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President's Message by Marty Kjelson



Greetings fellow Delta Fly Fishers,

Happy New Year and I trust you had a great Christmas, with a few fly fishing items under the tree. We've had a good year with new members, enjoyable speakers, fun outings and BBQ's, tying and casting classes, various "bouts" for families, good raffles, educational, conservation and mentor involvements and special fellowship. Wow, we do all that and more! I have also gained some new friends and future fishing partners, which is always a rewarding part of life.

I want to thank all leadership and members for the support they gave the club and myself over the past year. A special thanks to those in leadership that have served so well and faithfully over the years and are ready to take a break. These include Steve Cooper – Mentor Chair, Bill Laughlin – Raffle Chair, John Keagy – Treasurer, Herman Spalinger – Newsletter editor, and Earl Summers – Outing Chair. We have some new folks filling in those recent vacant positions for which we are grateful. These include Bob Fujimura – Board member, Jerry Neuburger – Newsletter editor, Jason Stapleton – Treasurer, Steve VonBerg - Publicity Chair, and Gil Parker – Board member and Mentor Chair.

We look forward to some special outings in January to include the UC-Yuba on Jan. 5th, Discovery Bay on Jan. 19th and our Mokelumne tradition on the 1st. If weather holds we should put some fish in the net!

Our speaker for January 9th is Don Ratcliff from the USFWS. I am looking forward to his talk as the Calaveras raises some challenging biological, political, conservation, enforcement and legal questions, and it's in our backdoor!

We had an outing survey at the December 12th meeting of which to form the basis of our 2013 outing schedule. We will do our best to choose locations, interests, time of year, and diversity that will give us a good chance at a great experience. We always need volunteer Fishmiesters to lead each outing, particularly those that have a passion for a given water. And we really need a new Outing Chair.

We also have our Annual dinner, a highlight

for the club to be held January 26th. We will have a great meal, super raffle, and, as always, time to renew friendships and fib a little about all those fish that got away in 2012. We'll have a few awards to honor some folks including the "Incomplet Angler of the Year" award that many of us have earned. Hence, the "Shadow" has a difficult choice to make! Please invite some non-member friends that could be potential members as well as members that haven't signed up yet but need some urging! We thank Steve Cooper, Bill and Jean Laughlin, Charlie Reames and Bruce Rollins for all the preparation they and their teams have done. Thank them and offer to help in the setup and cleanup. You'll be glad you did.

My wife Lockey and I had a nice trip to Maui, Hawaii in early December but found the fly fishing almost nonexistent. My Six wt. rod got there and back without a single pull. My search on the web and asking locals turned up nothing though there is a fly rod guide nearby on the Island of Lanai that hunts big bonefish. I could not follow-up on that due to time restraints. Apparently, Oahu and Kauai have some bonefish waters worth trying. We did have a nice trip, including snorkeling, and saw some turtles. Boy, can they swim fast. I, like some of you, have that disease that says, "If there is water, there must be something to catch on the long pole!"

Finally, "Ones first fish on a fly". I spoke with Jim Rich and found that some 20 years ago he started tying flies. He ended up at Pinecrest Lake ready to try out his works of art on those huge planted rainbows that are very, very selective! Well, he had his big six wt. rod ready for those seven pounders and carefully observed the water for at least 40 seconds traveling in his Zodiac boat. Immediately he saw a hatch of "white flies", whatever that means. He says he forgot the scientific name. Well, with that specific information, he, of course, had the perfect pattern, a white colored dry fly. Likely a light Cahill that he saw in a Herter's catalog. The rest is history as he caught many rainbows while the hatch continued. Though the first hit scared him so much the trout went flying over his head when he struck too hard. So when you venture to Pinecrest, ask Jim to tie you up some, "white flies".

See you all on the water. Marty

Calendar

January 1, 2013 New Years Day Outing, Mokelumne at Van Assen Park

Earl & Nancy Summers, Fishmiesters

January 5, 2013 Steelhead outing, U.C. Davis property on the Yuba at Hwy. 20, Herman Spalinger, Fishmiester.

January 9, 2013 General Membership Meeting

January 10-13, 2013 ISE Show, Sacramento www.sportsexpo.com

January 16, 2013 DFF BOD meeting

January 19, 2013 Discovery Bay outing, Jerry Neuburger, Fishmiester

January 23, 2013 Fly of the Month session. Cal Bird's Bird's Nest, Instructor: Joe Balderston

January 26, 2013 Annual Dinner, Eagle's Hall, Stockton

Shad in December, well not really but it's time to plan

Sign up now for the June Shad Outings, the cutoff date is March 31

By Jerry Neuburger

December 12, 2012 -- I know it's really early to think about a one day fishing trip that won't take place until June but it's necessary if you plan to attend since the cutoff date for signing up is March 31. Last year's outing was one of the most successful of the year with everyone catching fish! In addition, the cost is very reasonable at \$140 per person for the day, including an outstanding barbecue!

The outing is put on by Wayne Syn, Orland Outfitters. Anglers meet at Hamilton City on the Sacramento River at 11:30am and are taken by jet boat to a selected

gravel bar on the river unreachable except by boat. Once there, the guides assist those new to the fishery in getting dialed in. Once everyone is set up and catching fish, the guides fire up the barbecue. Last year the menu started with bacon wrapped, cheese stuffed jalapeno peppers followed by an all you can eat chicken dinner. The fishing ends at about 8:00pm allowing just enough light for everyone to get back to the launch ramp and loaded up for the way home.

The club has two dates scheduled, Sunday, June 2 and Saturday, June 8. We can schedule 16 anglers per date. YOU MAY

BRING A GUEST since we'll be fishing public water. Again, the cutoff date for signups is March 31 and all fees must be paid by that time. **This is a no refund trip. You are however allowed to sell your spot to someone else if your plans change and you have to cancel.** Checks should be made to, "The Delta Fly Fishers" and given to Jerry Neuburger or Jason Stapleton. An on-line roster for each day will be on the website.

[Click here for the event wrap up article.](#)

[Click here for pictures of last year's outing.](#)

Tips for the Novice Fly Fisher

Fly Selection

By Bob Fujimura

"Popular patterns work"...despite the thousands of flies sold, most experienced anglers often rely on a few and often common patterns when they fish new or familiar waters. These patterns are commonly available in local shops and are easily learned by reading basic fishing technique books or fly fishing reports or by asking other fishers or fly shop staff.

"Size is important"...fish will often fail to take flies that significantly different in size than what they are currently eating. Often "missed" strikes are often refusals based on size and a common mistake is using a too large of fly. If you aren't getting strikes in a location that you know has fish, try reducing the size of your fly especially in areas that are heavily fished.

"Subsurface patterns work more often"...most fish are predominantly feeding below the surface of the water. Although it is more difficult to see fish take subsurface flies, subsurface patterns such as nymphs and streamers are definitely the most productive flies to catch more and larger fish. This is the choice of professionals when they guide novice anglers.

Make it an "outing!" Meet for breakfast and carpool to the show

Breakfast and a show: The Sacramento ISE

By Jerry Neuburger

January 1, 2013. Cal Expo, CA -- [The International Sportsman's Exposition](#) is rolling into Sacramento and will be held at Cal Expo from January 10 through the 13th. The show features vendor booths on fishing and hunting, live seminars, a display of outdoor equipment from trucks to tent trailers and a number of personalities well known in the hunting and fishing community.

In addition to the various commercial booths, the Saturday [Fly Fishing Theater](#) features [The Shadow of Shasta--Best of Shasta](#)

the Best: Craig Nielsen, **Fly Fishing for Delta Stripers:** John Sherman, **Sight-Fishing Secrets--Approach, Presentation, Fighting:** Landon Mayer, **Steelheading the NW:** Brian O'Keefe, co-owner, CATCH MAGAZINE, **Fly Fishing's Bucket List:** Pat Vermillion, **Fly Fishing the Truckee River:** Mikey Wier, **Great Fishing within One Hour of Sacramento:** Mark Pinto, and **Tenkara, a Different Way to Fly Fish:** Daniel Galhardo. Want to try a hand at Spey

casting? Jeff Putnam will offer Spey casting lessons at an outdoor pool from 11:30 through 4:30.

If you want to turn the event into an "outing" and save a little money on parking at the same time, meet your fellow DFFers at [Denny's](#) on Kettlemann Lane (Hwy. 12 and Hwy. 99), in



Lodi at 8am for breakfast and then carpool to the show. The Saturday hours for the ISE are from 10:00am to 7:00pm. Parking at Cal Expo is \$10 and admission is \$15. Admission discount tickets can be found at various retail businesses. If you come across any, bring a pile with you to breakfast and pass them out. You'll be the most popular guy at breakfast.

Ron Forbes reports on the Moke-lumne hatchery salmon count

December 5, 2013 -- Last week I left a message at the Mokelumne Fish Hatchery and received a call back Tuesday. They don't have current totals but as of Nov. 20:

- . 10,663 Chinooks have returned
- . 5,939 Chinook have been harvested
- . 4.8 million eggs taken
- . 45 Steelhead passed through the EBMUD facility

The fellow at the hatchery says it's a good run with no trouble taking fish. Hopefully we will get a run to compare with the 2010-2012 season. That was over 17,700 fish through the counter. I'll call back after Christmas for a final total.

Sierra Anglers Fly Shop

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The EBMUD funded hatchery at the base of Camanche Dam on the Mokelumne. Photo courtesy of California Department of Fish and Game

L-3 Rods Larry Lee,
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DFF Equipment Review

Redington Sonic Pro Jacket; "I really like the higher quality rubber gasket cuffs."

By Bob Fujimura

I recently retired my Redington Stratus I wading jacket. It was a great starter jacket; but the material is too light for heavy rain. After looking at various jackets I chose another Redington, the Sonic Pro as a replacement.

The Sonic-Pro Jacket is made from the tough material used in their Sonic-Pro waders and like the wader uses non sewn seams. Seams are welded using ultrasonic energy. In my first field trial, the jacket was definitely more water resistant than my older jacket although the material is less breathable.



I really like the higher quality rubber gasket cuffs; they seem to keep water out of my sleeves when immersed unlike lower cost wading jackets. Chest

pockets are pleasantly spacious and hold my standard sized fly boxes without extending the front of the jacket. So far, I am very pleased with this jacket and would recommend it.

Redington products are carried at most of our local fly shops.



The jacket features a close fitting rubber cuff that keeps most of the water out, even on quick immersions. Photo by Bob Fujimura.



The no-sew seams are welded using ultrasonic energy. Photo by Bob Fujimura

There's still time brother...

Don't forget the Mokelumne on New Year's Day!

By Jerry Neuburger

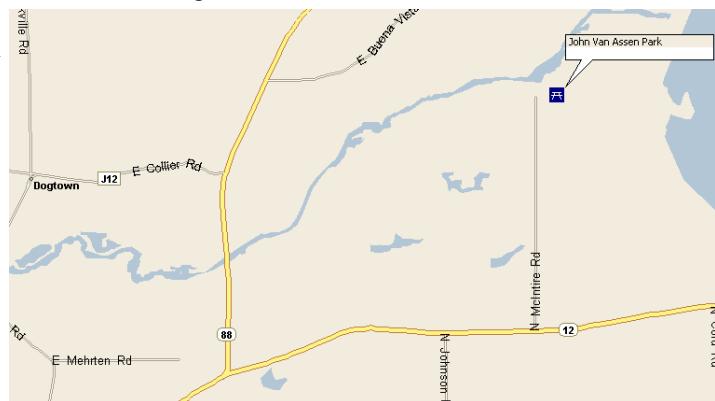
December 28, 2012. Lodi, CA -- Ok, if it's New Years Day morning, get out from under those blankets, get dressed, bundle up and fire up the trusty old fishing jalopy, it's time to head up to Van Assen Park for the celebration of the next year's fly fishing opportunities and a chance to put the hurt to a Mokelumne River steelhead.

Bundle up and plan to arrive around day-break. Coffee or cocoa and donuts are waiting as a reward. If you plan to fish, bring your gear and don't forget your 2013 fishing license. The day will offer a good chance to try out the flies you tied at the December fly tying session, the Prince Nymph and the Pheasant Tail Nymph.

If not fishing, hang around and give moral support to those brave enough to venture into the chilly stream. Following the traditions of many years past, Earl and Nancy Summers are planning a fantastic lunch featuring tube steaks and chili, with all the condiments you could ask for.

The Rose Bowl (Stanford vs. Wisconsin) doesn't start until 2 pm and the national championship game, Notre Dame vs. Alabama is

not until January 7th. So don't be a couch potato. Get up, get out, and get fishing!



Van Assen Park is located at the base of Camanche Dam. To reach the park travel east on Hwy. 12 past the junction with Hwy. 88. Turn left on McIntire Road. The park is on the right at the end of the road.

The Yuba gets a second chance on January 5th

December 11, 2013. -- After a frustrating week leading up to the scheduled December 1st outing on the Yuba being cancelled because of torrents of rain and roily rivers, a second attempt will be made to fish the river on January 5th. All of the previous instructions still apply, with the participants meeting at the side road on the west side of the Hwy. 20 bridge at 7:30 to caravan into the U.C. Davis private water access. Herman Spalinger is still the designated Fishmiester but may have to bow out due to after Christmas travel commitments.

Those planning to attend should check with Herman to confirm that the outing is a go and for any last minute instructions. The original plans were to provide a club lunch but the circumstances may dictate that those attending provide their own snacks and lunch. Herman's e-mail is pontuber36@att.net, phone 477-3412.

The [previous flyer on the outing, including a link to a month-by-month hatch chart can be found on-line](#). The flyer contains a map and a suggested equipment list.

Now you can access the club's website and the club's Facebook



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The January 19th Outing: It's time to give Disco Bay a second try

by Jerry Neuburger

December 11, 2012 - Last year's outing to Discovery Bay had its good and bad points. The good; it was a fun day with lots of DFFers showing up and trying their best to stick a stripers. And secondly, we had a great lunch! The bad; only Mike Okazaki caught any fish and he caught those outside the bay in Indian Slough. Half way through the day we were told by the harbormaster that the bay had recently been treated for invasive weeds and since that time, very few fish were caught.

This outing should produce different results. Reports indicate that fish have been found in the bay since late spring, sometimes in good numbers, sometimes only a few. However, that's the nature of stripers fishing, sometimes you find 'em, sometimes you don't.

Date: January 19, 2013

Time: 8:00am (Gate to marina does not open until this time)

Location: Discovery Bay Marina and launch ramp

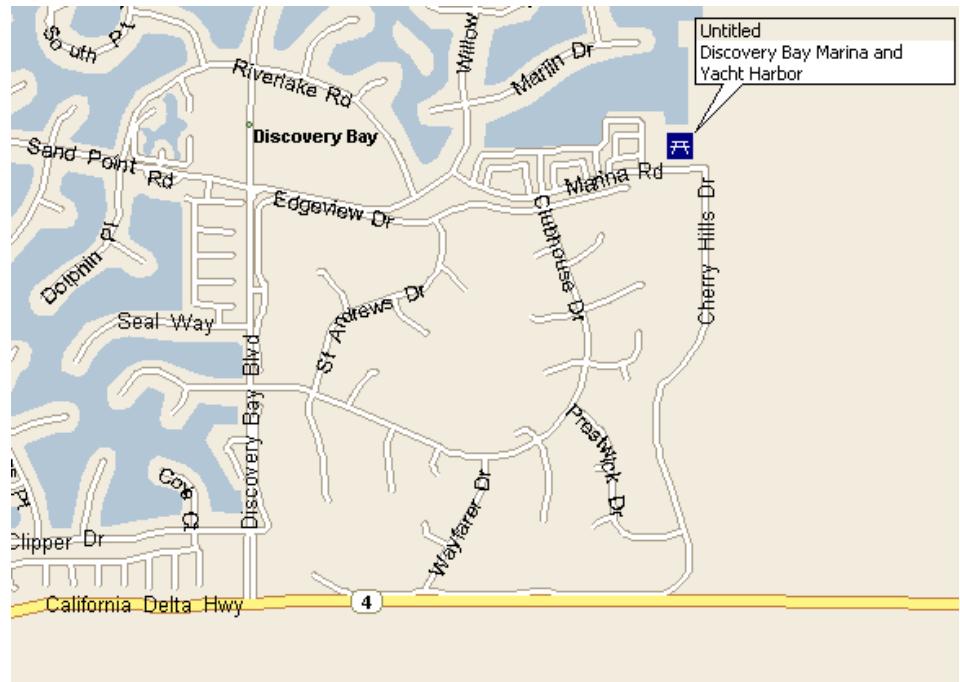
Fishmiester: Jerry Neuburger

Species: Striped bass

Morning warm up and lunch provided by club members Bruce and Sallye Rollans. And what a lunch, **homemade beef stew, sourdough bread and a glass of red wine** to wash it down and warm the tummy.



The dapper Joe "Steelhead" Balderston and his orange over black pontoon boat at the 2012 Disco Bay outing.



To get to the marina take Discovery Bay Blvd. north to Marina Road. Turn right on Marina Road and continue on to the yacht harbor.

Recommended Equipment:

Seven to nine weight rod

Reel with quick sinking line and backing
(T-14, LC 13, 350 grain integrated preferred)

4 foot #20 leader

Flies: Clousers, whistlers, deceivers, other proven stripers flies 1/0 to 3/0
Float tube, pontoon boat, skiff, canoe, kayak, boat

Waders if necessary

Fins if necessary

Warm clothing

Hat

Sun glasses

Rain gear if necessary

2013 Fishing License ([now available online](#))

If you plan to attend, please indicate your attendance on the club's Facebook event page so we know how many to plan for lunch. [Just check the join tab on the upper right hand side of the page.](#)



Bruce Rollans serving Rich Greene a tasty cheeseburger patty with John Highsmith in background. 2012 Disco Bay outing.

Kiene's Fly Shop
2654 Marconi Ave, Sacramento, CA 95821
Toll Free USA - (800) 400-0359 (Jan 2013)

Excellent Adventures
Al Smatsky, 619 West Pine Street, Lodi, CA 95240
209 368-9261 (Jan 2013)

January's speaker from U.S. Fish and Wildlife will speak on Central Valley salmon and the obstacles they face in reaching spawning gravel

January's speaker is Mr. Don Ratcliff, a fisheries biologist, habitat restoration coordinator and fish passage coordinator with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. He will speak on the common limiting factors to salmon and steelhead production we see in Central Valley systems. He'll present the rationale related to why the service thinks connectivity/barriers are likely the greatest limiting factor to migratory fish in the streams and

rivers such as Consumes, Mokelumne and especially the Calaveras.

Mr. Ratcliff has a Bachelor's degree in Freshwater Fisheries from Humboldt State University and a Master's degree in Aquatic Ecology from Utah State University. Mr. Ratcliff has an extensive background in designing, permitting, implementing, and monitoring aquatic restoration and fish passage projects. He has

over 10 years of experience as a fisheries biologist and aquatic ecologist with federal agencies. He is passionate about educating the public about aquatic ecosystems and the need for collaborative stewardship and restoration of our nation's waterways.

The February meeting will take place at the [John R. Williams School, 2450 Meadow Avenue Stockton, CA](#) on Wednesday, January 9, 2013 at 7pm.

Member directory coming out February 1st

We're on a Roll: Delta Fly Fishers membership tops 100

By Bob Fujimura

December 27, 2012 — We just completed our new membership renewal season and our club membership is currently 103 members strong. Thank all of our renewing and new members who make up our community.

The Board of Directors has approved a new membership initiative. Club members will receive a phone directory of club members in February to help us con-



nect with other members. The directory will include member's names, their city

of residence, and their primary phone number.

Members wanting to exclude their listing or phone number must contact the Membership Chair, Bob Fujimura at deltaflyfishers@gmail.com or by phone at (209) 339-0683 by January 31, 2013.

The directories will be sent in the same manner as the membership receives their newsletter subscriptions.

[New Member application form](#)

A Restoration Success Story

Battle Creek, Where the Salmon Come From

"What most tourists term a plague of insects, the fly fisher calls a great hatch."

----- Patrick F. McManus

Battle Creek

My first attempt at steelhead fishing was with my father on Battle Creek 34 years ago. We took the Jelly's Ferry exit off I-5 past Red Bluff and drove about 14 miles to the old federal Coleman Fish Hatchery. After walking downstream about a quarter of a mile, we tied on Silver Hiltons, the hot fly that year, and waded into the creek past our waists and began casting. After quarter-casting for half an hour with no results, I was hit in my tush by something powerful. Two other fly fishers swear I came out of the water three feet straight up. As my father and the two convulsed in laughter, I looked around to see what had "attacked" me. It was a 20-

25 lb. Chinook heading upstream to spawn. After my heart stopped pounding, I looked around to see between 12-15 other Chinook moving up stream. After getting bumped four or five more times, I learned to ignore the irritation.

We had fished for over four hours with no results and it was about one half hour before sunset. As I walked downstream, I came across two makeshift planks into the creek surrounded on both sides by wild blackberry plants. Anyone catching a fish could not possibly land it in that location, but I didn't think about that. On my first cast, I thought I was snagged and gave a frustrated yank on my rod. The steelhead came out of the water and made its first run upstream. After it took all of my fly line and half my backing, I started thinking about how much backing I had on the reel. Somehow, I turned the fish and as it shot downstream I thought, "Now I have it." Again, it took out my fly

line plus all my backing. As it snapped my 5x tippet, (another mistake) it didn't even slow down. I have great memories of Battle Creek.

About six years ago, I wrote a conservation article about restoring 42 miles of prime Battle Creek spawning area and the plans to restore its fisheries. The plan included increasing water flow, elimination of mixing both the north and south forks of Battle Creek, and the removal of five hydroelectric diversion dams along with other important restoration projects. In 1999, Pacific Gas and Electric (PGE), the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), and the California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) came to an agreement and signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), and arranged for funding the project. However, before the project started, a local

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rancher who owned property on Battle Creek filed suit to prevent the restoration from going forward. He had placed nets or screens both up and down stream on the creek, had planted trophy trout in the enclosure and was operating a pay-for-play operation. His suit brought the project to a halt and threatened stop it completely. That was the situation when my last article finished. However, when the case was presented to a judge, he found the plaintiff's case without merit and dismissed the suit. His judgment years of legal haggling and allowed the project to move forward. A year and a half ago, at a NCCFFF board meeting at Lake McCumber, a member of the Greater Battle Creek Watershed Working Group and a representative PG&E made a presentation showing the progress made on the Battle Creek restoration by the coalition of groups involved.

The Importance of Battle Creek and the Battle Creek Salmon and Steelhead Restoration Project (BCSSRP)

One of the main reasons Battle Creek is an excellent site for a restoration project is its geomorphic location. It was formed by volcanic rock erupting from the Cascades a few million years ago, and the creek is formed by a large number of deep springs that provide an excellent source of cold water year round. Despite its relatively low elevation, the springs provide the cold water needed for anadromous fish to complete their life cycle. Battle Creek has three tributaries; they are Baldwin Creek and its North and South Forks. Its drainage is about 370 square miles and it flows into the Sacramento River. The Battle Creek watershed has about 250 miles of fish-bearing streams and 87 miles of river suitable for both salmon and steelhead.



Battle Creek Watershed. Photo courtesy of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

The BCSSRP is again moving ahead and

One of the diversion dam on Battle Creek that will benefit from a fish ladder. Photo courtesy of NOAA.

will allow for the restoration habitat of the four fish populations listed. On completion, it will add 42 miles of prime spawning habitat for anadromous fish and an additional six miles of tributary spawning access. It is hoped this will enhance the growth and populations of both the salmon and steelhead listed.

The project is made up of two parts with the first having been completed. The BCSSRP has a variety of goals. Some of these are:

- 1) The removal of five PG&E dams
- 2) To stop the intermingling of flows between the north and south forks
- 3) Placing fish ladders and screens on several diversion dams

The major importance of Battle creek is its four historic and still-existing runs of:

- 1) -Spring run Chinook (Endangered)
- 2) Valley Spring-run Chinook (Threatened)
- 3) Valley Fall and late Fall Chinook (Species of Concern)
- 4) Valley Steelhead (Threatened)

4) Increasing water flows

The first dam was built in the early 1900's and was followed by four others, which eliminated 42 miles of prime-spawning habitat. Wildcat Dam has been removed and will be followed by the others in Part Two of the restoration. The other dams to be removed are the Lower Ridge Creek, Soap Creek Feeder, Coleman, and South Dam. Signs of improvement are already beginning to show.

Ten years prior to the removal of Wildcat Dam, an average 10% of the salmon redds were found upstream from the dam. After Wildcat Dam's removal, 33% of the redds are now found above the former dams site.

The federal Coleman Fish Hatchery is located on Battle Creek and was built in 1942. This was attempt to maintain salmon and steelhead for both commercial and sport fishing because of the loss of natural habitat due to the building of Shasta and Keswick Dams. In researching this report, I talked

with one of Coleman Hatchery's spokesman, Scott Hamelberg, who told me the hatchery produces over 12 million Chinook and 600,000 steelhead smolts annually. To date, they have had over 1 million Chinook return to spawn, but will not have a final steelhead count until after the run ends in March.

One "bone of contention" in re-establishing the 42 miles of spawning ground is the source of the fish to be used. The Coleman Hatchery people want use only hatchery fish. In speaking with Sharon Paquin-Gilmore, Watershed Coordinator for the Battle Creek Watershed Conservancy, they and others in the coalition, want to use native fish to establish and biodiversity. This issue has yet to be resolved.

Both phases of Part 1 of the project have been finished and Part 2 has started. Hopefully, the second half will be completed in the next several years. Given

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A scaled down budget, a year's outing schedule, a membership recruitment incentive, two new committee chairs, the annual dinner raffle, new advertising guidelines for the website and newsletter

Year's last board meeting produces some big decisions for 2013

December 20, 2012 Oak Grove Park-- Well, if the Mayans are right and the world ends tomorrow, the board of directors spent a lot time in planning for 2013 needlessly. But bets are on that the Mayan "curse" is nothing more than a typo. First on the agenda was a proposed annual budget for the coming year. With an anticipated reduction in income because of the end of the monthly raffle and poor annual dinner sales to date, income estimates were scaled down to less than \$12,000 for the year. Even with the reduced income, expected expenses for the year currently exceed \$14,000. The club does have a significant cushion and can sustain some deficit spending but it is hoped that some additional income can be generated in current and new programs.

The board approved a full year's outing schedule which includes old favorites like Davis Lake, Pyramid Lake and Bridgeport but also included two visits to the Lower Sacramento at Redding, a July outing to the high country of Caples, Silver and Red Lakes and local outings on the American River, O'Neill Forebay and Discovery Bay. The final dates will be set at the next board meeting.

Bob Fujimura suggested several new ideas in recruitment and retention of members as well as reporting on the club's current membership. The principal

program involves a rebate on Club membership dues for those that recruit new members throughout the year.

Veteran member and past president, Steve VonBerg attended his first board meeting. Steve stepped forward to chair the Publicity Committee. Steve's past experience should serve the club well in promoting club activities and gaining new members. New board member Gil Parker volunteered to take command of the Mentoring Chair. Both Gil and Steve plan to work closely with Membership Chair Bob Fujimura and Webmaster/Newsletter editor Jerry Neuburger to spread the word about the club's activities and membership benefits.

The club still has two vacant chairs, Outings and Raffles. Each of these committees is crucial to the club's activities for the year. As it is right now, the board is handling the duties generally but without the attention that only a responsible chair can provide. Earl Summers, although resigning Outing

Chair at the November meeting because of work conflicts (managing the sprint car program at 99 Speedway, a pretty fun job!) states he and his wife Nancy

will do what they can until someone steps up to take on the Outing Chair responsibilities.

Bill Laughlin reported that the annual dinner raffle will be a good one with six rods, motorized float tubes, and numerous other prizes for both the general raffle and silent auction. In looking at the list, it appears that the total value of the prizes exceeds \$5,000.

The newsletter and website continue to evolve under the direction of Webmaster/Editor Jerry Neuburger. Jerry introduced a comprehensive advertising program for both the newsletter and website that should provide good value for advertisers and provide the club with additional funds and items for the two annual raffles. The newsletter and website will now exhibit advertisers ads with graphics and links to their websites. The ads will be based on the value of the contribution in cash or goods in kind. The ads will start in the February issue of the newsletter.

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Delta Fly Fishers are proud members of this S.H.A.R.E.S card program. Use their free card (obtainable from John Keagy) when purchasing food at these stores, and Delta Fly Fishers receives a percentage of your sales each quarter.

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For additional information please phone or e-mail Jerry Neuburger, Editor 209-369-5752

Your presence is requested!

Gigantic Raffle and Silent Auction at annual dinner to be Bill Laughlin's swan song as Raffle Chair

December 20, 2013 Oak Grove Park — Bill Laughlin will be stepping down after the annual dinner as the club's raffle chair after years of steady and dedicated service. However, Bill plans to go out with a bang rather than a whimper!

The grand prize in the general raffle is a brand new pontoon boat. Other items include seven fly rods, gear bags, a chest pack, fly lines, fishing shirts and jackets in various sizes, fly tying materials, fleece jackets, storm jackets, and boxes of flies

Two of the grand prizes in the silent auc-

tion will be two motorized Outcast float tubes. They come fully equipped other than the batteries. Guided trips include a trip for shad, two passes to Kelsey Bass Ranch, and a full day and a half day on the delta and a smallmouth trip. The total value of the guided trips exceeds \$1,400.

Additional silent auction items include wading boots and waders, float tube fins, a battery charger, six books on fly fishing, pontoon oars and seven boxes of specialty flies.

The revenue from the raffle and silent auction is a major source of income and

funds the club's activities throughout the year and conservation efforts for local fisheries.

Other activities at the dinner will be the installation of the 2013 officers and board and presentation of the Fly Fisher of the Year, the Don Payne and the Incomplet Angler Awards.

The dinner is open to the public as well as club members. Members are encouraged to invite their friends, especially those that might be interested in joining the club.

36th ANNUAL DELTA FLY FISHERS, Inc DINNER, RAFFLE & SILENT AUCTION

Saturday, January 26, 2013

Eagle Lodge 1492 Bourbon St.
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Social Hour appetizers and no host bar 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Dinner served family style beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Prepared by Steve Cooper, Tony Ott and a cast of many

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Meal Choice

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Battle Creek's abundant source of year round cold water, the re-opening of 42 miles of prime spawning ground, and the pre-existing salmonid fishery, all point to a successful project. Fortunately, Battle Creek faces none of the huge problems

facing the San Joaquin River Restoration Project.

When the project is completed and the new section opens for fishing, I'll volunteer to be the Fishmiester for Delta Fly Fishers first steelhead outing on Battle

Creek.

Hey, everyone should experience the "thrill" of unexpectedly hit in the butt by a 20-25 lbs salmon!

Ron Forbes

Don't forget to buy your 2013 fishing license!

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