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Club Annual BBQ this Wednesday! Bring your assigned dish and don't forget your own plates and utensils

The club's annual BBQ is on Wednesday June 11 at Oak Grove Park. Activities begin at 6:00pm, with dinner served around 6:30. John Highsmith has a raffle planned--the grand prize is a fishing day for two on the Lower Sac. As in the past, please bring something to share.

A-C desserts

D-G salads

H-K bread/butter

L-N main dishes

O-R cold drinks

S-Z hot or cold veggies

The San Joaquin County Catfish Derby was a big hit with over 500 attending. DFF did their part keeping the crowds fed and watered.

By John Keagy

The club hosted the catfish derby for the county today. Great weather, at least 500 people and most of them families with kids.

Thanks to Charlie Reams, Karen Keagy, Jim Rich., Bruce and Sallye Rollans, Ed Sills, Mark Delabarre, Tim and Kara Costello, Don Gillette, Jerry Neuburger and Nathan, for manning the snack bar and the

food cart.

Most people caught fish in the 3 to 5 pound range with one that was over eight pounds. There are plenty of drinks left for the barbecue on Wednesday so if you are in that category you might bring something else. Tried to get some of the fishermen interested in fly fishing but they said it was too hard to tie chicken liver flies.

Calendar

June 11—Club Barbecue, Oak Grove Park

June 14—Truckee Outing

June 18—DFF Board Meeting

July is a dark month for DFF. No membership meeting, no board meeting.



Last minute instructions for June 14th Truckee Outing

By Dan McDaniel

For our outing this coming Saturday we will be meeting at the Glenshire Bridge parking area at 8:00 a.m. Make sure you are self-

sufficient as there will be no meal provided at this outing. Expect warm weather so bring your own water supply. Don't forget the sunscreen, bug dope, and especially your wading

staff. Directions to the site can be found at <https://maps.google.com/maps>. Sign-ups for this outing are closed. The outing is full.

June 1 shad outing fun but few fish due to increase in river flows

By Carlo Proto

The Delta Fly Fishers trip to the Sacramento River out of Hamilton City was a success because the fishing was good even though the catching was wanting. The fishing was good because our guides from Cortland Outfitters set up a camp that catered to our needs. When we got there at 11 am the guides quickly started making preparations to get us to our gravel

bar. We took a short 10 minute boat ride and got set up to fish. The word from the guides was the flows had been increased and the fish were settling in. There were canopies, chairs, tables, rod racks, sodas, water, chips and advice.

We soon got set up and started fishing. Single handed rods and Spey rods were used. A little time later some fisher people started catching. The bite never got hot

but it seemed like most people caught some fish. Hot BBQ snacks were delivered to us on the water, that was a tasty treat. At around 6pm we were called to a dinner that had BBQ chicken, salad and fruit. We fished until 8 and then headed home. Many of us will do this trip again next year as the fishing will be good and the catching even better.



Jean Fujimura getting some friendly coaching from Wayne Syn.



Not a bad place to stand on a warm spring day.



Time out for dinner.



We were ready but "magic hour" never happened.

Photos by Ed Barich

Living with the drought. Can our fisheries survive?

"Three-fourths of the Earth's surface is water, and one-fourth is land. It is quite clear the the good Lord intended us to spend triple the time fishing as taking care of the lawn." --- Chuck Clark

Drought and our native fish

Several months ago a group of speakers from eight UC campuses gathered at the UC Drought Science, Policy and Management Summit to address the topic, "Endangered species and drought: Can we break out of the Endangered Species Act death spiral?" Throughout the conference the point was made that the drought we are experiencing is normal for California and we shall continue to have them. We do not have an effective drought policy in the state despite the fact that droughts are a continually recurring, predictable phenomenon in California.

Peter Moyle from the UC Davis Center for Watershed Science, started by making three points: First, that our native fish ecosystems are prone to high vulnerability during droughts. Second, the current drought is just a sign of things to come with advancing climate change. Droughts will become more frequent. And third, we need a smart water policy and strategy for the environment, not a continuing, fish versus farms mentality that we currently have. Moyle also made the point that native fish are especially vulnerable to drought and that 63% of 130 native fish are only found in this state and marginally in nearby

states. This is our problem and we cannot expect other states to assume our responsibilities in protecting our native fish and their ecosystems. Moyle also pointed out that 7 species have become extinct and by the year 2100, 80% more will be facing extinction. At this point there are 27 species of fish that are on the endangered list and there is a high probability that the number will increase. He blames California's water system for creating a permanent drought condition for these species. Today drought conditions are resolved by cutting back water flow further increasing stress on the native fish. This not only stresses the native fish but decreases their chance of survival in following droughts. Climate change will bring a greater probability of more droughts in the future. It is expected that peak water flows will occur earlier and the water will dry up sooner. Not only will there be less water available but it will be warmer. This will mean that our salmon, steelhead, and trout will be replaced by less desirable warm-water species like sunfish, carp, and catfish. Moyle suggested four ways to turn the present system around:

- . Re-regulation rivers by applying

the natural flow regime.

- . Place a high priority on protecting and restoring spring-fed streams.
- . Focus conservation efforts on coastal regions that are salmon strongholds.
- . Reestablishment of native fish in urban streams and similar environments using non-standard sources of water.

Joshua Viers, Professor of Engineering at UC Merced, had comments about the use of the term "normal water year." Our current understanding of the water system is based on outdated concepts. We should be more introspective in understanding our water resources. He made the point that there is no "normal water year" but 5 water year types. These water types are: wet, above normal, below normal, dry, and critically dry. His comments reflect how our planning is based on passed water years. But "that in a non-stationary climate, it's that level of inflexibility that will lead to maladaptation." He pointed out that with global warming, the amount of snow-pack will be much less than the rainfall.

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Even if the rainfall is constant, the tendency will be for more dry and critically dry years in California's future. He also said that the state's water system is so inflexible that it will not be able to deal with the predicated "three-fold increase in the number of critically dry years." Since 1914, the state has granted over 31,000 water rights. The state has granted 370 maf of water each year despite the fact only 70 maf exist in reality. Vier's feels that we give water for both agriculture and urban use at the expense of our environment. He also pointed out that there are 380 dams that are in the range of sensitive species and 82 of those dams are in the range of 3 or more sensitive species. He wants to introduce the concept of efficient use of water for the environment so we will achieve, "a more ecological pop per drop".

The Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) fails to impress the Delta Independent Science Board

A review of the BDCP by the Delta Independent Science Board found the project to be deeply flawed. The Board consists of 10 scientists, all with Pd.D's, who have been independent of the BDCP process. In their opening statement they talked about the huge scope of the BDCP but immediately addressed 8 major flaws in their cover letter. One of their major complaints is that the BDCP does not do what it is required to do. In a letter to Randi Fiorini of the Delta Stewardship Council (DSC) and Charlton Bonham of California's Dept. of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), the scientist proceeded to detail over 50 major detrimental problems the BDCP does not solve or that will have negative impacts on the Delta. In one paragraph alone the term,"as

feasible" was used 11 times. "As feasible" is a euphemistic term meaning we don't know how to fix it, but trust us. In other words the use of the phrase "as feasible" in the BDCP guarantees nothing.

It's difficult to locate the worst impacts of the BDCP. In an obscure chapter titled "Other CEQA/NEPA Required Sections", you will find Table 31-1 under Significant and Unavoidable Adverse Impacts. This is the section I talked about several months ago regarding project-generated diesel particulate matter being so bad that people with respiratory issues, older people and the young will have to move from the Byron area to avoid the risk of cancer. This will mean that over 1,000 people will be forced to move from their homes. In the bi-monthly publication Connections, it's reported that now the South Valley Farmers and the Metropolitan Water District of LA are realizing they don't have the finances to pay for this project as originally proposed. The Westlands Water District still owe the federal government over \$300 million (in 1960 dollars) in a *non-interest loan* from the 1960's for the Central Valley Project. They have failed to pay that debt. They should be required to pay their past debts before stating new projects. It will be interesting to see how they again try to pass their debt to the taxpayers.

A major concept flaw of the BDCP is the idea that habitat, not water can be used to restore our fisheries. Fish need water to survive, not more habitat. Since the exporting of water from the Delta began in 1960, the population of our fisheries in the Delta has declined over 90%. As Dan McDaniel pointed out at a club meeting recently, he

would like to be shown just one estuary in the world that has been restored by exporting water. They don't exist. You will never find one. Water exports will not restore the Delta; they will destroy the Delta. As the article in June/July issue of Connections points out, the BDCP fails in many ways including:

- . Impacts--all benefits go to the people outside the Delta; all negatives impacts are borne by the people in the Delta.

- . Funding--the South San Joaquin Valley Mega-Farmers and the MWD of LA now understand they can't afford the BDCP. Who is going to pay for it?

- . Fish--our salmon, steelhead and other fish will become extinct. Period!

- . Implementation-- we still have no clue how the BDPC will be implemented nor its real cost. Who is really going to pay for the project??

The BDCP can be best described the worst proposed project ever to face the State of California.

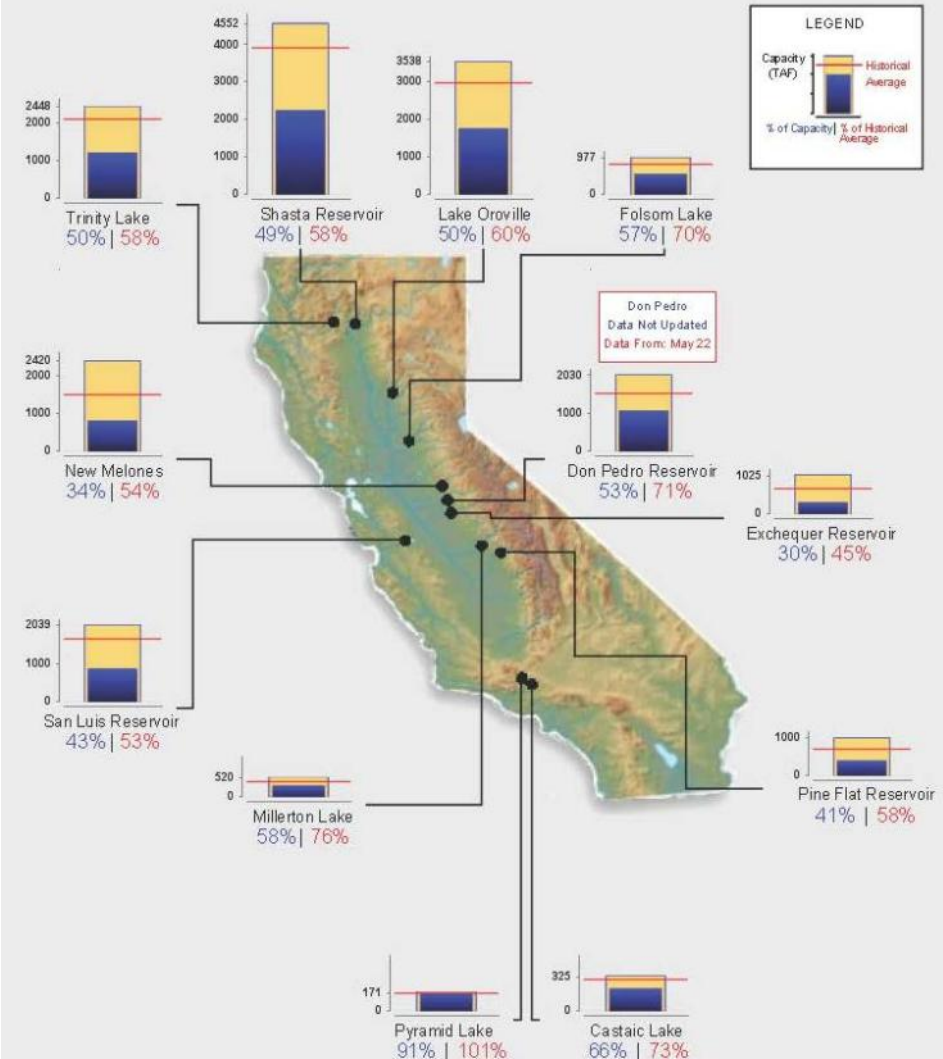
A director and friend in the Northern California Council of the International Federation Of Fly Fishers, John Ryzanych, has referred to the BDCP as the "800 pound gorilla" in the room. He's right. If the BDPC is implemented, we will lose the Delta. For what? An unsustainable desert wasteland whose crops are subsidized by the state and federal government at our expense for foreign export. What insanity!

Ron Forbes

Conservation Chair of the Delta Fly Fishers

Ending At Midnight - May 24, 2014

CURRENT RESERVOIR CONDITIONS



Reservoir conditions as of midnight, May 24, 2014

Renew your membership early and win a rod...

By Bob Fujimura

If you missed your chance to win last year prize for early renewals,

you have another chance this summer. The annual membership ends on August 31 and DFF is again holding a

special raffle to whose members renew their memberships early. A well-made fly rod will be the prize to some member who renewed



their membership early. Slightly different rules will be used this year. Any member who pays their

membership by August 31 will receive one raffle ticket and no tickets will be issued after August 31. The raffle

will be held at the September general meeting. The prize will be on display at the upcoming general meetings.



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June is the month for saving on new memberships

By Bob Fujimura

If new members join the club in June, they can wave paying the last 3 months of this membership year that end on August 30 and get up to 15 months of club membership for the price of 12 months. So if you know someone who would enjoy learning fly fishing and getting to know a great bunch



of men and women, please encourage them to join now and get free extra months of being a club member. Contact Bob Fujimura at deltaflyfishers@gmail.com for more information on this new membership incentive.

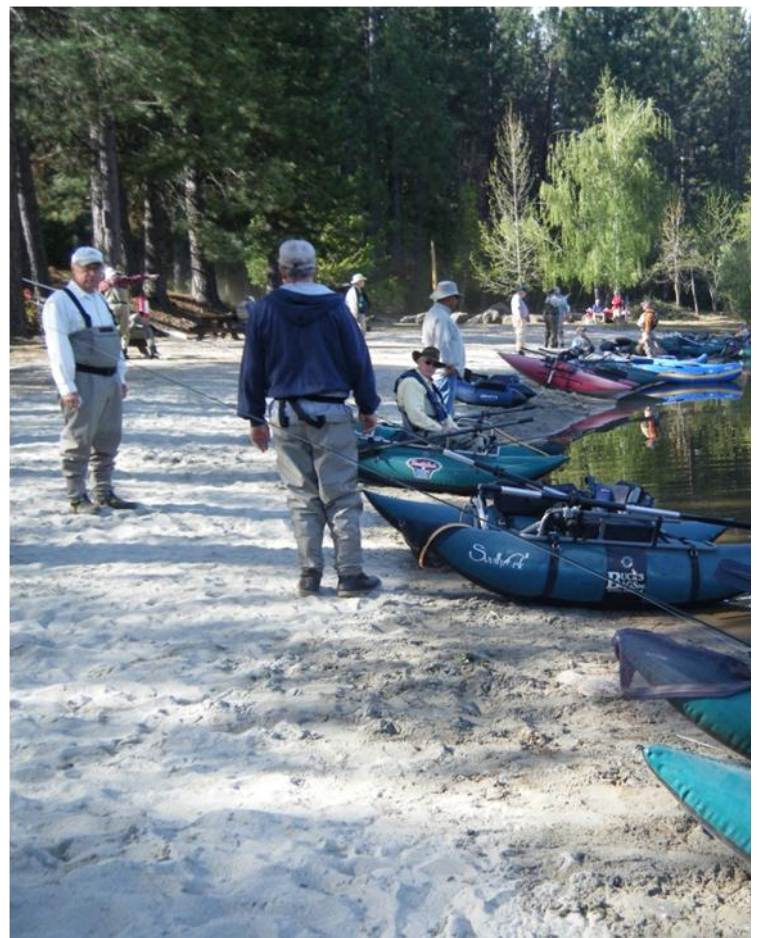
Results of One Fly Contest at White Pines Lake

By Bob Fujimura

The winning streak of Delta Fly Fishers at the annual One Fly Contest finally ended this month. Despite several DFF members pre-fishing this lake before the contest, fishing during the contest was very slow by White Pines standards. Individual landings were in the

low single digits. The two contest categories were both won by Calaveras Fly Fishers members. Vince Sereno caught the most fish (6) and the award for the biggest fish was earned by: Dave Ryniec. Dave's rainbow trout measured sixteen and one half inches. Despite our losses, the DFF members

who did participate had a very good time angling with the two groups. As always, CFF members hosted an excellent tri-tip lunch. The DFF members who participated in the contest also promised to reclaim these awards next year. Included in the photos below are the two winning fly patterns.





Photos by B0b Fujimura

Eastern Sierra Focus

By CJ Webb

Fishing Tip:

You have inexplicably, placed your fly in the tree on the opposite bank for the fourth time. Chances are it was because of your basic overhead cast. If you don't want to continue losing your favorite flies in trees and bushes, you need to use a side-cast. Doing this is simple, just look at that basic overhead cast in a different light.

Using the casting clock analogy, cast through the arc of 11am to 1pm and back to 11am but see the side-cast as an overhead cast, on a different plane, to the overhead movement. Imagine a huge

clock resting on the water to your side and find your 11am and 1pm. It is just that simple. The side-cast turns the fly over parallel with the water surface, and the fly lands under the branches, not in them.

Fishing conditions:

Alpers Trophy Trout will be coming from Desert Springs in Oregon as Conway Ranch is without water. The County is doing something different due to this issue. It will be a boon or bust in how they plan to have such large amounts of poundage stocked in one water (400-450 pounds).

The Mono County Fisheries

Commission is looking for support to get wells on the ranch in order to spawn and raise trout from eggs to fingerlings to grow-out (catchable) and trophy trout. If you go on my web-site (virginalakesresort.com) you can read a small paragraph about support that is needed prior to June 17th by sending a personal letter or E-mail to Larry Johnston, Chair, Mono County Supervisors. This is very important for the future of Conway Ranch to be a full functional hatchery.

Be safe if you cross streams and remember the water is very

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cold this time of year. Don't take unnecessary chances, keep a solar blanket in your fly/tackle vest and be realistic about your physical ability to handle high water flows. A wading staff should be a consideration.

Weather – *Mother Nature is very confused as to what time of year it is and certainly seems to be directing the Eastern Sierra toward a summer of sorts, but only time will tell when it will arrive and with it maybe some thunderstorms with a lot of needed rain and hopefully without the fires caused from lightning. Run-off is starting to taper and it will be earlier than the last two years due to the drought. Some waters are off-color and high and others are terribly low for this time of year. Nevada ranchers are drawing down water and they will soon be out of water and have put a stop to growing alfalfa from recent reports. A lot of lakes are down, but are still fishable and have been stocked heavily with DFW rainbows and they are adding 10 trophies to each stocking which has been a blessing. Anglers had a great Memorial Weekend with tons of trout in all waters.*

Legislation

Assembly Bill 7, passed in 2005 required the DFG to spend fishing license money on stocking, but where is the money actually going. There will be a 10% decrease in stocking in 2014 due to the first one million dollars going into the Wild Trout program. It is good but not very forward thinking to understand if there are no stocked non-fertile rainbows to catch, where are the anglers going to go.

It's just simple logistics.

Fishing Report:

Remember to check the regulations prior to fishing unfamiliar water as to limits, size, and gear.

ROCK CREEK has been doing well most of the last two weeks on a variety of streamers with a tag, some dries and a few nymphs near the inlet. Dries: Parachute Adams #16-18, Elk Hair Caddis, Para BWO #16-18 and black ants near the edges. Try a dry/dropper rig in the creek but they are spooky.

HOT CREEK flow is at 37cfs and fairly clear but with the recent rain this past week it may become off-color. Reports state fishing and hatches are good with early am midges and BWO's midday, and caddis pupa/larvae/adults in the afternoon. Also, scuds will do well most of the day. Forget the streamers. Dries: Extended body blue winged olive 18-22, CDC Caddis 18-22, Hot Creek caddis 18-20, Parachute Caddis 18-20, Parachute Adams 16-20, and Elk Hair Caddis 16-20. Try some Zebra midges 18-22, WD-40 18-22, Micro Mayfly 18-22 and Scuds 14-16. With the normal breezy afternoons try #20-22 midges early, then go to midges patterns early then mayfly emergers mid-day to around 2 p.m., and the smaller (#18-20) the better. Warm weather will induce some hatches despite the cool temps at night.

Please stay out of the water to and help prevent the spread of New Zealand mud snails.

CROWLEY LAKE is almost full and holding steady for the last four weeks. Sitting at 6765 ft at the spillway. Water temperature is warm for this early in the season at 56F on the bottom. Hilton Bay and west of Sandy Point are hold-

ing the most fish in deeper water at around 16-20 feet. Fish are spread out between Leighton, Crooked Creek and along Six Bays and Green Banks. Don't bother stripping streamers, not much action there. Try some Albino Baron early and go to Gray colors: Gray/Black Optimidge and Shaft Emerger midday. With cloud cover use Copper Tiger's, large Black Optimidge with Green Flashback. Check the store for the hottest flies, they'll hook you up.

UPPER OWENS is cold with flows at 201cfs above the Hot Creek Confluence (5/22), and fairly clear above. The best spot has been above the bridge for larger fish. The section between the bridge and the Monument opened on the 24th. Try several midges pattern and test the waters in the AM with some Caddis throughout the day. Dry action has been poor so stick to streamers and nymphs to stay into fish. Dries: EC Caddis 16-20, Parachute Adams, and Stimulator 14-18. Nymphs: Copper Johns 14-18, Hare's Ear 14-18, Zebra Midges 18-20 and San Juan Worms dark red 12-14. Streamers to try are Black and olive Woolly Buggers 10-12, Meat Whistle Olive and Stump Buster in olive and brown #8.

CONVICT LAKE and creek were stocked with DFW bows on the 20th and they added 400 pounds of trophy trout on the 20th. I think it will be wide open as to streamers and some nymphs, but I'd try mostly dark woollies size 8, and Olive Hornbergs size 8, Green or brown Marvel Fly's. Dry Flies: Adams, Cutter's Caddis, Elk Hair Caddis, Stimulators, Black/Red Ants, Sierra Bright Dot, Royal Coachman and Hoppers. Stream-

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ers: Woolly Bugger (black, brown, olive, or green), Matuka (black, brown, olive, or green), Hornberg, and Muddler Minnows. Wet Flies (Nymphs): Prince Nymph, Flashback Pheasant Tail, Hare's Ear, Zebra Midge (red and black), Copper John (red and copper) and San Juan Worm (brown or red).

MAMMOTH BASIN is fully open and fishing is best at Upper Twin by the Falls. Try Griffiths Gnat 16-22, Parachute Adams 16-20, Olive Twin Lakes Special 10-12, Olive Woolly Buggers 10-12, leech patterns, Zebra midges 18-22, Pheasant tails 14-16, Hare's Ear #16 and Tan and olive Bird's Next.

SAN JOAQUIN - Check with Forest Service in Mammoth Lakes for an opening date at 760.924.5500.

JUNE LAKE did fairly well considering the number of anglers that hit the water using inflated crawlers, rainbow and yellow powerbait and any color with garlic provided action. Dries that worked were Female Adams, Cutter's Caddis, Stimulators, black/red ants, Royal Coachman and hoppers. Streamers that brought fish to the net were Woolly Buggers in black, brown, olive or green, Matuka's in same colors, also a Hornberg # 10. Nymphs that saw action were Prince, Zebra, Copper John, Flashback Pheasant Tail and red or brown San Juan worm.

GULL LAKE - Muscle trout are arriving every month, so get up here and wet a line, anything goes that you've used here before, so sharpen up those hooks and dust off the marabou and hit the water before the summer crowd arrive. They will be getting six large loads of trophy this summer, as

my rumor mill is accurate.

SILVER LAKE got an 1800 pounds of catchables and will be getting about 900 pounds a week from DFW. Rush Creek is in good shape but a bit low. *Federation of Fly Fishers Southwest Council (FFFSWC) is holding their annual Rush Creek cleanup in June.* Streamers worked well over the past week were olive Doc's Twin Lakes Special, dark brown leeches, and black Matukas. Try a type 1 or 2 in deeper water and should a breeze come up try some standard "old time" dries as the bugs have started their migration.

RUSH CREEK has been fishing great between Silver to Grant and a dry/dropper will be your best bet for some fun. Try an Elk Hair Caddis #14-18 or Stimulator 12-16. Streamers working at BH Carey Bugger, Crystal Bugger, Rickard's emerging bugger. Nymphs getting action are Prince 14-18, Micro Mayfly 16-20, Zebra's 18-20 Pheasant Tails 14-20 and Hare's Ear 14-18.

GRANT LAKE - Water is cold and clear, and down from last year but with good reports on fishing. DFW stocked as usual with a slight change in some of the lakes getting an every two-week plant due to their internal ongoing changes. Fishing was fairly good throughout the month with a few hiccups when the storms hit but recovered nicely.

LUNDY LAKE - The Lake is rising and all the steps at the outflow are covered meaning it will drop at some point during the summer but in small increments which won't affect the fishing. The Resort opened Memorial weekend. The campgrounds are open.

VIRGINIA LAKES - Sunrise

5:40am/5:37am - Sunset 8:05pm-8:10pm. DFW came through twice in May for giving up 10 trophies with the regular stocked rainbows and everyone was catching and happy with the sizes of rainbows. They were very impressive, clean full-finned and colorful. Best fly for the last couple weeks has been the "dirty" olive woolly bugger's size 10-12, it's a real catcher; just ask Breiter, he holds the record for a single day's catch and release of over 60 trout.

EAST WALKER flow as of this writing was 93cfs, and fishing is better below the bridge and into Nevada. Nymphing will be your strongest suit, but draw to some dries and watch for the straight on Parachute Adams #16-18, Elk Hair Caddis and Stimulators #16-18. For the flush in streamers, black or olive woolly buggers #8-12, Punk Perch 10-14 in olive or olive/pink, even a Hornberg might surprise you with a straight flush. But for the "ROYAL" add a Z Caddis, Micro Mayfly, JuJu Baetis or Two-bit Hooker all in 18-20.

BRIDGEPORT RESERVOIR is fairly low as ranchers in Nevada are drawing down water for irrigation that will be allowed during this severe drought. Fishing has been doing surprising well even with the low water. DFG stocked a lot fish. Buckeye Bay has been the best choice with midges in the morning and (Zebra, San Juan worms, blood midge) and mayfly patterns later in the day if the temperature rises. It's been somewhat slow, so get your gear-head ready for a test of skills. Call Ken's and talk to Rick or Jim for the best flies for the day.

WEST WALKER flow is 441cfs.

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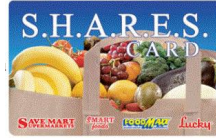
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Water is off-color and running high, best recommendation is to try the flat water near the bridge down to Chris Flat. Try some nice attractors over Bird's nest, pheasant tail or Juan worms. It had

been fishing well prior to increased run-off with some nice trophy's showing a dorsal to olive woolly buggers or even large ant patterns along the calm edges.

TIOGA PASS is subject to storm closure this time of year.

SONORA PASS is subject to storm closure this time of year.

MONITOR PASS is subject to storm closure this time of year.

See you on the water, CJ 14.5

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