

September 2012

# Delta Fly Fishers, Inc.

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President's Message by Marty Kjelson,  
September, 2012

Greetings fellow flyfishers. It's been a hot August which has affected the fishing for some of us but not all, particularly Larry Schmidt who just completed his Delta Challenge. Congratulations, Larry. Well done. This should encourage the rest of us to get out there before the water cools too much for the warm water species to bite. Bob Fujimura and Steve Cooper have prepared a Delta Challenge presentation and have done so and are ready to give it to other clubs. They as well as Larry, Jim Rich and Joe Balderston are a wealth of information to share to help the rest of us meet the Challenge.

We had our ocean outing for kelp bass at Santa Cruz under our Capable fishmiester, Jerry Neuburger. You can read his report elsewhere in the newsletter.

Our next outing to the Bridgeport area in mid September is always one of the best of the year. We have had great times with lots of fun, plenty of fish, and great fellowship. Hope all of you can join us. Our fly tying evening for east side waters and our September 12th speaker, Greg Vinci should help us be well prepared. Look for further detailed information on the web and in the newsletter.



Regarding our outings, I wanted to mention the importance of looking after each other when we are on the water. Chose a partner to keep in contact with during your time afield and make sure someone knows where you're going and when you'll return. Things can get complicated pretty fast and we don't wish to have any misfortunes. I remember those solo trips (sometimes with my Brittney spaniel) that I made down in the canyons that came out okay but I shudder to think of doing that now at 71 young years of age. We have a wonderful hobby that takes us to gorgeous environments that need to be both enjoyed and respected. Safety Sermon No. 1. Ha. Enough.

I again bring the request to each of you to share your own 2012 fishing experiences in the newsletter. Thanks to Bruce Rollans and Jerry Neuburger for sharing their recent travel with us. If you're a bit hesitant to write something up just call one of us to give you an interview and we'll get your fun in print. Jerry Neuburger had a good article recently expounding on this need for stories. We all benefit from hearing how others approach flyfishing challenges, learn of new waters and species to target, and simply enjoying real-life tales, both those with tons of hookups as well as those that weren't quite as fruitful catchwise but gave a good experience anyway. December is member's sharing night semiformal, but one need not wait to have us enjoy your adventures now.

As we look toward the end of 2012, your Board of Directors will have work to do regarding continuing 2012 issues and preparing for 2013 outings, programs, and budget. Come to a Board meeting and/or share your ideas and desires with those on the Board or our officers. One major consistent need is to have new volunteers to serve on the Board and allow some of the "old timers" to get a break from their responsibilities. Many have served faithfully for many years. I know each Board member will explain the duties and even serve together with you as a co-chair to get you started. By having all members share the servant role our club works best. You won't be disappointed.

I will end in sharing another "my first trout with a fly rod". This reflects Jerry Neuburger's adventure on the Mokelumne River back about 1986. Jerry had rigged up both he and his dear wife with some fly gear from the Tobacco Leaf shop and were ready to conquer the long rod world of flyfishing. First attempt yielded some frustration and no fish. Next one was very exciting as his wife caught a bat on her back cast. Good pattern! Release of bat unharmed. Finally on the third trip, Jerry had the classic cast to the rise and the giant 9" rainbow sucked the size 14 yellow humpy in. That "hooked" Jerry. And the rest is history as he can't put the rod down and has become wealthy as a Delta guide. Look for Jerry's dry fly expertise this September at Bridgeport.

See you on the water. Marty

## FUTURE EVENTS SCHEDULE

### SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 5 - Fly of the Month Tying Session  
Bridgeport flies: Doc's Twin Lakes Special & Zebra Midge. Instructor: Joe Balderston

SEPTEMBER 12 - General Membership Meeting  
Speaker Greg Vinci  
J.R. WILLIAMS SCHOOL (See article below)

SEPTEMBER 15 – Mokelumne River Cleanup  
(See article below)

SEPTEMBER 19 - DFF Board Meeting – To be Determined

SEPTEMBER 19 – 23 -Bridgeport Outing –  
The most attended outing of the year!  
(See article below)

### OCTOBER

OCTOBER 7 - Steelhead Festival, University of the Pacific  
Event Planner: Ron Forbes – 209-368-5767  
Support our Club's booth and attend this great event at UOP

OCTOBER 10 - General Membership Meeting - Club potluck  
See list in October's Newsletter

OCTOBER 17 - DFF Board Meeting

OCTOBER 24 - Fly of the Month Tying Session  
Feather River flies: Steelhead patterns  
Instructor: Al Smatsky

OCTOBER 27 - Feather River Outing

### NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 3 – Striperfest - Sugar Barge, Bethel Isl.  
[www.danblanton.com](http://www.danblanton.com)

NOVEMBER 14 - General Membership Meeting

NOVEMBER 17 - Striper outing, Paradise Point Marina

NOVEMBER 21 - DFF Board Meeting

### DECEMBER

DECEMBER 12 - General Membership Meeting  
Members Program Night

DECEMBER 19 - DFF Board Meeting

### 2013 CALENDAR

JANUARY 1, 2013 - New Years Day Outing  
Mokelumne River, Van Assen Park

JANUARY 11, 2013 - General Membership Meeting

JANUARY 18, 2013 - DFF Board Meeting

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

### SEPTEMBER 5th

September Fly of the Month session has been moved to the first Wednesday of the month, September 5th, in order to accommodate the Bridgeport outing.

September Fly of the Month session concentrates on Eastern Sierra flies. Joe Balderston will be tying the Twin Lake Special and the Zebra Midge. Both are proven patterns for eastern Sierra waters.



The tying sessions are held at the Oak Park Nature Center. Classes start at 6:30. A three dollar materials fee is charged. Enough materials will be

### SEPTEMBER 12th - SPEAKER GREG VINCI

Hwy 395 "California's Trout Highway" is a photo tour of the great trout waters located between the Carson River drainage in the north to the Owens River Gorge in the south. On the tour we visit the E. Carson, W. Carson W. Walker, Rush Creek, Upper Owens, Hot Creek, Lake Crowley and the Owens Gorge. We also take a side trip to the Ghost Town of Bodie. The presentation takes about



45 min. Greg also covers fly patterns and bug life plus a little about rigging for each of the waters.

About Greg: After 21 years as the owner of Sierra Pacific Products where he innovated many popular fly fishing tackle and accessories products, Greg sold the business in 2010. Since then he has been able to re-establish a relationship with his first loves, writing and photography. His work can be now seen in many fly fishing and outdoor magazines. He also has kept his foot in the door, so to speak, by continuing to develop fly tackle product lines on a consultancy basis for clients in the fly tackle industry. In 2011 his product Insta-Set Indicators was selected by Field & Stream magazine as the best fly tackle accessory of the year! One of his most recent endeavors has been to develop the California-FlyFishing.com web site which is a portal to California's most popular waters. He also is a signature fly tier for the fly tackle industry's most prominent fly manufacturer, Umpqua Feather Merchants. His fly patterns can be found in most fly shops around the country.

### SEPTEMBER 15th - MOKE RIVER CLEANUP

**As part of the Great Sierra Cleanup, Foothill Conservancy, EBMUD and others have again organized and sponsored a cleanup at several Mokelumne River sites Saturday, September 15, 2012. DFF is asking its members to participate**

in this cleanup starting at the Mokelumne River Day Use Area.

This area is accessed by traveling east on Highway 12 past the Highway 88 split then turning left onto McIntire Road which will lead to the day use entrance.

Please be there by 8:00 a.m. for general



information and direction. The cleanup will start at 9:00 a.m. and end at 1:00 p.m. Bring gloves, good walking shoes/boots, sun screen, a hat, canteen (water will be provided), repellent and a sack lunch (the need for a sack lunch may change if EBMUD provides a lunch). A five gallon plastic pail will also be helpful. If you have a drift boat, bring it. This will be helpful in hauling out larger items and for transfers of trash bags from smaller vessels. Put-in will be at the day use area. Take-out will be at Stillman McGhee Park beneath the Mackville Road bridge. Do not float below this take out!

#### SEPTEMBER 20-23

The Bridgeport Outing... A New Spin On An Old Favorite

Locations: Bridgeport - Robinson Creek Campground, Sept. 20-23.

Upper Owens - Brown's Upper Owens Campground, SEPTEMBER 24-26.

**DIRECTIONS TO Robinson Creek Campground:** From the intersection of Hwy 108 (Sonora Pass) and Hwy 395 drive 19 miles south on Hwy. 395. Just as you enter Bridgeport, turn right at the Tee on Twin Lakes Road. Drive nine miles, staying on Twin Lakes Road to Robinson Creek Campground, which is on the left.



**DIRECTIONS TO Brown's Upper Owens Campground:** From Robinson Creek Campground return approximately nine miles towards Bridgeport. Turn RIGHT at the Tee and head south on 395. Drive for 61 miles (past the turn-off for the town of Mammoth Lakes) to Benton Crossing



Road. Turn left on Benton Crossing Road and drive five miles to Brown's Upper Owen's Campground.

The Details: The Bridgeport Outing has been a part of the Delta Fly Fisher's outing schedule for over 20 years and has a reputation for being one of the better "fish catching" outings. The area around Bridgeport has a number of great fishing opportunities, Upper and Lower Twin Lakes, Robinson Creek, Kirman Lake and the East and West Walker Rivers. While those waters are fished regularly by club members, a club favorite is Virginia Lakes, about 20 miles south on 395. Another feature of this outing is the Saturday night potluck. Members bring their favorite cut of meat to barbecue and a pot luck side dish to be shared by the club. Of course, you may also bring your favorite beverage to wash the food down and in some cases warm your tummy!

This year's outing has been given a different spin. For a number of years Al Smatsky sponsored a club outing at Mammoth Lakes. This outing took place in October and was a great success until the cost of the ski-condos made the outing impractical. An additional concern was the long drive to the outing following the previous month's drive to the same area.



This year the idea came about to combine both outings for those that are retired and have the time or want to make this a highlight of their year taking some vacation time and stretching the Bridgeport Outing into an Eastern Sierra

Odyssey.

The selected campsite is Brown's Upper Owens Campground. The campground has a number of amenities and is located central to the area's fishing opportunities including the Upper Owens, Crowley Lake, Convict Lake, Convict Creek, and Hot Creek.

Arrival and departure times: The start dates and end dates for this outing are soft, meaning you can arrive at Robinson Creek as early as you want, the Monday or Wednesday before, or Thursday, September 20, or even Saturday the 22nd. Just make sure you're there for the not-to-be missed Saturday, Sept 22nd.

#### CAMPGROUND INFORMATION:

NOTE: Neither of these campgrounds has hookups! Brown's Campground is in a meadow with no trees. Reservations are strongly suggested for both facilities.

Robinson Creek Campground: (U.S. Forest Service Campground operated by concessionaire) Robinson Creek South Campground is located just nine miles from Bridgeport next to Robinson Creek at an elevation of 7,000 feet. Massive Jeffrey pines tower over the site offering partial shade. Lodgepole pines, sagebrush, and summer wildflowers dot the area. The creek offers good rainbow trout fishing and can

be easily accessed within the campground. Numerous hiking trails are in the vicinity, including the popular Robinson Creek Trail.

**Reservations:** This site can be reserved by calling Toll Free 1-877-444-6777 or on-line at <http://www.recreation.gov/>. Reservations must be made at least 4 days prior to arrival.

**Area Amenities:** Tent camping, Camping trailer, Picnic tables, Toilets, Drinking water  
**Fees** \$20/Night for single unit, \$40/Night for double unit, \$5/ Night for extra vehicle

**Brown's Owens River Campground: (Private campground)**  
**Facilities:** 75 RV and tent sites, trailer rentals, hot showers, handicapped facilities, camp store, cafe, ice, fishing tackle, wood and fire pits.  
**Recreation:** Fishing, swimming, mountain bike trails, off-road trails, hiking trails, wide-open space for kite flying (no power lines for miles).  
**Location:** Five miles east of U.S. 395 on Benton Crossing Road (exit at green church)  
**Information:** Call 1 760-920-0975 or write Brown's Owens River Campground, 219 Wye Rd., Bishop, CA 93514.  
**Fee:** \$20 per night.

Other campgrounds are available in both areas. Check the internet for names, locations and fees.

#### DELTA CHALLENGE UPDATE



Recently Delta Fly Fishers have been fortunate to have three of their members earn their certificates this summer. Congratulations to Larry Schmidt, Rick Greene and Bob Fujimura who

completed their challenges with the help of DFFC certificate holder #2, Jim Rich. All of these recent award-winners report that working on this program was a lot of fun. Join in on the fun and start your "challenge" today.

September is the perfect time to begin or complete your Delta Fly Fishing Challenge – water temperatures will start their fall decline and the most temperate temperature fish species will start their fall feeding or migration patterns. Most of Delta sport fish that were difficult to catch in the mid-summer will become more available to shoreline fishing



Bob Fujimura also completes his Delta Challenge

#### FRIDAY WAS HOT AT SANTA CRUZ, SATURDAY WAS NOT

August 25, Santa Cruz, CA- Six Delta Fly Fishers stood in line early Friday morning on the Santa Cruz wharf, waiting to check out their skiffs for the day's fishing. The conditions looked perfect for a great day of kelp bass fishing, a very minor tide change, not much wind and a very calm sea. The gear was loaded in the boats, and one by one the boats were lowered down the side of the wharf. Soon the pairs of Jerry and Jeanette Neuburger, Al Smatsky and guest Roger Bitz, and Sally and Bruce Rollans were out bobbing around in their bright yellow skiffs, looking for some shallow water on the outlying reefs.



Al and Roger located some 30 foot water about a mile out and dropped a buoy to mark the spot. Soon all six anglers were working clousers on sinking lines and sticking big fat "blues" from anywhere from 1/2 to four pounds. The action was nonstop



with lots of doubles for the first two hours. Jerry brought in a 24 inch ling cod, only to be beaten by his wife Jeanette with a 27 inch. Al "long distance released" another at the boat. The fishing continued hot with about 15 fish per rod until 11:00 am and then slowed. Another hour and a half





and it was time to head in for lunch.

Saturday morning started as a repeat of Friday with the addition of Charlie Reames and his friend Dave. The boat rental shop had

a line of waiting anglers, with the proprietors not showing up until 7:00 am. Even so, once the doors were opened they moved the skiffs and their crews quickly into the water. Three of the DFF boats headed out to the spot that Al had marked with a GPS the day before, and Al dropped a marker buoy. Soon Friday's crew were working the water but with far less success than the day before.



After working the water for an hour with only a few fish, the crews split up to see if they could find some quicker action. Sallye and Bruce located Charlie and Dave in 70 feet of water,



however Dave was fishing on the "dark side" using a spinning rod with bait but catching a few fish. The rest of the morning was spent moving from spot to spot but the fish just weren't willing to play.

About noon the tidal flow increased along with an opposing wind causing the lines to troll rather than

sink from the drifting boats. With the weather and water against the crew, the Rollans, Neuburgers and Al and Roger came in. As for Charlie and Dave, who knows, they probably fished until the bait ran out.

**CONSERVATION REPORT by Ron Forbes**

"A paranoid schizophrenic is someone who has discovered what's going on."

William Burroughs

"In California water politics, paranoia is reality: They're trying to steal our water."

Bill Jennings (both quotes from a presentation Jennings gave at Restore The Delta)

**ANOTHER DAMN DAM!**

This last April I wrote an article on some of the problems

that the National Marine Fisheries Service ordered the Army Corp. of Engineers to help transport fish around both Daguerre Point and Englebright dams since the Corp. built the dams and effectively stopped fish passage. The Corp. has refused, saying it's not in their mandate to do so.

Now, another major problem has surfaced and is a cause of major concern for the Yuba. Archon Energy, a privately-owned Canadian company, wants to build a three megawatt hydroelectric dam on the lower Yuba near the Daguerre Point facility. The project would be located 39 miles below the Wild and Scenic section of the river.



Unfortunately, Archon has shown a total disregard for public relations and neglected to inform any of the groups involved about their plans until after they had filed an application to build the dam. For over 30 years public and private agencies have worked to restore and improve fish passage at Daguerre Point and to improve agricultural water diversions. However in July of this year Archon audaciously filed its request with the Federal Energy Regulatory Agency (FERC) in which they want an "expedited permitting process". In their application they state that the "Applicant does not propose to do any new studies and is not aware of any studies that should be conducted to provide critical information to determine the potential impacts, which should be determined before licensing."

Archon's statement is not only audacious it is more than naive. Evidentially they are unaware of the our Endangered Species Act (ESA), and in the Yuba the salmon, steelhead and sturgeon are threatened. Possibly they don't understand the ESA takes a dim view of sucking endangered species through turbines. Since Archon neglected the courtesy of contacting those most concerned locally, they have succeeded in infuriating them.

These groups include:

- National Marine Fisheries Service . The Foothill Conservancy
- California's Dept. of Fish and Game . American White Water
- South Yuba River Citizens League . California Sportfishing Protection Alliance

These groups who have worked to save the Yuba for decades promise to fight this project every step of the way! A piece of legislation that is a potential disaster for our fisheries

Last month I wrote about the success of dams removed on the Elwha River in Washington. The removal of these two dams is turning out to be a success because of a lot of hard work and using the best science available on the project. Now, however, another piece of disastrous legislation has been introduced that will permanently put an end to these restoration projects.

Early this August, Congressman Doc Hastings (R-Washington) has introduced HR 6247. Hastings is Chairman of the House Committee on Natural Resources. It has been called the "worst dam bill in our history." Hastings is part of that group in the House that is determined to deregulate all environmental

protection laws regardless of the destruction it will bring either to our environment or our fisheries. This bill is particularly bad because it will:

- 1) Stop the Federal government from doing any scientific or economic research on removal of dams or river restoration.
- 2) Lessen regulation on all existing dams.
- 3) Turn back all regulations on new dams
- 4) Hurt citizen involvement in areas such as clean water
- 5) Stop all funding for NGO's working on river restoration projects.
- 6) Forbid any federal money "from being spent on removing, partially removing, or studying the removal of any dam that currently generates, or at one time has generated, hydropower (without express approval of Congress).
- 7) Put techniques at risk that have significantly increased salmon survival.

Many feel that HR 6247 will not make it for a vote soon, this year being an election year. Hopefully they are right. It's unfortunate that committee chairs get their position based neither on their education nor skill but rather on their party and seniority.

The fun part part of the Conservation Chair's job is that about six months ago our BOD's voted to give \$500 to three groups that have been active in conservation efforts. The board wanted to choose organizations that serve our area. This year the money was given to the Foothill Conservancy, Restore the Delta, and the California Sportfishing Protection Alliance.



Early this last July, Élise and I had the pleasure of attending the Foothill Conservancy's Fund Raising Dinner at the Kennedy Mine in Jackson. The Foothill's president, Katherine Evatt

and her husband and Conservancy V.P. Pete Bell, invited us to join them at dinner. The dinner was outstanding and we had a chance to hear what the Conservancy is doing to get "Wild and Scenic" status for the Mokelumne River now that they have won their suit against East Bay MUD.

When I presented the Delta Fly Fishers' check to Katherine, she made some gracious comments about our club and the people attending were very generous with their applause. After the

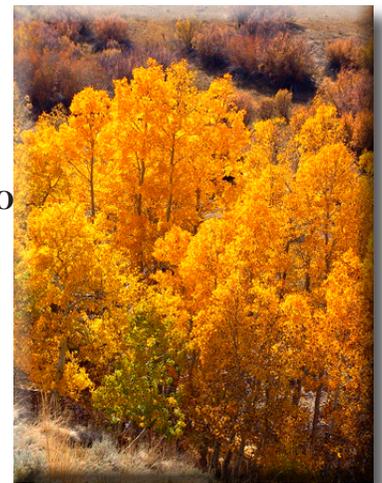


ceremony, eight or nine people came up and thanked us and asked that we please tell Delta Fly Fishers how much they appreciate our support. All in all a great afternoon, especially when I found out the outstanding dessert was from Amador City's Andrae's Bakery. I'd go again just for the dessert.

#### WHAT TO LOOK FOR ON THE WAY TO BRIDGEPORT



#### SOME SIGHTS ALONG HWY 395 AND INTO LUNDY LAKE



## EASTERN SIERRA REPORT

By CJ Webb

Entomology, the study of insects, can appear overwhelming at first, as fly fishing books list a huge number of fly patterns with unpronounceable Latin names for trout food. However, there are only ten to twenty primary mayfly hatches throughout the year, and in any 2 to 3 week period the trout should be focused on as few as one or two species. Combined with one or two other insect types (caddisflies, stoneflies, etc.) your fly selection can be trimmed like a well manicured young lady. Take a look at your fly boxes and see if you can't pare them down to three or four fly patterns per water or even per outing, you'll be amazed at what you'll be using and packing. **BUT THEN**, you always have to have that great fly that worked the water for you on your last trip, and put those extra 8 or 9 patterns in another separate container and see if you actually used them.



### Weather Conditions

Thunderstorms hit the Sierra early August after several weeks of very high temperatures with a low-pressure system moving out. Last week DFG provided a very nice load of trout stirring up the mix again with wet weather which slowed catching unless you were fishing with scuba gear. Warm weather has returned to the Sierra, and with all the signs of a good winter ahead, I believe a normal plus winter is headed our way.

### Strategic Vision Legislation -

The California Fish and Wildlife Strategic Vision (CFWSV) developed the Strategic Vision with the final document rendering six (6) bills dealing with various aspects of fish and wildlife throughout the state; AB 2179 deals with enforcement and penalties, AB2283 deals with renaming DFG and setting forth their duties along with using all current supplies, logos, etc. until exhausted, including all IT (Information Technology) information. Recently amended AB 2402 removed a lot of items from the bill as introduced and negotiations are on-going. SB 762 deals with the taking and possession of fish and game along with related technical changes. SB 1148 which is approximately 40 pages has many key issues including implicit price deflator for hunting and fishing licenses, setting base fees for licenses and MLPA regulation and also boosting the dollars from HIFF (AB 7-2005) for the wild and heritage trout programs plus many other items. SB 1166 is directed at big game management and funding by the Fish and Game Commission. These "tag-along bills" are not all for the well being of the general angling public.

More info available at [www.vision.ca.gov](http://www.vision.ca.gov) or [http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201120120SB1148](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201120120SB1148) (Great bedtime reading).

ROCK CREEK LAKE has been good, and fish are hitting Olive wooly buggers and Hornbergs with a Grey Hackle Peacock as the dropper, also Crystal Humpy #16, Rubber leg

Stimulator and Taylor's Fat Albert #14. Mosquito Flats is low but running clear with mostly small trout but great fun.

CROWLEY LAKE continues to drop at a slower rate. Temps on the bottom are just over the 57° mark. Windy as usual so look for fatties in the 18-22" range in the McGee area. The big fish are chasing Perch so try Nymphs and streamers. Early am use red blood worms or albino Baron and Copper Tiger small or BH red/black Optimidge. By 8am it is #16 Optimidge Flashback, Ultimate Damsel, Jensen's Callibaetis or Perfection Perch as a top fly. Rickard's AP emerger and small punk perch rust or light olive. Give it your best shot.

UPPER OWENS water conditions are around 64cfs with temps in the 80-90's and wet wading is perfect. Mud snails are everywhere so clean all your gear with care and help prevent the spread or email me and I'll get you some terrific pate recipes. Nymphing with attractors and a fair amount of weight is the best method. Try Stimulators, Para Adams #20, Elk hair Caddis #16-18, Missing Link (Mercer's) and Griffith's Gnats in #20. Nymphs working are olive bird's nest, zebra midge #16-18, copper zebra midge Tungsten Zebra midge #18-20, reddish/brown San Juan worm and Prince #14-18

CONVICT LAKE has been producing well with Alpers taking wooly buggers in black and burgundy #6 or 8 off their best. MAMMOTH LAKES BASIN water is still clear and lake levels are dropping, Lake Mary is 3 feet from its highpoint. Watch for cruising fish in shallow water. Patterns working are Griffith's Gnat #20-22, parachute Adams #20, Brook's sprout midge #20-22, and flying ant's sizes 16 to 18. Nymphs: black zebra midge #20-22, Olive Bird's nest #18, and Callibaetis nymphs. Streamers: Doc Randol's Twin Lakes Special in black or olive size 10-12, Rickard's seal bugger, and olive Matukas; Trail your streamers with a nymph (bird's nest, hare's ear or pheasant tail).

HOT creeks – DRAG FREE drift is essential or go home. Water is clear and very low (17cfs) and weeds are like kids at Disneyland - EVERYWHERE. Try hoppers in the pm with a mayfly nymph dropper. Try small dry parachutes, CDC Trico, Profile Baetis, Brook's HC Caddis, Para Kicking Hopper, Fat Albert #10 and Chernobyl Ant. Good spinner fall real early morning, and scuds in the weeds. There's always an afternoon breeze so be ready when conditions change and use your best presentation or go home with a black and white paint job. New Zealand Mud Snails are still around so it's imperative that fly fishers help prevent the spread by NOT WADING in Hot Creek.

SAN JOAQUIN – Water is around 41cfs and much lower than normal but did get a boost from all the rain last week. Not much in the way of stockers for the area but there are a lot of wild fish and holdovers. Flies working are Royal Wulff #14-18, Stimulator's #14-16, Yellow humpy #16-18, Chernobyl Ant #12, parachute Adams #16, and Elk hair caddis #16-18. Nymphs are sizes 18-20, copper John (red and green), BH micro mayfly, prince and bird's next. Streamers, black Twin lakes special #10, and #10 Crystal bugger. Shuttle may or may

not be running.

**JUNE LOOP** – has been doing great on black, and olive woolies, grey ghosts, and spruce flies. Also, Silver Lake has been stocking extra Alpers so try some top water dries near Rush Creek for best results. Never forget the bridge on the access road to Mono Lake but be on the alert for snakes.

**LUNDY LAKE** has been great during storms, using with small bushy dries with a slight breeze on the water. Flies doing well are olive punk perch, olive leeches, grey ghosts, and Pistol Pete's.

**VIRGINIA LAKES** has been a good spot most of the summer for tubers and waders using Woolly Buggers and Twin Lakes specials. Emerging midges are working very well, but no one seems to use them. Use Tentwing Caddis size 14, small Grey Hackle Yellow, grey Hackle Peacock, and Para-Adams #14-16. Some emergers have worked over the past week, but this will increase with the temps as have the flying ants and blue damsels are cruising the tops of the willows around the lake. Rickard's AP emerger, Hornbergs, and Cowdung are all taking hits like a pro.

**EAST WALKER** – Current flow is 100cfs but fluctuating daily (cubic foot per second) and the bugs are returning after all the rains. Daybreak to 10am is the window for the best fishing, as water is warming (67-70°). Try trico spinners size 18-22 (Drowned, Organza, Gould's drowned), Brook's CDC Baetis Emerger, spent Partridge Caddis #18, Grey or Olive Parachute Caddis #18, para Adams #16-18, para Kicking hopper, and Taylor's Fat Albert. Nymphs: PT #16-22, Tungsten Psycho #16-20, split case PMD #18, Epoxy Back Baetis #20-22, Burk's Hunchback Infrequens #18 (BHI), Black Two Bit Hooker #18-22, Black WD40 #20, Black or copper Zebra midge #18, GF's sparkle Pupa #18-20, and tan Nitro Caddis #18. Streamer choice would be a black Rickard Stillwater bugger. Take care in handling trout when returning them to the water. They deserve the best.

**WEST WALKER** – Water is thin holding at 42cfs, and catching is good in pools so use a two-fly rig with large attractor/indicator and tiger, crystal or flashback Zug as the bottom fly. Terrestrials have hit the air, black ants, and yellow hoppers with a dirty brown outer body. Hoppers are small so don't try and hit the fish a gargantuan leggy "thing". Be slight in your presentation and have a lot of fun. See you on the water! CJ (12.8)



**Mammoth Lakes area in splendid fall colors**

#### Used Items For Sale

- 1 pr Cabela's Neoprene boot foot chest waders, size 9 stout - \$50
- 1 pr Patagonia wading boots w/felt soles & cleats, size 8 - \$25
- 1 pr Patagonia flats boots, size 10 - \$22
- 1 pr Reddington wading boots w/felt soles & cleats, size 10 - \$18

Contact Bruce Rollans @ 209-274-0448

Don't forget to watch your line once in a while



#### Mentor Program

Are you interested in joining our club and getting individualized help in learning fly fishing?

All new members are eligible to enroll into the Mentor Program; this program will assist them get acquainted with the other club members, the club's activities, and have knowledgeable members share their fly fishing skills by:

- New members will complete interest and skills survey application (link below)
- Based on this information, a mentor will be assigned to each new member
- The mentor will work with the new member to gather the skills that they requested by fishing local waters, accompanying them on club outings, help with gear purchases, teaching basis casting or fly tying skills, or sharing expertise or destination knowledge.
- The mentor will also help introduce each new member to the club officers and membership

For more information, please contact Steve Cooper, Mentor Program Chair, 956-1032, or e-mail: [repooc3@sbcglobal.net](mailto:repooc3@sbcglobal.net)

## Take the Delta Fly Fishing Challenge

The Delta Fly Fishing Challenge is DFF's program to promote fly fishing in the Delta and to foster appreciation of its fisheries and natural resources. Successful applicants must catch, photograph, and release 6 different sport fish (from a list of 15 species) from the Delta using fly fishing gear. The applicant will need to properly identify to species, complete the application form, submit verifying photographs of these fishes, and enclose a check for \$5.00 to cover printing and postage costs. Awardees will receive a personalized 11" x 14" color certificate suitable for framing.

The Delta Fly Fishing Challenge is a great way to learn the fastest growing segment of local fly fishing. Experienced fly fishers can demonstrate to others that they have caught the wide variety of sport fish that the Delta offers. For more information, go to our web site at [www.deltaflyfishers.com/deltachallenge.html](http://www.deltaflyfishers.com/deltachallenge.html) or contact Bob Fujimura by email at [deltaflyfishers@gmail.com](mailto:deltaflyfishers@gmail.com).

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