sport, we would not be able to continue our work in conservation, restoration and preservation of our natural resources.



Conservation Update: the Delta

by Mark Rockwell, V.P. Conservation

Three current pressing issues in Conservation are focused on the Delta of Central California: 1) the **Delta Plan**, which is out for comment on its draft EIR; 2) the **Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP)**, which continues to move forward in the face of significant conservation group push back; and 3) the proposed new regulations on Striped Bass coming from DFG as a result of the lawsuit settlement discussions between Plaintiffs (Citizens for a Sustainable Delta) and the Defendants (DFG).



Delta Plan - This is the product of about 2 years of work by the the Delta Stewardship Council, a group created in 2010 by the California Legislature. Over the past 18 months, Mark Rockwell has participated in the Environmental Water Caucus (EWC), and thus represented the interests of NCCFFF. The most recent draft EIR document (2,400 pages) is now under review by members of EWC, along with other interested groups. This is the document that mandates the co-equal goals of water system reliability and recovering the Delta ecosystem, and reduced reliance on the Delta.

The plan has many restoration projects included to enhance aquatic systems and support fish, and has many related directions and guidance for “covered activities” - those that the Council can over-see and mandate. Some of these are helpful for our interests, e.g., SWQCB flow evaluations for both through-Delta and major tributary rivers. These are to be completed by 2014 and 2016 respectively. That said, there is no mandate to use them other than the SWQCB will have the information available when permitting the BDCP and associated water delivery infrastructure. Additionally, the draft plan lists and pushes for increased water conservation, urban water use efficiency, reclamation and ground water management. It’s too early to discuss content in the EIR draft as it is long and our review is in process.

Bay Delta Conservation Plan - The BDCP has from the beginning been a plan requested by the water contractors (DWR and BOR are the applicants), and as such has been

very focused on increased delivery of water from the Delta. They have tried to make it look like the co-equal goals are the focus, but in the end more water is what they are after, as well as legal certainty on these deliveries.

This is a 50 year Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) under the ESA, and a Natural Communities Conservation Plan (NCCP) under the CESA, and as such has the mandate to both protect listed species, and recover them too. Hence, it has the goal of recovering species (mainly fish) while taking more of the water they need; a real problem for both sides of the issue.

A recent MOA, agreed to between the water contractors and the federal and state agencies, has put the CVP contractor needs as the first priority, along with letting them manage or participate in the process of developing the EIR/EIS. Push back from conservation groups has caused much difficulty for the state and federal agencies, and resulted in a 15 day comment period. NCCFFF helped develop a comments letter from the EWC to the agencies; it was signed by more than 240 groups.

I have been working with other conservation groups to coordinate efforts and speak with a single voice against a host of inequities that are in the current version of the plan. This has resulted in the agencies holding a series of meetings with the NGO community to identify and find solutions to our concerns. From my perspective, the agencies continue lip service to our issues, and are simply having meetings as a way of saying they are working on our issues. The next few months will be telling about what the agencies are willing to do. Stay tuned.

In the end, BDCP will be incorporated into the Delta Plan. The Delta Plan is set up with the “hole” for BDCP which includes water operations and the new diversion facility on the Sacramento River. Ironically, both the 15,000 cfs facility on the Sacramento River and increases in diversions are listed as “Conservation Measures” in the BDCP. The irony here is that they not only cause more stress on listed species - not a contribution to conservation - but allow the water contractors to list the costs of these as their mitigation (compensation) for project operations. Hence, the only money they will likely put in is that which pays for the diversion facility. The other costs - restoration, adaptive management, land purchases, science team, etc. will be borne by the taxpayer. Thus, citizens will pay increased water rates caused by the water agencies bearing the cost of the new facility, and will pay the costs associated with the water bond on the ballot this year. It is a double punch for taxpayers.

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Striped Bass Regulatory Change - Citizens for a Sustainable Delta (a group of water exporters) brought a lawsuit against DFG for not having a take permit for striped bass predation on listed Delta fish. Judge Wanger, following preliminary testimony, stated the case should not be settled without a full court hearing on the merits of the case. As an option, he offered to consider a settlement between the parties if they agreed to bring one to him. That was the choice taken, and DFG and the Plaintiffs came forward with what we now see. The issues:

- Change minimum size to 12"
- Change bag limit from 2 to 6, except in special zones (Clifton Court Forebay) where the limit will be 20.
- Change the possession limit from 2 to 12, except in the special zones where it is 40. In the special zone area there is no size limit.
- Allow harvest of striped bass in the Pajaro, Carmel and Salinas Rivers when the fishery would otherwise be closed.

Currently, many groups are working to oppose this change, and letters can be sent using the Water4Fish website, <http://water4fish.org/stripes/>. The F&G Commission has planned meetings to take input, discuss and decide on this change. NCCFFF will have a comment letter prepared in advance of these meetings. NCCFFF is also developing a post card campaign so anglers and citizens can voice their opposition to the Commission. We will have ample opportunity to make our voices heard in 2012. Striped bass as we know them are totally at risk here. If we want to continue to have a striped bass fishery in the years ahead, we have to defeat this change.



2011 Striperfest a Big Success!

by Dan Blanton

Take a bow everyone; we broke last year's Striperfest fund-raising effort, making Striperfest 2011 the best one ever. NCCFFF Treasurer, Ken Bush, deposited \$28,555, all of which goes to defeating the proposed DFG regulation changes for stripers.

A huge heartfelt thanks goes out to all the vendors and others who donated more than \$40,000 worth of raffle prizes; to all those who purchased raffle tickets and to all those who helped pull the event together. A special thanks to everyone who came to the event, without you there wouldn't be a Striperfest.

The next battle is with the F&G Commission - we all need to send the Commission personal letters of opposition to any reg changes that will diminish our striper population.



Send Us Your Club Events & E-Distribution of The River Mouth

by Bob Cooper, V.P. Communications

First, we are looking for information on your club events to put on the website. No, we're not trying to get a 100 or so people to inundate your next fishout or fly tying class. What we would like to do is put something on the NCCFFF website and calendar that will help get the word out if you would like to invite your fly fishing friends from other clubs and or the general public to your next annual dinner or fund raising event.

Send information on events you would like posted to the calendar either to me (rcooper@citlink.net) or Robin Egan at (tggr514@yahoo.com). Better yet, if you have a flyer for the event send that along too. Either way, if you have any questions please contact Robin or myself.

I know that many of you experienced the e-mailing list glitch that happened a few weeks ago. Dougald Scott, our newsletter editor, sent out a request for announcements, articles, and photos to be included in this edition of the newsletter. As soon as the request was sent out we received a few messages back from folks who said they were no longer FFF members and wanted to be removed from the list. Personally, I would like everyone to be a FFF member, but that's not the way it is. Those people who asked to be "unsubscribed" have been removed from the mailing list.

In order to distribute the electronic version of The River Mouth, we receive a membership list every month directly from the Federation. The list has two categories of members: current and lapsed. The current members are up to date on their dues and are members in good standing. The lapsed members are not as easy to define.

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2012 Hall of Fame Awardee: Hal Janssen

by Gene Kaczmarek, President

Hal Janssen is a nationally known writer, artist, lecturer and video personality. He has been fishing for over 50 years for nearly every species of fresh and salt water fish. Old timers from the Golden Gate Casting Club adopted him as a child, setting him up with a shooting head and teaching him to cast. Hal is one of the very few in the world with naturally polarized eyes which allow him to correctly analyze stream conditions, and take fish repeatedly when others are unsuccessful. Growing up in the 50's Hal was an active member of the "Rivers of a Lost Coast Greats Group," and a consummate stillwater authority. Hal's self-confidence and fiery enthusiasm seem to guide him in everything he does.

Hal and Scientific Anglers developed S/A's wet tip fly line. He helped develop Sunset Line Company's fly lines, the first tapered lead core line, and the invention of the density compensated uniform sink line. Hal came up with clear fly lines and was part of changing Amnesia from solid to fluorescent colors. He created fly display boxes, tools, shirts, and more. Hal also designed a signature line of hooks with Partridge-U.K., and consulted with a number of companies on rod design. Over 70 Janssen fly patterns are distributed worldwide. Hal has a series of three videotapes, a book, and is about to launch a new stillwater book. He and his wife Jane founded the Hal Janssen Company in 1979, the first exclusively fly fishing equipment distributor; they retired in 2007.

As a fine artist, Hal Janssen has illustrated all the fly drawings and paintings for Anglers' Calendar for over 20 years, and has illustrated many magazine articles. When Hal gets involved he usually gets "Best of Show," i.e., his fish carvings. He calls them "Living Wood" because of their unique life-like realism. In his spare time, Hal restores classic cars and has achieved professional pin stripper status.

Hal has written over 25 articles for leading fly fishing magazines. He has contributed to 21 books both as an artist and an author. Hal gained broad recognition as an instructor for his stillwater fly fishing seminars and schools, and has entertained thousands in fly club presentations. He helped found the Diablo Valley Fly Fishers Club and is a fisheries consultant to conservation groups.

When they are not at Lake Almanor, Hal Janssen lives in Forest Ranch, California, with his wife Jane. He is an exceptional individual who has made significant contributions to this area and to our sport. More than that, you can expect to be bowled over when he shares the evening with us.



Greetings Fellow Federation Members

by Vicki Fenner, V.P. Membership

I want to talk for a moment about membership in the Federation. When you joined FFF for the first time, in all likelihood you wanted to support an organization that was in line with your own values, one dedicated to the conservation and restoration of our fisheries for future generations. You also probably liked the idea of improving and facilitating your knowledge of fly fishing, and promoting the spirit of courtesy among anglers everywhere. This is what FFF is all about.

As a member of FFF, you automatically became a member of the NCCFFF if you reside in Northern California, Nevada or Hawaii. The NCCFFF strives to restore our waterways and fisheries to the way they were before their momentous declines. We continue to advocate for the interests of fly fishers and speak up when those interests are threatened, whether through insufficient agency enforcement or major water grabs by water contractors. What you need to know is that this is not an easy task. Many times, these battles get costly, and the only way we can continue to advocate for the restoration and preservation of our fisheries is through your financial support. So before you discard that FFF renewal card, think back to why you first joined the Federation, and why you want to continue to support our goals and our work. You can read about our ongoing efforts in conservation and education on pages in this newsletter and on our website, www.nccfff.org. Please commit to renewing your membership. Thank you.



Education Committee Update

by Larry Lack, V.P. Education

So far this Fall our Learning Center was active at the El Dorado Sportsmen's Expo in Placerville, on September 30th, October 1st & 2nd, and at the NCCFFF Festival of Fly Fishing in Sparks, NV on October 7th & 8th.

We are presently preparing to operate our Learning Center at the big International Sportsmen's Expo at the Cal EXPO Center in Sacramento on January 19-22, and at the Fly Fishing Show in Pleasanton on February 24-26. We will be needing at least 12-14 volunteers each day to man our stations for fly tying and fly casting instruction, as well as rigging and entomology exhibits. We're also going to have a person dedicated to recruiting for FFF membership (by telling the "FFF Story" – Conservation, Education, support for Veteran's First Fly Fishing, etc) as well as recruiting educators to participate in the Trout In The Classroom program which we support.

To accomplish these objectives, volunteers assisting us in the Learning Center will receive free admission to the show on the day(s) they're working.

If you're interested in helping at any of these events, please contact me at larry.lack@comcast.net or 415-307-5363.



Veterans First Fly Fishing Update

by Ken Brunskill, Chairman VFFF

VFFF working with the Veterans Administration

Veterans First Fly Fishing (VFFF) and the Veterans Administration for Central California, the Palo Alto Health Care System (PAHCS) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The MOU covers the basics of what is expected of the VFFF and PAHCS, which is a crucial step in what we anticipate to be a long lasting and beneficial relationship, where VFFF is helping our veterans recover by learning about the sport and pastime of Fly Fishing and Fly Tying. PAHCS is one of the largest VA facilities in the USA and has been honored multiple times as being the top rated facility in all of the Veterans Administration.

VFFF Finds a Great Outdoor Venue for Veterans

NCCFFF VP of Education Larry Lack led a group of six VFFF volunteers on a reconnaissance trip to check out Putah Creek as a site for a veterans outing. The best description of the venue would be "WOW!"

There is a nice pond at the Solano Lake Park with unparalleled access. It has level terrain from parking to the picnic and fishing areas, two ADA compliant restrooms, paved walkways all the way around the ponds with multiple platforms built out over the water where even the visually impaired can fish. In addition there is easy access for large busses to discharge those in motorized or other wheelchairs.

This venue will be a great location for disabled and able bodied veterans to enjoy a day of fly fishing. The disabled can enjoy the pond area while those wishing a chance at wild trout can work upstream in moving water with their volunteer guide.

NCCFFF Speaks to Veteran Undergraduates

Ken Brunskill, VFFF Chairman and Larry Lack V.P. Education spoke at UC Berkeley on Nov. 22nd. They presented a short Power Point delivery to a class of 20 veteran undergraduates. Ken put together a talk derived from Robert Travers poem "I fish because I love to," where each segment or collection of sentences was supported with a collage of photographs related to our passion for fly fishing. It seemed to be well received.

VFFF Fly Fishing & Fly Tying Workshops

Livermore VA Clinic
10-11:30 AM, first and third Wednesdays

4951 Arroyo Road, Livermore, CA 94550 – Room 544 for outpatients. Community Living Center Dining Room for residents.

Menlo Park VA Clinic
10-11:30 AM, every other Friday from 6/24

795 Willow Road, Menlo Park, CA 94025, Bldg 334

Stockton Elks Lodge
10-11:45 AM, second Mondays

8900 Thornton Road, Stockton, CA 95209

San Jose VA Clinic
10-11:30 AM, third Thursdays

80 Great Oaks Boulevard, San Jose, CA 95119

Smith River Report

By Chuck Bucaria, V.P. Conservation

Sonar fish counts on the Smith totaled approximately 18,000 chinook salmon during the 2010 season between October 15 and December 31. This year 15,000 have been counted between October 1 and November 25. Information from Zack Larson of the Smith River Advisory Council, indicates that the run this year looks similar to that from 2010. We keep track because NCCFFF has worked on Smith River issues since the early 1970's and is concerned about the heavy angler use received by this designated Salmon Stronghold river.

Snaggers had a good early salmon season this year on the lower Smith. Unfortunately, it took DFG's local warden a while to understand that busting a few folks is necessary to sometimes make a point. As a result of this unsportsmanlike behavior, NCCFFF and others are proposing regulation changes that would restrict angling methods to catch-and-release single barbless hooks only, when flows are below 400 cfs. Other protective proposals will be presented when the Commission meets in April in Arcata. This report will be updated on the NCCFFF website in Spring 2012.



Conservation Seminar

by Chuck Bucaria, V.P. Conservation

March 17th, 2012, 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P. M.

Sizzler Steak House, 1353 Willow Pass Road, Concord

NCCFFF and Diablo Valley Fly Fishers jointly invite you to join us in Concord with some of the shakers and movers of sport angling in California. Seating is limited, so reserve early.

Mark Rockwell, NCCFFF Co-Conservation V.P., will report on what's happening with programs such as Klamath River dam removal and the latest northern California water grab now under way. The water grab is by the usual suspects, water districts ranging from Kern County and the West side of the San Joaquin Valley to the Los Angeles' Metropolitan Water District. (Note: Groups such as ours are fighting a Water District proposal designed to deplete Striped Bass stocks throughout California).

There will be time to discuss 2012 State Angling Regulation change proposals being offered by NCCFFF and others. Please come and tell us what your club is doing in Conservation and if you have any plans for new sport angling regulations.

Thanks to Ted Shapas, Conservation Chair for Diablo Valley and to DVFF for hosting our event. Ted may be contacted at shapas@comcast.net, (925) 330-1950. Contact Ted or Chuck Bucaria at cpbwest@sbcglobal.net (916) 392-4583 to reserve places. Club President's, Conservation Directors, and Chairs are urged to be there. Make your reservations early.



Fish Returning to Battle Creek

Bureau of Reclamation Press Release

The Bureau of Reclamation and its partners in the Battle Creek Salmon and Steelhead Restoration Project have announced that larger numbers of threatened Chinook salmon have returned to spawn upstream in newly restored habitat on North Fork Battle Creek, near Manton, California.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) has been performing fish monitoring in Battle Creek for many years. This fall, over four times the number of spring-run Chinook salmon redds were seen further upstream in North Fork Battle Creek than in previous years. In the past 10 years, only about 7 percent of the redds were upstream of the Wildcat Diversion Dam. This year, 33 percent of the redds are located upstream of the former dam site (the dam was removed in 2010).

It is the improved passage upstream into the restored area, where stream conditions are better for nesting and survival, that is helping the populations. This signifies that the project goal of increasing populations of anadromous fish is already underway, while project construction continues.

Battle Creek, a tributary to the Sacramento River, is being restored through the Battle Creek Salmon and Steelhead Restoration Project. The project is a proactive, cooperative effort to increase threatened and endangered Chinook salmon and Central Valley steelhead populations by restoring approximately 42 miles of habitat in Battle Creek and an additional 6 miles of habitat in its tributaries. Restoration is being accomplished primarily through the removal of five diversion dams, placement of screens and ladders on three other diversion dams, and increasing instream flows.

Project construction began in 2009, and in August 2010, Wildcat Diversion Dam was removed on North Fork Battle Creek, restoring approximately 15 miles of stream habitat.

Also on the North Fork, substantial fish screen and ladder construction has occurred upstream and is anticipated to be completed in 2012 or 2013. On South Fork Battle Creek, construction of a powerhouse bypass and tailrace connector to Coleman Canal has been proceeding and is anticipated to be completed late-2012. The remainder of the project is anticipated to be completed in 2015.



Editor's Note: In spite of this meritorious and costly (\$128 million) restoration effort, Battle Creek salmonids remain threatened. Almost the entire upper Battle Creek watershed is a patchwork of barren clearcut areas (see photo on page 8) resulting in the usual downstream water quality issues of turbidity and sediment buildup. A complete article on this Battle Creek problem will appear in the March 2012 River Mouth.

NCCFFF News Briefs

San Jose Flycasters Annual Dinner & Auction

Our annual dinner and auction is being held the week before the Fly Fishing Show, at 6 p.m. on February 18th at the Quinlan Community Center, 10185 N. Stelling Avenue, Cupertino. This venue has easy access from all the freeways. If you'd like to stay over, the Embassy Suites has a \$69 rate for us.

The one and only world-class angler Hal Janssen is our headliner who turns everyone on with his expertise, knowledge and humor. Everyone is invited!

We're having a silent auction and bucket raffles with thousands of dollars of great gifts for your spouse, gear, and guide trips that are topped off by a trip to Argentina and a lot more. There will be beer and wine, appetizers and an informal dinner in a great modern facility, all for \$40/person; all proceeds go to funding local fishery conservation projects and donations. Save the date now and plan on joining us. Everyone is invited! Wade Goertz, President wade_tull@comcast.net www.flycasters.org

Shasta Trinity Fly Tying Expo & Banquet

The Shasta Trinity Fly Fishers, in conjunction with The Fly Shop, NCCFFF and Redding's Turtle Bay Museum will have a fly tying expo in Redding, California, on February 18th and 19th. Tyers from northern California and Oregon will be featured in morning and afternoon sessions on Saturday and Sunday.

In conjunction with the Expo, the Turtle Bay Museum, The Fly Shop and the Shasta Trinity Fly Fishers are preparing a fly fishing exhibition that will run from January 28th to April 15th. It will feature fly fishing and tying equipment from as far back as the 1800's. There will be early models of float tubes, fly rods, fly reels, fly lines, waders and tying vises, along with plenty of pictures in addition to the latest equipment available. Some of the items will be coming from the Federation of Fly Fishers national museum in Livingston, Montana.

In addition, the Shasta Trinity Fly Fishers Annual Banquet is Saturday, February 18th, in Redding at the Win River Casino. There will be plenty of raffle prizes, a silent auction and live auction all mixed in with a lot of fun. The cost is \$40. See www.shastatrinityflyfishers.org or Dick Johnson (rwj530@hotmail.com).

Santa Cruz Fly Fishers Annual Fund Raiser

This year's Extravaganza will be held on January 21 starting at 5 PM at the First Congregational Church, 900 High St., Santa Cruz. There will be a feast of hors d'oeuvres that are much more than a meal in themselves.

Soft drinks are included, but BYOB is necessary because of the venue. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$20 for children 12 years old and under. This fundraiser is famous for its plethora of great food, raffle prizes and silent auction items. See www.santacruzflyfishermen.org/ or call John Cook at (831) 688-1561.

NCCFFF Fishing Shirts

There are still a few Council shirts available for purchase. Thanks to John Ryzanych, these really great Wilderness Pro shirts are decked out with the NCCFFF logo over the left pocket. All of the Board members have purchased them and John ordered extras for all members. Cost is \$50 including shipping. Check with Gene Kaczmarek (flyingties@aol.com) for color and size availability. Payment by check only to NCCFFF. Mail to: Gene Kaczmarek, 5432 Borgia Rd., Fremont CA 94538.



Clearcut patches in the Battle Creek Watershed

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Some of these are people who plan to continue as members, but have not yet sent in their dues. Some of these are also people who have chosen not to continue their FFF membership.

We certainly want to get the newsletter to all NCCFFF members in good standing. We also would like to get the newsletter to members who are planning to, but just haven't paid their current dues. Then there's the third category: those folks who have chosen not to renew their membership. For those of you, who truly do not want the newsletter – I apologize. All you need to do is just send a reply email back to us with "unsubscribe" as the subject and we will remove your name from any future mailings. There are many reasons to stay a member of the FFF and I hope the NCCFFF River Mouth is one of the reasons.



NCCFFF CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION/CONTACT	MORE INFO
2012 Jan 13-14	Western Idaho Fly Fishing Exposition	Boise, ID	www.bvffexpo.com/
Jan 19-22	ISE Show	Sacramento, CA	www.sportsexpos.com/
Jan 21	Santa Cruz Fly Fishers Annual Fundraiser	Santa Cruz, CA	www.santacruzflyfishermen.org/
Feb 18	San Jose Flycasters Conservation Fundraiser	Quinlan Community Center, Cupertino, CA	www.flycasters.org/
Feb 18-19	Shasta Trinity Fly Tying Expo	Redding, CA	www.shastatrinityflyfishers.org
Feb 18	Shasta Trinity Ann. Banquet	Redding, CA	www.shastatrinityflyfishers.org
Feb 24-26	The Fly Fishing Show	Pleasanton, CA	www.flyfishingshow.com/
Mar 3	NCCFFF Board Meeting	TBA	www.nccfff.org
Mar 10	NCCFFF Hall of Fame	Livermore, CA	www.nccfff.org
Mar 12-13	NW Fly Tying Expo	Albany, OR	http://nwexpo.com/
Mar 17	Conservation Seminar	Concord, CA	Chuck Bucaria cpbwest@sbcglobal.net
Apr 4-7	Salmonid Restoration Conference	Davis, CA	www.calslamon.org
Apr 20-21	East Idaho Fly Tying Expo	Idaho Falls, ID	
Apr 21	Fresno Fly Fishers for Conservation Annual Banquet	Fresno	www.fresnoflyfishers.org/
May 4-5	Washington Fly Fishing Fair	Ellensburg, WA	www.washingtoncouncilfff.org/
Jun 2	NCCFFF Board Meeting	Camp McCumber, CA	www.nccfff.org
Sep 1	NCCFFF Board Meeting	TBA	www.nccfff.org
Sep 14-16	NCCFFF/SWCFFF Fly Fishing Fair	Mammoth Lakes, CA	www.nccfff.org
Nov 3	Striperfest	Sugar Barge, Bethel Isl.	www.danblanton.com
Dec 1	NCCFFF Board Meeting	TBA	www.nccfff.org



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Saturday Evening March 10th, 2012

At the Shrine Event Center,

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Social hour and silent auction starts at 5PM - Dinner at 7PM – Followed by live auction

*Hal's contributions to the art and sport of fly fishing will be recognized as he becomes
the 34th inductee into the NCCFFF Fly Fishing Hall of Fame*

Join Hal's family and friends and other fly fishing enthusiasts as we celebrate his contribution to fly fishing history.

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