

February 2012

Delta Fly Fishers

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President's Message by Marty Kjelson

Greetings fellow flyfishers. We just had our Annual dinner (1/14) at the Eagle's Lodge and saw no fewer than 100+ attendees. What an enjoyable event! I wish to thank the many folks that helped make it a success, particularly Charlie Reames for overseeing the many details; to Steve and Amy Cooper, and Tony Ott for putting on such a fine meal; to Sallye Rollans for coordinating our serving gals, and to Bill and Jean Laughlin with the great raffle. Many others helped in numerous ways and I thank you. It was good to see some old and new faces and to see such warm fellowship taking place! I am consistently grateful for the unity we have in our club and how we work so well together. It is a reflection of the character of our members. No small thing!

Congratulations to Doug Ridgway, Bruce Rollans and Larry Schmidt as they received the Don Payne Award, The Fly Fisherman of the year Award, and The John Fanoucci Incomplete Angler Trophy respectively. Doug so ably served our club for many years as Newsletter editor, while Bruce was our great treasurer - again for multiple years. Larry Schmidt put us in the news (TV) with his ability to cast for fish - or was it birds on the telephone lines? We also presented Jim Rich with his Delta Challenge Certificate that he recently completed. A significant doing! Leo Gutierrez presented his personal award to Bob Fujimura and myself. Bob has done such a great job wearing many hats, particularly as Membership Chair.

Fifteen of us met at the American River early on January 21st to fish for steelhead under the tutorship of Al Smatsky and fine cooking by Jerry Neuburger. We all gained some great experience even though the catching was slow. We only had a one incompletely clad angler that forgot his boots. Bruce and Sallye showed us their prowess with spray (sic) rods known to cover the whole river with very long casts. Al gave each of us tips on technique and put us on some great runs. I'm very pleased by our outing support this year.

We have a lot of activities coming up this month to include the Bob McMillan Trout Bout on February 4th at Oak Grove Park, The Striped Bass outing at Discovery Bay on February 11, lead by Jerry Neuburger, and our member meeting on February 8 featuring Rickey Mitchell

on Kayak Flyfishing (The "gentleman's" boating method). Ha! Yes, I'm the one that flounders in the old dented, patched 9' 3" blue kayak. Getting too old for all that stuff needed by pontoon boaters. We also have the Pleasanton Fly Fishing Conference February 24-26. I'm sure it will be another great event. Reminder: If you haven't done so, please sign our required release form for attending DFF outings to safeguard



our club with liability issues.

We are greatly in need of rain and snow to replenish our streams, lakes, Delta, and groundwater supplies. As I draft this, I see we may get some storms by mid January. This will hopefully improve the Delta fishing as the water is clear and temps are in the high 40s. There has been some fair fishing on the Mokelumne, and about 40 members and guests had a great outing there on New Year's Day! Some steelies are still available there with Ron Forbes catching a big one - no photos but I hear tell it was "pushing" 80 ounces! Amador is holding its own when there's "chop" on the water. The Calaveras has been very low at only 40+ cfs and fishes better when closer to 100 cfs. Come mid February things should pick up. Get those flies tied and clean up the gear. I may even try ice fishing at Caples or Lake Alpine just to bring back memories of what they do in my native Wisconsin.

No, I don't wish to discuss the Packers and Badgers games. Marty

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 1-2 – California Fish & Game Commission Meeting, Sacramento

February 4th – Bob McMillan Trout Bout (Details below)

February 8th - General Membership Meeting - Rickey Mitchell - Kayak Fly Fishing (Next Page)

February 11th - Discovery Bay Marina and Yacht Harbor (See map on website) 8:00am to 12:30

Jerry Neuburger, fishmiester, will provide a quick review of fishing methods for stripers and then assist those participating via canoe. Float tubes, pontoon boats, prams and kayaks OK. Be sure to bring a PFD. Earl Summers and crew will handle the coffee, donuts, chili and hot dogs. This is an RSVP event, due to weather and food considerations.

Either indicate attendance on the event on the DFF Facebook page, e-mail Jerry Neuburger, or phone 209-369-5752.

February 15th - DFF Board Meeting

February, 24, 25, 26 - The Fly Fishing Show Pleasanton

March through October

March 31 - Lower Yuba River UCD Station (Details below)

April 7 - Kelsey Bass Ranch

April 26-29 - Pyramid Lake

May 12 - White Pine One Fly Contest

June 22-24 - Lake Davis

August 25 -Monterey Bay Kelp Bass, Santa Cruz Pier

September 19- 23 - Bridgeport

October 27 - Feather River

February 4th Trout Bout at Oak Grove Park

Members - especially you newbies - do you want to spend a morning performing a little public service while getting to know your fellow Delta Fly Fishers? You'll have the opportunity on Saturday, February 4th, at San Joaquin County Parks and Recreation's Spring Trout Bout. Our club has been an integral part of this event and the other two county-sponsored fishing derbies for many years. The county provides the fish and prizes;

we provide the bodies to get the job done. Our purpose is to provide food and drinks for the "contestants" who fill out a form that we hand out for each of the five different categories. Not every one of the public attending enters the weight categories. The County provides the prizes.



We need volunteers to help take the food orders behind the counter, sell coffee, cook the hot dogs and wrap them in tinfoil with the buns. The more we have behind the counter the better as around 8:00 a.m. folks start filing in for coffee and hot chocolate to warm them up and donuts to make the coffee go down better. 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, helping "contestants" filling out registration forms, helping with the weighing and measuring and the distribution of prizes at 12:30. To get a real first-hand-good-feeling experience, walk around the pond and help any person who may need a line, advice, or hook tied. Some of the contestants have only a mom or grandmother to help the young kids and they don't know how to set up their gear with the hook and bait or may even need help in how to cast.

We need members to show up at 5:30 a.m. to get the boathouse set up for the public to buy snacks. If you can't make it by 5:30 where entrance is accessed through the corporation yard east of the main entrance only for our club members – it closes at 6:00 a.m. so the public can't get in that way - then plan on arriving around 8:00 a.m. so you don't get caught up in the traffic jam coming in the main gate at 6:00 a.m. Traffic at times has backed up to the freeway from the main entrance.

To gain free admittance when entering the main park entrance, tell the person in the toll booth that you are a member of the Delta Fly Fishers and are there to help then proceed to the boathouse and join in the experience and you'll come away with a good feeling the rest of the day.

February 8th Program, 2012 Paddle and Flies

As well as being a kayak fly fishing guide, Rickey Noel Mitchell is a fly fishing and fly tying instructor, professional fly tier, freelance photographer and writer. This career began over fifteen years ago, when Rickey was a struggling artist.



Sculpting wildlife out of wood wasn't exactly paying the bills, so he started carving bass lures to supplement the income. Wanting to add feathers

and synthetics, (rubber legs, flashibou, krystal flash) to his custom carved lures to give them action, he took a fly tying class. The first time he tied a fly that looked like what it was supposed to, it was like a revelation. Instead of a few weeks that it took to complete a carved duck decoy, he could tie a fly in a few minutes and by hand. One fire had gone out and another had been lit. Tying flies fulfilled the creative desires that wood carving had previously done.

As a struggling wildlife artist, Rickey went out in nature camera in hand, to get photos for reference for his carvings. Now-a-days he does the same for his flies, observing and photographing insects, forage fish, small animals and the bigger fish that eat them. After paddling a gauntlet of water craft, Rickey discovered the best craft for getting within casting or shooting distance of any of the creatures mentioned was a kayak. An article in Outdoor Life Magazine about a couple that fish out of kayaks in Florida lit another fire. The couple used conventional gear; he wanted to fly fish. It was a long search for the right kayak; it ended on a fishing trip to South Padre Island, Texas. On the flats around South Padre he saw fly fishermen fishing from their kayaks while they were standing, and to get from A to Z, they were poling them. The kayak in question was the Wilderness System Ride. The search was over. Shortly after returning home he purchased his first WS Ride; for Rickey that was the beginning of combining two passions. Three years were spent experimenting and developing paddling, fishing, casting and rigging techniques for fly fishing from a kayak. What took place during that span of time inspired a book and this web page called Paddle And Flies

March 14th Program 2012 North Tahoe and Truckee Area

Frank R. Pisciotta is one of the most veteran fly fishing guides in California. He is the acknowledged "Dean of Guides" in the Tahoe region and established his Thy Rod & Staff guide service in Truckee in 1984; having guided & instructed there exclusively since. In 1991 he founded the Reel School of Fly Fishing, the only fly fishing school based in Truckee.

The Lake Tahoe area has always been known as a world-renowned recreational paradise in the High Sierra. In 1979 Frank built his first home there, specifically in Truckee, the historic and increasingly up-scale ski town. At the time there were few fly anglers on the area's waters. During the '80's, the "north shore" waters of Martis Lake and the Truckee River progressively attracted more fly casters because of their "Wild Trout" angling regulations. Currently there are eight (8) state-mandated "catch & release" waters within one hour's drive of Truckee. Now, unbelievably, the region has arguably become a destination fly angling venue, with the big Truckee and the Little Truckee being the crown-jewels.

The presentation will provide an overview of the fly fishing waters within the aforementioned one hour's drive from the town of Truckee. There will be no precise diagrams of suggested riggings, preferred techniques, close-up images of bugs or flies. Frank will provide a free-flowing commentary of all the areas imaged relative to their uniqueness, most productive techniques, bugs, seasons and flies...and whatever else that may be pertinent from a fly fishing perspective. The intent is to inform the members of what is available in the Truckee area and how to improve one's success in some of the areas challenging waters.



Frank is fond of making a couple of comments about the area's featured waters. "If you can consistently catch trout on the Truckee River; you will be very successful fly fishing in any other freestone stream." He once started an article on the Truckee River with "If you're looking for easy fly fishing, don't come here!" As for the Little Truckee; "If you prefer challenging angling to very selective, surface-feeding trout, then the LT is the place...bring your spring-creek-type A-game."

SATURDAY, MARCH 31ST OUTING

LOWER YUBA RIVER UCD FIELD STATION

Lower Yuba River UCD Field Station (private access)
Sign-ups mandatory for this outing. Only 20 anglers will be allowed on the water.

Those wishing to attend may sign up either using the club's Facebook event page or by contacting the outing Fishmiester, Herman Spalinger 209-477-3412.

The Yuba River is a wild rainbow trout fishery, with some fish over 20 inches. These fish are some of the strongest, fastest trout you'll catch anywhere. It's not uncommon for a 16 inch fish to take you into the backing. The Yuba River is about the same size as the lower American; a water flow rate of 1000 -2000 CFS is ideal. A few hints for success on the Yuba: keep moving – if 2 or 3 good drifts or a few fly changes don't produce, move on to another spot. Also, the fish can be close to shore, so work the shoreline before you get in the river. It's possible you'll catch 50% of your fish while standing on dry land. The usual mayfly and stonefly nymphs will catch fish. Dry flies include PMD and blue wing olive mayflies.

Meeting Time: 7:30 AM

Meeting Location: NW end of Hwy 20 Bridge 14 miles east of Marysville.

Directions: Hwy 65 North to Marysville then Hwy 20 East 14 miles to just before Hwy 20 bridge meeting spot. One of the UC staff will meet us at the gate with a key, visitor passes for our members, and instructions on where to return the key when we all leave.

(We will convoy via Peoria Road following the signs to SFREC 5.6 mi.) There are several locked gates, so **DON'T BE LATE!** It is approximately 105 miles from Stockton to the rendezvous location. Please plan accordingly.

Equipment: 4-6 weight rods. Floating line.

Flies - Nymphs: Mayfly, stone fly, caddis - lava and pupae.
Dries: PMD and blue wing olive mayflies, stoneflies. Elk hair caddis and yellow stimulator.

There is an area to eat your sack lunches. Once at the location, the river is fishable in both directions until you reach signs that say no trespassing.

As of the date of this article, we have eight signups already.

Conservation

“Diapers and politicians should be changed often; and for the same reason.”

----- Mark Twain

In last month's issue of Scientific American, I came across a short, one-page article that is ominous. It is titled, "The Coming Mega Drought." The authors are the president of the Pacific Institute and a research associate. The article draws a strong parallel between Australia and the American Southwest. Australia has just ended a disastrous nine year drought. Most of us remember seeing pictures of their wildfires made worse by their not having water to put them out.



One of the worst hit areas was the Murray Basin which produces 1/3 of the country's food and is a major area for sheep ranching. The basin drains 1/7 of the country's land mass and gives rise to Australia's longest river, the Murray, which flows over 1,800 miles. For the first time in their recorded history, the Murray stopped flowing to the sea. Over 50% of their sheep population was lost. Some years in the drought there was no cotton or rice production. Thousands of farm families lost their livelihood. Major cities endured dust storms for days at a time. Australian's now refer to the draught as the Millennium Draught.

The point the authors make is that Australia's Millennium Draught is a wakeup call for the southwest U.S., including California. Following the disaster there was no way the Australian's could turn their backs on the water issues they faced. From 1950 their rainfall has decreased by 15%, and from 1995 to 2006 the temperature has risen from the long-term average by 0.5 to 1.0 degree F. Because of the increase in evaporation and loss of soil moisture, runoff is far less increasing the problem. The long range forecast is a 35 to 50% decline in the water available in the Murray-Darling River basin. They also predict a 70% decrease in the flow near the mouth of the Murray River by 2030. The over-use of water for agriculture has lead to a marked decrease in viability of the ecosystem.

The situation has forced urban water managers and the government to be aggressive in their conservation efforts. Their water use has always been less than ours, but they have reduced it 38% more from 2002 to 2008. They have increased their use of gray water, use rooftop water and recycle sewage for drinking and reuse. The government has also started

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desalination in their five biggest cities. These systems now supply 30% of the current urban need.

In spite of the problems, the government is moving forward to restore water to the degraded ecosystem. They plan to cut withdrawals from the Murray-Darling River basin by 22-29%. It also is buying water from irrigators to restore the ecosystem. Australia had also planned to phase out subsidies but now plan to use those subsidies to improve the irrigation infrastructure and make it more efficient. However, they are removing all subsidies on inefficient water use in cities and agriculture. The Australians feel that less water is unavoidable, and they are taking steps to avoid disaster.

After reading the Pacific Institute's paper many will think Australia's problems aren't ours. But their problems can become ours very shortly. There are many similarities to our Southwest and Australia. In both countries agriculture and urban water use is destroying the ecosystems. Both areas are arid. The Colorado River doesn't flow to the sea most years. With increased global warming, some now think our largest reservoirs in the southwest will never completely refill.

Australia is taking action to face the problem; California isn't. In doing some research on droughts in the Southwest and California, I found a lot of disturbing facts. Dendroclimatologists have collected data using pinion, juniper beans, and ancient lake sediment. Their research shows increased temperatures in the southwest from A.D. 800-1300. The higher than normal temperatures caused drought. The worst of these droughts occurred in the 11th and 12th centuries and lasted for several decades each time. Some scientists now believe the disappearance of the Anasazi-Fremont people may have been caused by these mega-droughts and what the droughts did to their ability to produce food. Diaries kept in California's Mission period chronicle the effect of droughts had on the early Californian's.

Accurate records in the past 100 years show how variable our water supply is and how drought-prone we are. We have had long periods of significant drought occurring in the periods of 1928-1934, 1976-1977 and 1987-1992 along with numerous smaller droughts. The year of 2007 was the driest year ever recorded in the LA basin. Last year we had about 170% of normal rainfall in our part of the valley; this year in Lodi we only have 47% normal rainfall to date.

California's water system has worked to some degree in the past despite the questionable ethics of our state water agencies and south valley corporate farmers and southern urban water districts. On a personal note, when I started fishing over 60 years ago there were 8 million people living in the state. Now we are approaching 39 million people.

The point of all these statistics being just how erratic our rainfall and snowpack is. And we are facing other major problems with our water system. Such as:

- . an aging infrastructure
- . a climate change
- . a deteriorating Delta
- . a large population increase
- . less water available in the system
- . ecological constraints

The list goes on..... At this point we may have two or three years of water available in our reservoirs to meet our needs even if we practice water conservation. Unfortunately the underground storage of water is woefully inadequate.

California's water system can be likened to a very seriously ill patient who needs major surgery. However our state leadership has- and continues - to treat the patient with Band-Aids and antibiotics. In his "State of the State" message Gov. Jerry Brown said he has met with Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar and they were moving ahead with the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) and will have all the elements in place for "The Project" (translation Peripheral Canal). The fact that the BDCP is scientifically and seriously flawed doesn't concern the governor. Nor has he mentioned the basic "elements" such as who pays for it, where it's going to be placed, how much water is going to be transported, how are they not going to kill the Delta, who pays for taking 500,000 prime farmland acres out of production, etc, etc.

The Australians are looking at their water problem with intelligence and care and are moving forward. We aren't! Governor Brown, et al, wants to give the patient a massive dose of antibiotics and more Band-Aids rather than treat the patient with the surgery needed to cure the illness. Unfortunately, this time they may kill the patient. It seems Mark Twain was right.

Ron Forbes
Conservation Chair

**Look what Grady found at Lake Amador
a couple of weeks ago plus four more almost
as big!**



The Shaddow's pet 10 pounder. Rumor has it he implants a honing device under its skin so he can find it and catch it again.

Membership

Finally, we got some winter weather and some well-needed precipitation – we all hope that there will be more to come. Our membership has been also experienced a recent upturn in new membership in the last several weeks. Our newest members include:

- Mike Okazaki of Elk Grove
- Barry O'Regan of Stockton
- LaDonna Seeley of Stockton
- Sam Thompson of Stockton

A former member, Robert Foster, has rejoined the club this month.

Please introduce yourself these new members and make them feel welcome at the next club meeting or activity. I have met or spoken these newest members and they seem to bring a lot of enthusiasm and talent to our group.

If you meet others who express interest in joining our club, please refer them to our web site for information and download a new membership form from our Internet web site <http://www.deltaflyfishing.com/membership.html> or contact Bob Fujimura by e-mail (deltaflyfishers@gmail.com) or by phone at 339-0683. His mailing address is PO Box 1562, Lodi, CA

New Member Mike Okazaki

Hello, fellow club members, my name is Mike Okazaki. I was born and raised in Portland, Oregon. From Portland I moved to Los Angeles, Ca. where I lived and worked as a computer technician for about 30 years. From Los Angeles I moved to Benicia, Ca. where I lived for about 10 years and worked for Shell Oil Company at the oil refinery in Martinez, Ca. in the same capacity as a computer technician. Upon retirement I moved to Elk Grove where I have lived now for about 11 years. I've been fly fishing for about 5 years now. Several years ago I logged on to the DFF website and read about the casting instructions that your club was having at Oak Park. I attended the casting instructions several times and got very interested in the fine art of fly fishing. Since that time I attended a few of the DFF's meetings when you had a speaker that was of interest to me. Most recently I decided it was time that I joined the Delta Fly Fishers because your club seemed to have some interesting clinics and outings planned for the upcoming season. So far I have met some nice friendly and helpful members of your club like Marty Kjelson, Bob Fujimura, Al Smatsky and Jerry Neuburger to name a few. I'll be looking forward to meeting more of you in the months to come.

Editor's Note: Mike was kind enough to send me the above article regarding his background. I would like to make this a new "custom" when each new member joins so the membership will be a little more at "ease" introducing themselves to the newly-joined fly fisher.

Membership Form

Regular membership – \$30 *

Family membership – \$35*

Senior (individuals 62 years or older) – \$25.00*

*Add \$10 to receive a printed newsletter by U.S. mail

Dues are for one year, from September 1 to August 31. Please fill out then mail to:

Bob Fujimura, Membership Chairman

PO Box 1562

Lodi, CA 95241-1562

Check one:

New membership _____ Renew membership _____

Regular Membership _____

Senior Membership (62+) _____

Family Membership _____

Name _____ Spouse _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: Home (____) _____ - _____

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E-Mail Address _____ * *

**For receiving monthly e-mail attached newsletters and club notices

I would like to be on the _____ committee

Please enclose any dues as a check made to Delta Fly Fishers.

If there is any questions or problems please contact: Bob Fujimura at 339-0683 or e-mail at deltaflyfishers@gmail.com.

Fishing Mentor Request

NAME _____

DATE _____

PHONE CONTACTS: (1) _____

(2) _____

The best time to contact me is _____

My E-mail address is: _____

I WOULD LIKE A FISHING MENTOR TO HELP ME WITH ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Casting Fly Tying Attending Outings Equipment
 Knot Tying Float Tubing Pontoon Boating
 Stream Fishing Lake Fishing Trout Fishing
 Steelhead Fishing Shad Fishing Bass Fishing
 Striper Fishing Salt Water Fishing Private Water Fishing
 Rod Building Selecting a Guide Travel
 Entomology Other _____

Please describe what you would like help with _____

If you need further information, please contact the Fishing Mentor Chairman:

Steve Cooper, 956-1032 or e-mail @ repuoc3@sbcglobal.net

Mail the form to: Delta Fly Fishers

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Bob McMillan Trout Bout

(February)

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Fishing Mentor Program

Steve Cooper 209-956-1032

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, call 956-1032 or e-mail: repuoc3@sbcglobal.net

SAVE MART MARKETS – S.H.A.R.E.S

As a reminder, DFF has joined with Save Mart Markets via the S.H.A.R.E.S. program. DFF earns 3% of most purchases made by customers using the card provided to DFF by Save Mart.

Since the last report about our SHARES participation, the membership has responded to the need. The donations from SHARES for the past two quarters totaled approximately \$484.00. Thank you membership. We have an additional 50 SHARES cards coming that will be distributed to new members, family and friends. Continue to shop Save Mart Markets! There is no additional cost to you. It merely gives 3% to DFF that otherwise would go to market profit.

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

June 3rd & June 9th Sacramento River Jet Boat Shad Trip

As you may or may not know by now, Jerry Neuburger sent out a flyer via the Internet recently to see if any of our members would be interested in a shad fishing trip, and the response was overwhelming. He had contacted the Orland Outfitters regarding the details on filling the jet boats that take you to the fishing grounds. In fact, he's now booked a second trip for June 9th after the June 3rd trip filled up. Here's his information:

We filled the four boats for the Sacramento River Jet Boat Shad trip for June 3rd so fast that I'm pretty sure some people from the club have been left out. In fact, I'll bet that some of you are just finding out about the trip. I contacted Wayne Sim of Orland Outfitters, and he has two boats available for Saturday, June 9th with exactly the same deal - four guys to a jet boat - fishing from noon to sunset with a big barbecue at the end. The same cost, \$140 per angler.

We already have our first June 9th sign-up, Leo Gutterres, and we're open for seven more. If you want to sign up, I need your commitment right away since Wayne can't be expected to hold these boats on a promise when people with cash in hand are ready to book.

Here's the details for the June 9th trip:
Call (209-369-5752) or e-mail (gneuburger@yahoo.com) and give me a firm commitment that you are going ASAP.

Bring \$70 to the regular meeting on February 8th or mail it to me if you're not going to attend: 5 North California Street, Lodi, CA 95240

Bring the balance with you (\$70) on the day of the outing. I suggest including a \$20 tip each as well.

Arrange a carpool with your fellow anglers to save gas and have fun there and back.

I will be handing out printed recommendations for lines, flies, etc. by mid March.

If we don't fill up by February 8th, the second trip will be cancelled. If Wayne sells the two boats before I get commitments from eight guys, the trip will be cancelled.

Note: If any of the people that signed up for the first trip want to go on the second trip as well, feel free to sign up again.

Thanks. Jerry Neuburger

2012 Annual Dinner Memorabilia



Presidential exchange - Past prez to new prez -

Herman to Marty Kjelson 2012



Bob's special award from Leo Gutterres, his mounted special popper

Beware if you draw Larry as a Mentor as this trophy is for catching his line on a sailboat rigging while fishing in the Delta



Larry also got his line tangled in a telephone wire while being filmed on Channel 31 during the Steelhead Festival last year - The John Fanoucchi Incompleat Angler Trophy



Grand Prize Winner Loyal Hall

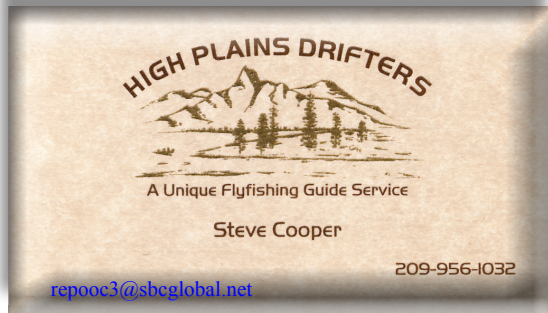


The Chefs - (Left to Right) Tony Ott, William Chinnock III, Amy Cooper, Steve Cooper, John Duecker



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