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President's Message by Marty Kjelson

Greeting folks. This will be a combined June/July message from me as we had major newsletter processing problem last month. My President's message for June was meant to be a separate short article about mistakes guides see in our flyfishing. The June newsletter had some good information in it that we supplemented with emails and one-on-one contacts. Jerry Neuburger is working hard to make it all work. Thanks Jerry. Hope you are enjoying June as the fish are really waking up. We had an active May with some good events. Our May 1st new member orientation was successful and I thank those special members for helping out. We had handouts, bios, food and drinks, demonstrations, and a Q and A session.

I enjoyed hearing from The Fly Shop guide, Bryon Bommarito, from Redding at our May membership meeting. He gave a very detailed talk on the lower Sacramento River with its healthy population of rainbows. While most fly fishers drift, it is possible to wade at selected spots, particularly during the fall and winter when the flows are lower, ie. less than 6000 cfs. It's possible to drift it with care at lower flows with your own craft and with good preparation. The Fly Shop has guides, wading site maps, up to date info, etc. I'm planning to go on our Outing up there in November.

We had a shad outing on the American River May 25th. Charlie Reames lead the outing but few showed up as the flows there have been very low which thus had limited the numbers of shad in that river. I gave a shad site map out from the American River fly shop which is very helpful. The June 2nd Sacramento River guided shad trip was enjoyable. See Bruce Rollans' article in the June newsletter. Our Lake Davis outing was a great time as always, with damsels, midges, tiny mayflies there in abundance. So much so that by Saturday we all found the fishing tough and I believe that there was so much food in the water that the fish were satiated.

Wind was there as usual but those that toughed it out got into some very nice fish. I learned some new things, including the need to change fly sizes and colors often when the bite is off. See the thorough write up on Lake Davis in the last newsletter by Herman Spalinger as well as one from Gil Parker this month who gives tips on how to prepare for trips to new waters. Thanks to both of them.

We had our annual Catfish derby for families on June 1st. The photos in last month's newsletter say it all. Thanks for all the help by our members with Larry Schmidt in the lead. The kids had a good time.

Many of us had nice day at the one fly contest at White Pines Lake. Bob Fugimura did a great job leading that event and as usual our club took the prizes. Unfortunately the fish numbers were very low, yet Ron Forbes was able to outfish us all with 5 on his "stringer", fooled by a Prince Nymph.

We had a nice time at our June 12th barbeque at Oak Grove Park. Great food, including steaks, drinks, fellowship plus a super raffle. We had over 50 in attendance. Thanks to those that volunteered to help in setup, Earl Summers, lead; cooking, Leo Gutterres, lead; raffle, John Highsmith, lead; and cleanup. Thanks also to those who have donated prizes for the raffle. Many enjoyed receiving some great items. We held some of the donated items for the Annual dinner in January as we simply had an over abundance. Mark Delabarre was the winner of the guided trip on the lower Sacramento next month, donated by the Fly Shop in Redding.

On a personal note, We've had a number of members hurting with health issues. Give them a call, visit or send a card to encour-

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Calendar

July 2013 DFF is dark for summer

July 6, 2013 DFG Free Fishing Day

August 14, 2013 General Membership Meeting, President's Agenda, Oak Grove Park

August 17, 2013 Pinecrest Lake (Marty Kjelson, Fishmeister)

August 21, 2013 DFF Board Meeting

August 30-31, 2013 Santa Cruz Kelp Bass (Jerry Neuburger, Fishmeister)

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age them.

We will not be meeting in July, but encourage everyone to get on the water, take some photos and write an article of your adventure. We need articles for the newsletter in August. If you have one, contact a Board member to make sure it gets in properly and before the last week of July. Also, I'll develop a program for our August meeting at Oak Grove Park. We will return to meet at J. R. Williams school in September. I plan to organize a midweek day trip to Pinecrest Lake in August and will have details in the August newsletter. The lake has plenty of fish. It is about a 2 hour drive. Good to

fish early as the wind comes up after lunch.

Finally, "One's first fish on a fly". I spoke with member Bob Foster about his young life in Montana near Lewiston where his dad (a bee keeper) took the family each summer. Well Bob got started with, yes, you guessed it, a telescopic, steel, flyrod. Gag!! I had one too. He started fishing the little stream near their cabin, that was closed to fishing. A sign of a troubled youth! Bob couldn't remember the illegal fly he first used, probably a royal coachman, but it worked and the rainbows were really good fighters and leapt high on every hookup. Bob says at least 3 to 4 feet. He had been tak-

ing trout to his mom all summer, which she froze up in milk cartons, to take home to California. When he got home there were no trout on his stringer and mom asked "where are the fish"? His fudged it and said, "I didn't get any". Well, under mom's "interrogation light", he confessed that he committed the family's nearly unpardonable sin that he had released the fish. What a guy! Beyond his years! I wonder why he isn't president of Trout Unlimited? Anyway, mom came around in about a week, after assigning Bob with orders to get some trout and bring them home. He still catches and releases in some fine waters of the west.

Have a great summer. Marty

The Editor: "I'm back!"

By Jerry Neuburger

A trip of 9,000 plus miles and 83 days in a 16 foot travel trailer with a wife and two cats can produce more than a few memories and a few stories.

We survived two tornadoes (while driving), torrential rain fall, mosquitoes as big as sparrows, and numerous traffic jams, some four to five hours long.

Our travels took us through 26 states and one Canadian province with extended

stays in New York City, Boston and Cape Cod.

We visited over 20 National Parks or Historical Monuments and walked in the paths of people such as George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Samuel Adams, John Hancock, Ulysses S. Grant, Teddy Roosevelt, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and stood at the spot at the north bridge in Lexington where the first colonial shots were fired at British Regulars starting the war for independence.

The locations varied from old whaling villages such as New Bedford and Nantucket to Rockefeller Center and Times Square as well as the North Dakota badlands and Teddy Roosevelt National Park.

We can't wait until next year, the south from Brownsville TX to Key West, FL.

And yes, I did catch a fish or two.

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No Fly of the Month tying session for July

Ron Forbes' June Conservation Article... The Public Trust

Ron meant for this article to be printed in the June edition of Rx Fly Fishing! But the editor missed it in the confusion of traveling. It's an important part of California's environment and the concept dates back to the Romans.

*Sorry for the delay,
the editor*

The great charm of fly fishing is that we are always learning.

----- Theodore Gordon

What Happened to California's Public Trust Doctrine?

The last week in April, I received an invitation from Restore the Delta to apply for Water Advocate Training. The purpose of this program was to train people to inform our population about the truth of Gov. Jerry Brown's push to build dual conveyance tunnels under the Delta. I had thought about applying for the training when I got a phone call from Bruce Rowlands encouraging me to do so. I did apply, and was fortunate to be one of those accepted.

The training was Friday and Saturday, May 3rd and 4th. Friday morning I got a pleasant surprise. I had anticipated seeing 10 or 15 people from Stockton to take the training. Well over 50 people were

present and they represented many major groups from both northern and southern California from urban, environmental, scientific, and the fisheries communities. I was pleased to see the diversity of groups that adamantly oppose this project and are prepared to actively oppose it.

After introducing ourselves, we took a bus trip through the south Delta to see some of the problems they are having caused by the pumping from the state and federal water projects. The first part of the tour was lead by Rogene Reynolds, whose family has been farming the Delta for five generations. One point of interest is where you can see water flowing uphill because of water project excessive pumping of water from the Delta to the south. This, of course, confuses salmon and steelhead during their migration. If the tunnel scam goes through, the Reynolds will lose their farm along with many other farmers in the south Delta.

The second part of the day was a boat trip in the Delta from Walnut Grove to Bethel Island with a biologist who discussed the serious issues that a dual conveyance system will cause, including the loss of our fisheries. He also pointed out several places where the US Army Corps. of Engineers (USACE) denuded the Sacramento River's levee's by cutting down the trees and removing all vegetation. On the opposite bank he pointed out how he and other biologists have restored the levees. The restored levee is far more fish friendly. Either the Corps. doesn't understand that what they have done is wrong or they really don't care. Most think its the latter.

Saturday, the training can best be described as intense. There were several parts of the of the training I appreciated, especially the Delta's history, environmental and fisheries issues, and the science involved. It was emphasized several times that Restore the

Delta does not lie in making presentations and will only give the truth based on the best science available. Gov. Brown, Jerry Meral, South San Joaquin Valley mega farmers, and the Metropolitan Water District have a penchant for dishonesty and not telling the whole story. The Water Advocates job is to tell the facts honestly and to point out what Gov. Brown et. al. don't want you to understand. Much of the material presented I was familiar with. However, much of the material given will take hours of study. If anyone tells you the solutions for the Delta are simple, you can pretty much disregard their opinion. Battles in the Delta over water have been going on for over 150 years. They will continue long after my death. However, we have to win this battle against the dual conveyance system or the delta we know will cease to exist. As a fly fishing club we can forget about the Delta Challenge. Many of the fish listed will no longer exist in the Delta.

My greening about politics and politicians started in the 60's during the war in Vietnam. I learned you can trust neither side of the aisle. Thursday, May 16th, Gov. Jerry Brown had a press conference about the state of our economy in California. Although the economy is looking better, Brown advised "prudence not exuberance" in looking at the economy. Once again, Brown is speaking out of both sides of his mouth. He has done everything in his power to prevent the state's legislative analyst from investigating the true cost of this part of the proposal. He is taking a page from his father's book and lying to the people about the cost of the project. The figure bantered about for the last several years is 11-18 billion dollars. Brow hasn't changed the amount in three years as though inflation doesn't exist. He also ignores the debt service which is

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projected to be over 50 billion dollars. Three years ago our secretary of the treasury warned us that with our current debt or increasing California's debt, one dollar out of every 10 dollars in state income will go to service that debt. Now Brown wants a blank check for a conveyance project! Where is the prudence in his thinking?

Friday, May 17th the Delta Stewardship Council unanimously approved their final plan for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. The plan was to provide protection for the Delta's ecosystem and a "reliable water supply". When you read the term "reliable water sup-

ply" remember it is a code-word meaning more water shipped out of the Delta to the south. Also remember the dual conveyance system will not produce one additional drop of water in the state; it will just move our existing water around the Delta and send it south. The next step is for the Council is to get approval of the deeply-flawed Bay Delta Conservation Plan.

One of the main purposes in training the Water Advocates is to increase the public's awareness of how catastrophic a dual conveyance system will be to California's economy, agriculture, environment, and our fisheries. The Advocates will travel throughout

the state showing Restore the Delta's award-winning video, "Over Troubled Waters," and make a presentation tailored to each group. I have volunteered my time and energy to show the video and discuss the Delta issues. To make the presentation as effective as possible we ask that the group be as large as possible. There is no fee for this service. If you know of anyone or any groups who would be interested in seeing this presentation, contact me at 209 368 5767 or e-mail me at bluse03@yahoo.com.

Ron Forbes
Conservation Chair

Are you a new member? Get to know Gil Parker, the Mentor Chair

Delta Fly Fishers would like to welcome you again as a new member to organization. And whether your the newest of the new at fly fishing or an experienced fly fisher, at some point you will need information or guidance. That's where I come in. If I didn't get to meet you at our recent new member meet and greet, then please look me up or give me a call so we can connect.

I am on our board and the Mentor chairman. My name is:

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It is my job to match you up with our resident members in order to meet your needs. Now because new members come to us with varying degrees or levels of experience your needs may vary quite a bit. But no question is to simple or unimportant?

What is important is that you take the first step by reaching out to me? We have a wealth of quality fishermen and fisherwomen as well as just great people to provide you with the answers and or teachings. So call me, let's get started.

We have a DVD library which can help you as well. A selection of these are always brought to the general meetings held every month on the second Wednesday, at John R. Williams Elem. School in Stockton at 6:30 PM. I just reviewed one called Fly Fishing Made Easy, by Scientific Anglers which is excellent for the new fly fisherman.

Welcome and I look forward to fishing or talking fishing with you. See you soon I hope!

Renew your membership early and win a rod...

By Bob Fujimura

The annual membership ends on August 31 and DFF is holding a special raffle to whose members renew their memberships early or on time. A well-made fly rod will be the prize to some member who renewed their membership early. Any member who pays their membership by August 31 will receive 3 raffle tickets and 1 ticket for those who pay their annual dues during September. The raffle will be held at the October general meeting. The prize will be on display at the upcoming meeting.



Bruce and Sallye Rollans to act as fishmeisters on Lower Sac trip in October

Bruce and Sallye Rollans will serve as Fishmeisters for the upcoming lower Sacramento River outing out of Redding, California October 12 and 13, 2013. Bruce advises those who want to use a guide to float the river contact The Fly Shop at (800) 669-3474. The Fly Shop has access

to up to 18 guides; however, they are booking up fast for the fall fishery.

Bruce plans to provide information for those who will use pontoon boats or plan to walk and wade. This will include maps showing ramp access and walk ac-

cess. He will also give information regarding leaders, tippet and flies.

Keep in mind this is not a dry fly fishery. There are a lot of salmon in the river and expect snagging a few.

The new guy at Davis Lake

By Gil Parker

I am a baseball guy! I like strategy and stats. Give me a good confrontation between a fire throwing pitcher and a overgrown slugger and I am as close to heaven as a person still standing can get! Competition has been a part of my life in my childhood, my career, my golf game and is engrained in my DNA. So when I go fishing where no small fish are being caught, just big fish and I can not get on the scoreboard I am frustrated. Yes, I had fish on that I lost and got my share of bites, but I also wasted time on the water trying to fish without a snowball chance in hell of catching anything. Lots of excuses can be served up but the reality was I was not prepared to succeed? Which brings me to the point of this writing?

When planning a fly fishing outing consider the following if your in my peer group? My peer group would be those new to the sport of fly fishing! A couple things I will do better on my next trip:

1. Seek out members and ask how they plan to fish where your planning to go? I actually did this but I clearly did not probe enough to get all of what is necessary to know.

2. The obvious is what flies should I use? But equally important is what is the appropriate rod wt to use? What line is preferable ie.; Floating, Intermediate, or heavy sinking line, etc? I corrected this one in the middle of this trip!

3. Seek out a mentor, understand what your knots, leader length, tippet and wt should be? I can find you a mentor, that's actually my job in the club, so call me? When is it a good idea to use two flies and what does that look like?

4. If fly casting and stripping line is not

working, what would be plan B, C, etc.? How else could I be successful? Varying the ways and speeds of your strips can make a difference. Using an indicator, trolling, getting your fly to the bottom. And working the bottom, etc.

5. If your going to a lake (Lake Davis) where wind is notorious, know that an anchor is needed for any floating device you might be using. Always have an anchor because most Sierra or mountain lakes have wind from late morning through the afternoon.

6. If you have a floating device and use only a car pump, it's a good idea to have a foot or hand pump to maximize the inflation, as well. A floating device which is under inflated is more difficult to maneuver and more noisy than you want it to be! Most car pumps cannot exceed a certain psi in order to fully inflate.

7. Just because hatches of all kinds are in full swing on shore and water, doesn't mean that's the only flies to use. This week the caddis, may, callibaetis, and prince nymphs were all prevalent, as well as the green and tan damsels were in the water and on the shore. Most trout when cut open have several black ants in their stomach. My point: Do what you see to be true but don't be afraid to change?

8. The local fly shops and general stores can sometimes provide the info on what flies work in their area, especially when you let them know your a catch and release club member. They want you to be successful and need you to return for their economic future.

So Here's what I'm telling myself about Lake Davis. The lake is the best lake I have ever seen for bigger fish. In four days I did not see a small fish landed every thing was seventeen inches or larger up to 20 inches. Lake Davis is char-

acterized by one thing, and that is wind! I will be back for another try. I plan to have a better fish story to tell, than "....the one that got away?" I will be better prepared and a lot more informed. See you on the lake.

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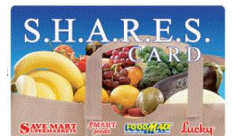
PS: Jim Rich offered to pay me to stay off the lake claiming that he was catching all his fish when I was ashore. This is a sick and very unkind man. If you should see Jim and can actually recognize him with all his bruises and scratches ask him to demonstrate his double twisting full gainer over fire pits dive or forward roll. He's a graduate from my school of Grace.

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Book Review: Stillwater Fly Fishing Secrets by Hal Janssen, 2011

by Marty Kjelson

This spring I received a copy of Hal Janssen’s book on Stillwater fly fishing and thought a brief review of his work might steer some interest as many of us in the club focus on lake fishing. I found the book interesting and useful and it gave some new ideas that I wished to try, most recently during my trip to lake Davis.

The emphasis is on trout as expected. He covers the basics of understanding stillwaters, ecosystem, weather, and vegetation types along with a few chapters on trout senses and behavior, aquatic insects, fly tying and hooks and many fundamental and advanced fly fishing techniques and an introduction to the main food groups and fly patterns to match them. The last chapters provide an extensive section on equipment, knots, and water craft.

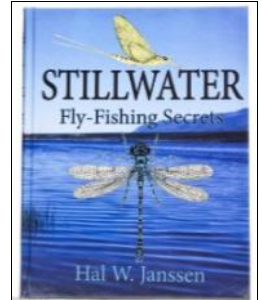
I particularly liked his on the water examples of techniques that solve a specific problem. He spends time in describing when, where and what to fish in various lake environments. Knowing where and when the mayflies versus midges are most available to the trout can be critical.

I’m willing to test his theory on the effects of weather and atmospheric pressure which may be an effective means to use in determining when and when not to fish. He makes a point that in heavy winds, trout move to deeper water which usually always equates to poor fishing unless one fishes deep with a very slow retrieve.

Relating to the trout vision and their desire to avoid light, Hal suggests one casts toward the sun to make the fly more visible to the fish as they will be facing away from the sun and looking to the side for movement. A point is made that trout takes occur 99% of the time when the fly is dropping or stopped and the author notes how to strip accordingly.

I thought his chapter of how various insect types migrate to the surface or shore before emergence and how to replicate that with your fly and was very useful. He stresses a very slow retrieve in most cases as most insects aren’t fast swimmers. Also, that setting the hook by moving the rod to the side is better than lifting it up which caused slack. While I had trouble in my kayak using a long leader, it usually 20’ feet or more (which he

subscribes), I can see under the right conditions focusing on the leader sink helps to detect subtle strikes. When the wind is up, that is not possi-



ble. He also avoids the indicator idea that some of us use regularly. I realize I’m not a true purist but it’s tough to challenge it when fishing midges. However, I have found that one can do so successfully with a slow retrieve with or w/o an indicator.

The writer discusses some trout triggers that can be useful as adding a white emergent shuck at the posterior end of a caddis larvae pattern. He provides 48 patterns in great detail and a detailed explanation of the animal’s life history, size and color and why he ties and fishes a given pattern in a certain way.

Tying materials in the book continue to frustrate me as it seems one has to acquire a lot of exotic items to fit each pattern. For most , simply buying the fly would be more thrifty. This of course isn’t for everyone. But I’d like to see more simple alternatives to the material list. I did tie about 8 or 10 of his patterns for Davis Lake but wasn’t successful with them. Likely my tying or technique was at fault. I had trouble with the fly pattern colors in the book even though they were photos. They didn’t seem to match the text color descriptions.

I liked the section on lines and leaders even though I won’t go to extreme with the long leaders. Also he uses a lot of 12” sections to build his tapered leaders. I have found Gary Borger’s unileader concept is much simpler and uses only three section plus tippet.

I have not done justice to all the information in the book but it a good read and thought provoking. And while I don’t agree with all that is said, it is evident that the author feels very strongly that he has the right way of approaching still water fly fishing that has proven successful to him over many years of experience. I encourage you to get or borrow a copy to increase your knowledge and enjoy thinking seriously about your own approach to our wonderful hobby.

Davis Lake Outing Report

Bob Fujimura, Marty Kjelson, Sam Thompson, and Joe Balderston

The week of June 10-16 a party of 13 of Delta Fly Fishers members, families, and friends met at Davis Lake to experience again the annual damsel fly hatch and see if rumors of the restoration of the trophy trout fishery of past history were true. DFF member Calvin Fujimura and brother of Bob Fujimura arrived first with his friends, Issa and Walt and his two adult sons. Issa and Walt are regular fishers to Davis Lake for many years and helped Calvin with learning how to fish this lake. Calvin called Bob (still at home) to let him know that Issa and Walt said Bob's damsel fly nymph were twice the size than the actual nymphs.

The next day, Jim Rich, Gil and Melanie Parker arrived. Gil and Melanie brought and stayed in style in their new travel trailer. The first part of the week had high winds although the fishers adapted the best they could by fishing the periods of calmer conditions or seeking sheltered coves. After the mid-week DFF annual BBQ, President Marty Kjelson, Joe Balderston, Sam Thompson, Bob and Jean Fujimura arrived on Thursday. Most of these members fished the afternoon with

the early arriving members. Some of these members and guest did very well using small damsel fly patterns or midge nymphs under indicators. Despite good weather forecasts, Friday was one of the toughest days due to the winds. Winds on Saturday morning were calmer but fishing was very slow despite the abundance of many species of food insects. Most of this party left later that day although Bob and Jean Fujimura had better luck that evening. Bob finally figured out how effectively still water indicator fishing could be that day.

Sam Thompson reported... "I arrived Friday afternoon and decided to fish middle of the day, That yielded no fish for me. I then set up camp at Grasshopper Flats then went looking for club members in the area. At the information display area at the entrance to Grasshopper

Flats I found a paper plate posted to a sign with Jim Rich's name and space number. That led me to Jim and Joe Balderston. I soon learned that the plate that Jim had posted his name and space number on had no other purpose then to alert other DFF members where he was. Yeah I was kind of hoping the paper plate meant the Jim was fixing dinner, but no such luck. I was not to disappointed, I really don't know how good of a cook Jim Rich really is anyway. Before I headed out to fish the clubs' Education Chairperson explained the Damsel fly was the fly of choice on the water this weekend. Not really knowing what a Damsel Fly is or what the Damsel Fly Hatch is all about I headed out on the water at 5:00 that afternoon to fish Jenkins Point. It was not



Jim Rich with one of his catches. Photo by Joe Balderston

until almost 8:00 before I caught my first fish. I fished until the last of the sunlight was almost gone, seeing a few bugs hatching on the water I thought I would go back to shore and ask a few more questions about the Damsel Hatch. When I got back in all the cars, float tubes and pontoon boats were covered with bugs. Even the DFF Education Chairperson was covered with the bugs. At that point it didn't make any sense to start asking questions about a bug hatch that your covered with, from head to toe! Besides I think I GET IT NOW!

The next morning yielded one more fish landed, but three other fish got off. That's right, two fish landed three got off. After finishing my second year fishing Lake Davis with the club I could only conclude that this year the fish were smarter than me. I enjoyed the trip thoroughly and look forward to doing it again next year..."

Marty Kjelson shared that one of his goals for the trip was to check out fly patterns and techniques of Hal Janssen from his recent 2011, book on still water fishing. He tied some mayfly, caddis, and midge patterns and tried Hal's long leader approach, i.e. leaders over 20'. Marty had minor success but found stripping very slow was good. His best day was Thursday when he landed about 12 fish on midge larvae, PT nymphs, and sheep creek specials. He lost about 10 fish. They were all strong and from 14 to 19". Wind was tough on Friday when Marty landed only 3 fish. Saturday was better



On the trail to Cow Cove. Photo by Joe Balderston

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wind wise but only 2 landed for 3 hrs. He had a good time camping with Joe and Jim where they saw camp deer and had great comfort eating in Jim's big tent. Marty slept in his pickup which worked good but he got very tired after 5 am rises and lots of wind on the water. He couldn't catch any on damselfly, go figure, even

though they were in great abundance. A tiny mayfly hatch was super but the fish didn't seem on the take. Met some very good midge fisherman from Lake Tahoe area who uses small midge larvae, ie. # 16 and 18 in various colors. Tightly tied patterns with wire rib and some with beads but no tails of collars, not real thin

either. The guys from Tahoe used float wraps on their rods above the handle so if the rod went overboard they would float: neat idea. They all uses 2 rods with tiny indicators, fly one foot off bottom and another fly about one foot above the dropper. Overall it was a good trip but one must be patient with the wind...



Fly fishing vehicles at Jenkins Point. Photo by Bob Fujimura

A rainbow in Bob's hand. Photo by Bob Fujimura

GEAR MAINTENANCE: Clearing a gritty drag

By Bruce Rollans

Those of us who use fly reels whose drags are not fully sealed (virtually all of us) occasionally experience a problem with debris, such as sand, getting into the drag mechanism. When this happens you can usually hear and feel the consequent

rubbing or abrading against the drag components.

Before you start taking the drag apart or packaging the reel to send in for service, try this cleaning hint. First, turn the drag knob to full open. This is usually counter

clockwise as far as the knob will turn. Second, hold the reel in a bucket or sink of clean water. Third, rapidly strip about three feet of line off the reel three to five times. This should solve the problem. Finally, do this on a regular basis for preventative maintenance.

Fly fishing the Stanislaus with Mike Costello

By Bruce Rollans

Sallye took me fishing on the Stanislaus River June 27. Actually, Mike Costello rowed the 14' Koffler drift boat while Sallye sat in back catching wild trout.

We put in at Knights Ferry at 7:30 am and took out about 7 miles downstream at Orange Blossom Park around 5:00 pm. This was a long and very hot day. Mike had fished it the two previous days and the flows had been at 250 fps which is typical for August, not late June. Each day he had about 30 trout to the boat. Water temperatures at the start were 56 degrees and continued to rise up to about 64 degrees by the end of the day. Fishing was tough until about 11:00 am when Sallye began hooking up. She continued to land wild rainbow between 13 and 15 inches until she got to number

six after which I hooked my first. He tried to figure out why the difference. Rechecking the internet he found an explanation. The Army Corps of Engineers had jumped up the flows to about 400 fps earlier this morning.

Finally, I switched from my Scott G2 4 weight, a slow action dry fly rod, to a Loomis fast action 4 weight and my luck changed. We ended the day with 15 rainbow to the boat; 8 were mine. In addition I switched to a



striper rod in one very deep pool and landed a legal striper.

An apology by the editor

By Jerry Neuburger

I have to apologize for the lateness of this newsletter. It had been my intention to get it out on time and the contributors did yeoman work in providing all of the articles on time.

However, when it came to putting it together after a long day on the road or on foot, seeing the sights, my eyes would close and my head would nod before I

could even type a few words.

When we finally reached home we found both the air conditioning and electric coffee pot not working, another crisis. We soon had one fixed and purchased a replacement for the other.

Things are back to normal now and I hope to be able to do a better job in the coming months. In the mean time, sorry for the delay.

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