

Delta Fly Fishers, Inc.

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Fly Fishing!

President's Message by Marty Kjelson



Greetings my fellow DFF friends.

Fall is finally here and hopefully we are all ready to wet lines for steelhead, stripers, trout, salmon and all other challenging species. We've had some nice opportunities these past two months and I look forward to those coming up soon. It's been good to see some new members getting out. I encourage each of you to introduce yourself to them and invite them fishing or to simply have coffee (or hot chocolate for us young people). Thanks for all who came and contributed to our October potluck with super food, fellowship and a great movie on our valuable Delta waters. Thanks to Jim Rich, Jerry Neuburger, and Al Smatsky for helping make the media work well. Looks like our Feather River steelhead outing should be good too with flows and hopefully the fish cooperating. Please take the time to inform yourselves with the many activities available to you in our club. Our home page is filled with good, accurate information that is updated regularly.

We find ourselves at that time of year where we will need to establish our officers, Board and committee chairs for 2013. As I've said in past messages, consider offering your services, and/or nominations for folks you feel would fit one of these roles. We have several "to-be vacancies" that will need to be filled. Some of you may feel intimidated to volunteer as you've not had the experience, etc. etc. One way would be to agree to be a co-chair or mentee for one of the positions where a member leader would work side by side with you. You won't be disappointed. When we "spread the load" no one feels

overworked or "burnt out". Some of our people have been "in the saddle" a long time and need a break. We will need nominees for Board positions before our member meeting on Nov 14th where the membership will vote. Thereafter the Board will appoint nominated officers and committee chairs. Important: We will need 35% of paid members to meet a quorum for the vote, so please attend. Any questions or nominations, call me or a Board member. Thanks.

A few items of importance and interest: The Board voted to rejoin the Northern California Counsel of the Federation of Fly Fishers, NCCFFF. This will give us a greater voice in the fly fishing world, particularly in the conservation efforts. Continued thanks to our Conservation chair, Ron Forbes, as he becomes more and more involved in Delta issues. By the way, our Board minutes are available to read to better inform you of the many tasks they do to keep our club running well and effectively. Our membership dues will be past due at the end of October. Please get them in soon and ask a friend to join. He/she won't be disappointed.

Our speaker for November is Robert Tamson who will give us ideas as to how to fish the South Texas coast on a limited budget. Should be good. Charlie Reames will lead our Trout Bout on Nov. 17th. Come out and help with the basic food sales, administering of prizes and to show young potential fly fishers how to catch fish. I look forward to helping "guide" members to O'Neill Forebay on Nov. 10th. While we may not catch many 67 pound stripers, (See DFF web photo - Ha) I'm sure we'll have plenty of schoolies to bend our rods. Jerry will hold a fly tying class for that outing on Nov 7th. I'll also be there

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November 28, DFF Board Meeting

December Events

December 1, Steelhead outing, U.C. Davis property on the Yuba at Hwy. 20

December 5, Fly of the Month Tying Session: Mokelumne River flies: Instructor TBA

December 8, NCCFFF Board Meeting, Elks Lodge, Fremont www.nccfff.org

December 12, General Membership Meeting: Members Program Night

December 19, DFF Board Meeting



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to answer questions.

I read recently in Trout magazine that there are four stages of fishing. 1) when you want to catch a fish, 2) when you want to catch lots of fish, 3) when you want to catch big fish and 4) when you want to be able to fish. Hopefully we continue to

enjoy most all of these stages but if you're in stage 4, be thankful.

Marty.

November Speaker Program

Robert Tamson - Fly Fishing South Texas



Robert's program at the November meeting will be on saltwater fly fishing opportunities on the expansive flats of the Laguna Madre as well as the remote beaches of the Gulf of Mexico in South Texas. He has extensive fly fishing experience in these waters by spending the last several summers living in South Padre Island, Texas. He will share with us: when and where, local techniques, gear and flies needed, etc. while pursuing Redfish, Sea Trout, Tarpon, Snook and other fun fish found in South Texas **without the need of hiring a guide**. If time allows, he may also talk a little about southern Florida's gulf coast fly fishing opportunities on a budget, also unguided.

A native Californian, Robert has been flinging flies at all types of fish since age 11. Currently and for the last 12 years, Robert holds the position as Director of both the Wilderness Unlimited Fly Fishing School and the Becoming an Outdoors Woman of California fly fishing programs. Now mostly retired from his real job as a Real Estate Broker, He puts in over 150 days on the water annually in both fresh and saltwater. Robert is also in-

involved in completing both a fly fishing film "Redfish Summer" and working on his first book "Fly Fishing Naked", coming soon! Don't worry, he's not a fly fishing nudist! ...the book will be a discussion on the Zen philosophy of "less is more" in relation to our sport!



The program will be presented at the John R. Williams School, 2450 Meadow Avenue Stockton at 7:30pm on Wednesday, November 14th. The meeting is open to the public.

The November 10th Outing

O'Neill Forebay Outing



Date: November 10th

Time: 7:00am

Fishmeister: Marty Kjelson

Location: O'Neill Forebay, Santa Nella. See Map (Access fee required) O'Neill Forebay and San Luis Reservoir form the San Luis Joint Use Complex for the State Water Project and the Federal Central Valley Project. They are an integral part of the system of canals that export water from the delta to the south state.

Directions: Drive 66 miles south on I-5 from central Stockton. Exit at Hwy 33 west. Continue for three miles south on Hwy 33 and then turn west onto Hwy. 152. Drive west for three miles on Hwy 152 to the entrance to O'Neill Forebay on the right side of the road. Continue past the control booth to the club rendezvous location approximately one mile past the booth on the water side. (The circled P on the accompanying map.)

Details: O'Neill Forebay is part of the CVP and the SWP canal system, originating in the delta and supplying water to the south state. The system has been in place since the late 60's. Twelve huge pumps feed the system from Clifton Court Forebay in the south delta. These pumps move as much as 6 million acre feet of delta water annually. In the pumping process, eggs and larvae of many delta species are carried into the canal system and because

of that, a somewhat healthy striped bass fishery exists in the various impoundments and canals along the way. At one point, the fish exported into the system and those spawned in the system were supplemented with hatchery raised striped bass. This stocking no longer occurs but a sizable resident population of stripers remain in the two reservoirs. In fact, the state record for striped bass came from O'Neill Forebay, a 67½ pound fish, caught by Hank Ferguson in O'Neill Forebay on May 7, 1992.

While O'Neill is known for high winds in spring, summer and early fall, late fall brings on ideal weather for fishing, cool calm days and cold nights. Because the forebay is not great in size, float tubers, pontoon boats, and other small craft can be used successfully. Additional information including camping and fishing regulations can be found in the California State Parks San Luis State Recreation Area brochure.

Camping: Camping is available both at the forebay at the San Luis Creek Campground (see brochure, call for reservations and fees) and at the Santa Nella RV Park 13023 State Hwy 33, Gustine, CA 95322 (209) 826-3105 (888) 826-3105 Free. \$31.00 including cable, 10% discount AAA and Good Sam membership.

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Club Lunch: Bob Fujimura has volunteered to help with the lunch and is asking for another member to assist with this meal. Please contact Marty Kjelson at 477-9618 if you can volunteer.

Equipment:

- California Fishing license
- Float tube, pontoon boat, pram, kayak, canoe, boat
- Life jacket
- Net
- Waders, fins if necessary
- Warm clothing
- Hat
- Sun glasses
- Sun block
- 7 to 9 weight rod
- Reel with drag preferred
- Sinking line, type IV through lead core or T-14
- 20# leader, 4-6 feet, no taper necessary
- Striper flies; clousers, deceivers, whistlers, etc

The club's November Fly Tying Session scheduled for November 7th will feature Jerry's Simple Clouser in two sizes and colors, perfect for the O'Neill outing.

WARNING: Any floating device, pontoon boat, float tube, boat, must be clean and dry and subject to inspection. Any sign that the device may be contaminated with invasive species such as mud snails, zebra or quagga mussels will be cause to disallow the use of the device.



The December 1st outing on the Yuba should be a good one!

Only 20 anglers allowed, sign-ups are going fast. [Sign up instructions here!](#)



by Jerry Neuburger
October 7, 2012 - Lodi, CA -The club will get a second shot at fishing some private water on the Yuba River above Daguerre Point Dam this coming December 1st. The property is owned by the University of California at Davis and is a research facility. While fisheries management is not a primary part of the research station, the private ownership of access allows the university to manage the river as a wild trout and steelhead fishery. The river is closed during the late fall for the steelhead and salmon runs but opens for angling on December 1st, the day of the outing. Once the river opens up, the university staff allows local fly fishing clubs to sign up for a single visit per year on a Saturday. Access is limited to 20 anglers per club. DFF was lucky enough to get the first day the river is open and although the actual date, December 1st, falls within the 2012 year, the visit is part of the 2013 calendar.

The club drew March 31st as its outing date for 2012. The day turned out to be a gully washer. The river was up and slightly off color and the wind was howling. Never the less, twenty of the club's hardest anglers showed up and even managed to catch a few fish.

Fishmiester Herman Spalinger took charge of the groceries and cooking and had his hands full, first setting up in a small sheltered area in the parking lot that was out of the wind and then, with a little help, moving the whole operation to the permanent covered patio when the wind slowed slightly. With the adverse weather, the hot drinks and food hit the spot. Herman has signed up again as fishmiester but warns that he plans to get in his share of fishing this year and would appreciate some kitchen help.

A [complete outing description](#) is available on-line including date, location, equipment needed, recommended flies, camping

options, etc. The sign up list and sign up instructions are part of the sheet.

Fishing may get even better on this stretch of water in the future. While some steelhead and salmon do navigate the fish ladder at Daguerre Point Dam, the facility itself is old and almost non functional. The dam, owned by the Army Corps of Engineers, was constructed in 1906 as a trap for silt generated by hydraulic gold mining in the drainage above. Plans are underway to dismantle the structure but some environmental concerns have to be dealt with including the disposal of huge amounts of silt trapped upstream of the dam.



Jerry and Jeanette Neuburger drinking some of Herman's coffee on a wet day on the Yuba. Even so, it was a fun day.

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DFF turns out in force for Stockton Steelhead Festival



Additional Photos on the website [Photo Gallery](#)

by Jerry Neuburger

October 7, 2012 -Stockton, CA -- Members of the Delta Fly Fishers manned three booths and the casting demonstration area at the one day Stockton Steelhead Festival held on Sunday at U.O.P. The club joined numerous organizations including the [NCCFFE](#), [Restore the Delta](#), [Trout Unlimited](#), the [U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service](#) and at least 15 other groups in promoting the restoration of the Calaveras River and the return of salmon and steelhead to its waters.

It turned out to be a tough weekend for festivals with numerous



Bob and Jean Fujimura's great new booth back wall is simple but makes a nice

venues going on in San Francisco, the Lodi Street Faire, the 49'ers playing a 1:30pm game and various other regional events. Even so, the booths had a constant string of visitors and thankfully, lots of young people, the anglers and conservationists of tomorrow.

Earl Summers, John and Karen Keagy and Herman Spalinger helped set up the booths in the morning before the festival started. Bob and Jean Fujimura built a very attractive visual background for one of the booths including photos and a display of the [Delta Challenge Certificate](#). They manned the booth for the whole day and helped recruit two new members, Bill Aaron and Vernon D'Souza.

Jim Rich, Larry Schmidt and Rick Greene manned the casting demonstration booth and took on all comers from little kids to

seniors, giving basic lessons in fly flinging. Herman Spalinger displayed some of his beautiful wood carving and boxes of flies for various fisheries. Joe Balderston, Leo Gutterres, Al Smatsky and Bob Souza tied flies and chatted with interested members of the public.

Bill Laughlin organized a special drawing with a reel as a prize for the members who showed up to help. The winner had to be present to win and the prize was won by Ron Forbes, who was the head honcho for the entire event, a fitting prize for his efforts.

Bruce and Sallye Rollans shared a booth with Herman and showed photos of their latest adventure on the lower Sac; photos that absolutely glowed with the bright rainbow colors of the fish.

President Marty Kjelson, Charlie Reames, Dan McDaniel, Loyal Hall and Al Tschantz-Hahn Jr. circulated among the visitors and extolled the benefits of joining our club and yours truly, showed up towards the end of the festival to take a few pictures.



Jim Rich explaining the basics of casting a fly rod to a group of potential fly fishers.

Although most of the people manning the booths had hoped for a few more people, those attending were engaged and asking questions, perhaps something that might not have happened with larger crowds. This was the second annual running of this event. Hopefully, the organizers will continue their efforts until the Calaveras is flowing to the delta, clean and strong with returning schools of salmon and steelhead. If that comes to pass, the efforts by all those involved will have been well worth it.

Delta Stripers

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ADG Titanium Titan'Fly Rods

ADG, Inc., International Marketing,
P.O. Box 441403, Aurora, CO 80044-1403

Virginia Lakes Resort

John & Carolyn (CJ) Webb
HC62 Box, Bridgeport, CA 93517-4602

Sierra Anglers Fly Shop

700 McHenry Ave, Suite D, Modesto, CA 95350



Rainbows from Redding

by Bruce Rollans

October 6, 2012, Redding, CA -- Sallye and I floated the Sacramento out of Redding October 5 and 6. Our guide, Todd Cancilla, had been guiding the Trinity, but came home to Redding for these two days. The salmon were just beginning to make redds and the trout had been acting confused, not sure if they should stage up behind the salmon or chase bugs, so we began nymphing with a golden stonefly nymph as our top fly followed by a bead then trailed by a caddis nymph. Immediately we started getting hits on the bead so we changed our setup, fishing two beads and had a terrific first day with 37 of these big boys to the boat. We had no less that 20 fish that were LDRS.

The second day we decided to do the same float, from Posse Grounds to the RV Park take-out with much the same result; 31 fish to the boat and another 20 plus LDRS. We did notice the grab on this second day was much faster, especially on the release so the fish must have remembered the beating they took the first day. In all, we had only two fish below 16" with most between 18" and 22". Sallye proved once again the back seat position in any drift boat she uses catches as many, if not more, as the front seat position.

We saw a couple of things of interest that would have made interesting photos had I thought to pick up the camera. Friday apparently was the day before opening waterfowl season. We saw a couple of guys fixing their blind on the river and setting out about 30 geese decoys. Not more than 50 feet down river sat over 100 live geese watching the action. Saturday afternoon some hunters came up river in boats. One hunter came roaring by on a jet ski, using his right had to steer and holding his shotgun upright in his left hand. Funny and scary at the same time.

This weekend was so much fun! Maybe the club should consider this as an October outing for next year!



This is what makes a guide happy! Grinning anglers and big fat rainbows!



This is what makes anglers happy, big fat rainbows and grinning guides!



Mother Nature just got carried away when she painted this beauty.



Is this fish gorgeous or what!

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



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High Plains Drifter Guide Service

Steve Cooper— 209-956-1032 (Jan 2013)

New members, here's your chance to meet the club veterans...

The Trout Bout's coming November 17. Will you help?



Contacts for this event:

Charlie Reames 209-642-6704

October 19, 2012 -- It's time for the club to pay its county dues. We do that by co-sponsoring the county's three Oak Grove Park free fishing events, the fall Trout Bout, the spring Bob McMillan Memorial Trout Bout and the June Catfish Derby. In return we gain free admission to the park for DFF events and use of the Nature Center on Wednesday evenings.

It takes a fairly large group of volunteers to have the day go smoothly. The day starts early with Charlie Reames getting the necessary equipment out of the Delta Fly Fishers shed at the park's corporation yard at the northeast end. Charlie is usually at the shed at Oak Grove Park at 5:15 to 5:30 a.m. to load the coffee pots, coffee, etc that's already in the shed plus any sodas left over stashed in the ice chests. While this is occurring, other volunteers are picking up the donuts and have already purchased the needed hot dogs & buns, chili, cheese - if not enough in the shed - coffee, hot chocolate, etc.

The largest number of volunteers are needed around 8:00am to help take the food orders behind the counter, sell coffee, cook the hot dogs and wrap them in tinfoil with the buns to sell. The more we have behind the counter the better as around 8:00 a.m. folks start filing in for coffee, hot chocolate to warm them up. They line up for the donuts too. We have two crock pots, one for cheese and one for the chili set up by the hot dog cooker. We also need volunteers to help with the actual running of the derby, filling out registration forms, helping with the weighing and



Larry Schmidt helps feed the hungry hordes at the spring 2012 Bob McMillan Memorial Trout Bout .

measuring and the distribution of prizes.

We have a couple of tackle boxes for cash/change, one to use at the boathouse and one for whoever volunteers to drive around in the electric cart the county provides so we can sell coffee, chocolate, hot dogs, etc, around the pond. Charlie usually brings the seed money for the two tackle boxes for change to start out the morning. The public is told fishing starts @ 6:00 a.m. and the contest for the prizes closes at 12:30 at which time club members help Sandi from County Parks and Rec. go over the sheets the public fills out that other club members help with to mark down as the fish are brought in to be weighed. After Sandi gets the top three weights for each class figured out, someone announces the winners through a loud speaker and club members help hand out the prizes. Most everything is then cleaned up, put back in the shed for the next derby and we are usually out of there by 1:00 p.m. or at least 1:30.

New members, this is an excellent way to get to know the old veterans and at the same time perform a little public service. Surprisingly, the day is a fun day for both the public and our members. If you can, PLEASE, come lend a hand. Call the contact names listed above and let them know you're coming.

If you are part of the early crew, 5:30-6:00am you'll need to enter the park at the service entrance to the east of the public entrance since the public entrance will be closed. If you can't make it until around 8:00am, enter the park through the public entrance. Let the person at the toll booth know that you're a worker from the Delta Fly Fishers and you'll be admitted without charge.



A lot more fun than watching the presidential debates!

By Al Smatsky

October 22, 2012 — The December general membership meeting has been Member Night for a number of years and this year is no exception. It's a chance for each of you to tell the club of your best fishing experiences of 2012. The trips don't need to be exotic, guided, or expensive, just reminisces of good times and productive waters.

In the past we've had the vicarious pleas-

ures of sharing experiences of fishing for rainbows in Argentina, browns in New Zealand, Dorado in Mexico, Tarpon in Belize, steelhead in Washington State and huge rainbows right here in California.

We've already had the pleasure of reading about shad fishing on the Sac, brookies at Kirmin and rainbows on the lower Sac at Redding in the monthly newsletter. Perhaps the authors will be willing to give a reprise of their exploits on member night.

Rumors exist of other members who spent a number of weeks in Montana and Idaho, or fished Central America this year.

To volunteer as a speaker, please contact me, Al Smatsky either by [e-mail](#) or phone, 368-9261. Your participation will be appreciated!

ONCE A WEEK IS ALL YOUR WEBMASTER ASKS!



"A well informed club member is an active and happy club member. A well informed conservationist is an active and vocal conservationist."

Jerry Neuburger

October 22, 2012 — Ok, the above quote is not one for the ages... but it's one I believe holds true. It's hard to participate in club activities if you don't know what's going on and it's hard to understand exactly where our fishing opportunities are going if you don't keep up on conservation and fishing issues.

Fortunately, in today's digital world it's much easier to do both. The wonders of the Internet and the World Wide Web make it possible to be on top of what the club is doing and the most important conservation and fishing issues, all at one location, the Delta Fly Fishers website.

Your newsletter is now totally integrated with the World Wide Web. You'll find many clickable links throughout the newsletter to [the club's website](#), [the club's Facebook page](#) and other external links.

The DFF website front page

The website front page has two important sections that change daily. The first is the column on the left, "This Week's New Stuff". The content of this column deals with anything that has happened or will happen that might be of interest to members. It may be something posted on the website, a club activity, or even something external to the club that is of interest. The column is date sensitive with the most current "Stuff" on top, and extends

down to the last seven calendar days. Most of the "Stuff" has links to pertinent articles and websites.

The second important section is the "In The News" section on the right hand side of the page. Club announcements and articles are posted on this side. They will stay posted for at least a week before being removed. The same articles may appear in the next month's newsletter but could be as much as a month old from the date published on the website.

The "Our Fisheries in the News This Week" column on the DFF Conservation Page

The second place you should check in at least once a week is the club's Conservation page. Links to newspaper articles dealing with fishery issues and even some fishing reports are posted to this page daily with the most current at the top of the page and older articles further down the column. The articles are purged once they are a week old unless they continue to be pertinent.

Being webmaster is fun but it would be even more fun knowing that our membership is knowledgeable about both our club activities and the current state of our California fisheries. However, the real beneficiary will be you, a better informed member and more active in protecting our sport and fisheries. Make it a habit to check in once a week. Pick a certain day and just do it.

Conservation by Ron Forbes

Salmon make the vines grow!



Today she met me at the door, said I would have to choose, if I picked up that fishing pole today, she'd be packing her all things and she'd be gone by noon... Well I'm going to miss her when I get home tonight. Right now I'm sitting on this lake shore, and I'm sitting in the sun! I'm sure it will hit me when I walk through that door tonight. Yeah, I'm going to miss her. Oh lookie there, I got a bite!"

Brad Paisley

We are getting to that time of year when the chinook salmon and steelhead make their annual migration up the Mokelumne River. For the past few years I have made bi-weekly calls to the Mokelumne Fish Hatchery to find out how many fish have passed the fish counter at the Woodbridge Irrigation District and how many fish have been harvested for their eggs. On the first day of the new year, the Mokelumne opens again to fishing and the Delta Fly Fishers host our annual party open to all to celebrate a new year of fishing on the river and a look forward to a wet winter and a great coming trout season in the Sierras. At the end of the salmon- steelhead run, we look at this as the end of one cycle and the start of another. However, it is, in reality, the continuing of the gift the salmon give us.

Drs. Joe Merz and Peter Moyle wrote a scientific article in the Ecological Society of America entitled, "[Salmon, Wildlife and Wine: Marine-Derived Nutrients in Human Dominated Eco-](#)

[Systems of Central California.](#)" Many members of our club will remember working with Joe Merz restoring cottonwoods on Murphy Creek, a tributary of the Mokelumne, when he was the Supervising Biologist for East Bay Municipal Utility District. Peter Moyle is a well-known aquatic biologist at the University of California at Davis. The paper describes how salmon continue to have a profound effect on both the Mokelumne and Calaveras Rivers long after they have spawned and died.



Since salmon are residents of two eco-systems, both fresh and salt water, they are exposed to two different sources of nutrients. While in the ocean, salmon are major predators and exposed to variants of nutrients that are not found in great amounts in fresh water. And since they are migratory, they are a major source of nutrient

This salmon carcass will feed bacteria, insects, small animals and grape vines!

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transport between the two eco-systems. In the more pristine waters of the rivers of Washington, Oregon, and northern California, the nutrient transfer is important to maintain both the riparian and land ecosystems. However, in central California along the Mokelumne and to a lesser degree, the Calaveras, these nutrients also play very important part in the wine industry.

Merz and Moyle studied the ratio of stable isotopes of both nitrogen (N) and carbon (C) to determine the origins of the salmon's nutrients. In a salmon's tissue, there are more of the heavier isotopes of N and C (15N and 13C). This is referred to as marine-derived nitrogen (MDN). The lighter isotopes of both N and C are found more in fresh water. By observing the ratio of heavy/light isotopes, they could determine the MDN far from the riparian systems.

When the salmon spawn, they release nutrients in a variety of ways. First through metabolism, the release of their eggs, the consumption of their flesh by predators or scavengers, and in the decomposition of their carcasses. The salmon are eaten or are decomposed by everything from bears to bacteria. They are an important source of MDN in both the riparian eco-system but also in the terrestrial environment next to the streams or rivers where they spawn. The authors estimate that the vegetation and wine grapes adjacent to the Mokelumne River get between 18-25% of their nutrient from the salmon. The MDN have been found several hundred yards inland from the river

The authors observed that 14 vertebrate species feed on the salmon carcasses along the Mokelumne below Camanche dam. Even herbivores such as western gray squirrels and mule



"The authors estimate that the vegetation and wine grapes adjacent to the Mokelumne River get between 18-25% of their nutrient from the salmon."

deer have been seen feeding on salmon carcasses. More traditional scavengers include turkey vultures, opossums, raccoons, along with domestic dogs and cats. The study shows that even though the Mokelumne is a highly altered river for agriculture and flood control, the salmon continue provide huge effects on both plant and wildlife production and are of substantial economic value to the vineyards along the river. Recent estimates of the salmon's value to the state of California has been put at \$1.3 billion. This estimate is based on commercial and sport fishing and related business.

At this point the final estimate does not include the salmon's importance to agriculture next to rivers and streams which are spawning areas. This is another, of many good reasons, to continue to fight for the survival of our salmon.

A few words of thanks....

I would like to thank the members of our club who took their time to be an important part of Stockton's Second Annual Steelhead Festival. The club was the outstanding group in the Environmental, Conservation/Fisheries section. With four tables, fish carving, fly tying and casting we stood out once again.

At the club meeting before the festival there were only 27 members in attendance. But when I passed a sign-up sheet, 17 people had signed up to help. On the day of the festival, 19 to 20 people were on hand to help! Immediately after the event, Jerry Neuberger wrote a outstanding article, with pictures, on our website.

For all of you who worked so hard to make to make the Steelhead Festival a success and Delta FF participation so outstanding....

Thank you!!

Sign-ups on outings help those planning the event

Let the Fishmeister know if you're going on the O'Neill Forebay Outing!



November 10 is the next club outing to O'Neill Forebay to fish for striped bass in one of the most productive inland waters for fly fishers. If you are going, please either sign up on our Facebook events page or contact outing host Marty Kjelson at 477-9618 by November 7, so we can complete lunch arrangements.

Also November 7, we are having a fly tying session to tie flies

needed to fish at this trip. Please go to the club's web site for more information on these two events.

If you are going to the O'Neill outing and would like to help with the lunch arrangements, please let Marty know. Additional help will ensure that the lunch provided will be a good one.

Save Mart Supermarkets/S-mart Foods/Food Max/Lucky Grocery Stores

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

L-3 Rods

Larry Lee,
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916-601-7853 (Jan 2013)

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING AND/OR SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF DELTA FLY FISHERS, INC.

Please take notice that the annual membership meeting of Delta Fly Fishers, Inc., will take place at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 14, 2012, at John R. Williams School, 2450 Meadow Avenue, Stockton, California. The purpose of the meeting will be for the election of the Board of Directors. It is important that a quorum, 35 percent of the membership be present for this election. If necessary, a special meeting will be called following adjournment of the annual meeting at which time election of Directors can be conducted with a quorum of 5 percent of the membership present.

The following Board members wish to remain on the Board if the membership sees fit.

Joe Balderston, Ron Forbes, Jerry Neuburger, Bruce Rollans, Larry Schmidt, Jason Stapleton and Earl Summers.

Two positions on the Board need to be filled. Once the Board's positions are confirmed, they will subsequently appoint officers of our non-profit corporation.

President Marty Kjelson, Vice President, John Highsmith and Secretary, Sallye Rollans. are willing to continue service.

At this time there is one officer's position vacant with no nomination or volunteer to fill for the coming year: Treasurer

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Membership... News and Dues



We have had several new members since the summer. Our newest members are: Bill Aaron, Michael Islas, Andrew Vieira, Michael Cottrell, and Vernon D'Souza of Stockton, Steve Specht of Lodi, Chris Nye and David O'Connell of Brentwood. Let's welcome them if you meet them in the future.

November will be the last month that we will send out reminders to members who haven't paid their 2013 renewal dues. If you haven't done so already, please send in your membership dues. Our club's operating budget depends largely on these dues to pay for the many programs, activities, and donations. We thank the many members who have already sent their renewal dues.

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You can advertise in Rx Fly Fishing! for a whole year for a very reasonable amount. Contact the editor, Herman Spalinger, for details.

Fly of the Month tying session for November:



The November outing will take us to striper water, O'Neill Forebay down by Santa Nella on November 10th.

The go-to fly of late for striper fishing has been Bob Clouser's superbly designed streamer, aptly named after him, the "Clouser".

The November fly tying session, scheduled for 6:30pm on Wednesday, November 7th at the Oak Grove Park Nature Center will feature a variation of this fly as tied by club member and delta guide, Jerry Neuburger. Those attending will tie eight flies, in two sizes and two colors.

The tying sessions are limited to ten tiers and have a nominal fee of \$3.00 to cover the cost of materials. In order to reserve a spot, tiers are encouraged to sign up beforehand on the club's Facebook event page. The remaining open spots will be first come, first served.



Jerry's Simple Clouser: Tiers will tie the fly in gray/white and chartreuse/white in sizes 1/0 and 3/0.

On line instructions for tying the fly can be found on Jerry's website, DeltaStrippers.Com.

You can watch Bob tie the original clouser on You Tube by clicking here.

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Committees

The following Committee Chairpersons to be appointed by the Board are:

Education-Joe Balderston, Conservation-Ron Forbes, Historian/Property/Club Merchandise-John Highsmith, Membership-Bob Fujimura, Programs- Al Smatsky and Bob Sousa Raffles-vacant, Catfish Derby (June) Earl Summers, Trout Bout (November) Charlie Reames, Trout Bout (February) Steve Cooper, Web Site contact person- Jerry Neuburger Fishing Buddy Program/Mentor Bob Souza and Grady Lee , Outings Larry Schmidt and Earl Summers, Newsletter, Herman Spalinger and Casting Instructor, Rick Greene.

Vacant Committee Position: Raffles Chair

Dated: October 25, 2012

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