

# OCTOBER'S MESSAGE FROM THE TEMPORARY PRESIDENT'S CORNER

## By Herman Spalinger

Here we are with another month gone by and the end of the year looming ahead rather quickly. I know you all are probably getting tired of me harping on new officers and a newsletter editor, but time is of the essence — THIS IS NOT THE TIME TO PROCRASTINATE! If or when one of you contacts me or Doug Ridgway regarding volunteering for the presidency, vice presidency or newsletter editor, now is the time to commit so you can learn what's involved in each of the club's open positions. I/we will bend over backward to help you slip into whatever position you wish to fill for the coming year. I/we will be more than happy to "mentor" you so the transition becomes smooth and easy. Believe me; it's not that difficult; it only takes a little time out of your schedules a couple times a month to perform these tasks.

While I am ranting on this subject, our committee program co-chairs Marty Kjelson (209 477-9618) & John Keagy (209 369-5690) are always looking for new ideas on who you all would like to see as a speaker, perhaps one you've come in contact with in the past, who might make for an interesting talk at our club meetings. Please give them a call. Also Earl Summers (209 957-6756) would like your input on any outing locations you think would work well as a club activity. Suggestions are greatly appreciated for the upcoming year, and these folks would more than welcome your input. Don't be bashful; participate in planning our club's activities and see how self-satisfying it can be. The more participation we get from you members the healthier our club will be.

And finally note these dates for our upcoming activities from October through the rest of the year. Don't forget a weekend at John Ascuaga's Nugget in Sparks, NV, for the NCCFFF yearly conclave on October 7th through the 9th. Our Conservation Chair, Ron Forbes (209 368-5767) is in charge of speakers and is available for information). October 12th, our regular meeting night, is potluck and swap meet. Bring your slightly used gear for trade or sale. October 15th & 16th our club will be at Lake Alpine. Not a bad place to stay overnight, especially if the fish are on the prowl. Put a note on your calendars that Saturday, January 14th, 2012, is the evening at the Eagle's Hall for our Annual Dinner. Please note our calendar of events section in this newsletter for more information.

Last but not least, here is our Alphabet soup for the October 12th Potluck & Swap meet:

- A D Hot Veggie Plate
- E G Main course (Casserole, potato dish, etc)
- H K Dinner rolls, bread (sourdough, etc) butter
- L-N Salads
- O R Desserts
- S Z Cold drinks, ice & cups

# October General Meeting October 12th Potluck & Swap Meet

Well is our Annual Pot Luck and Swap Meet. So if you have any items that you no longer have a use for bring them. Remember one person's garbage is another person's treasure. So bring what you wish to sell or trade and label the items with what you want to seel them for.

The meeting will be at the John R. Williams, as usual and will start at 7:00 pm.

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#### DFF Sponsors the Delta Fly Fishing Challenge

Delta Fly Fishers has launched its angler recognition program to promote fly fishing for sport fish in the Delta and to foster appreciation of its fisheries and natural resources. Successful applicants must catch, photograph, and release six different sport fish (out of a list of 15 species) from the Delta using fly fishing gear. After receiving a completed application form, supporting photographs, and a \$5 application fee, Delta Fly Fishers will mail a personalized 11" x 14" color certificate suitable for framing.

For more information on this new award program, go to our web site at: www.deltaflyfishers.com/deltachallenge.html (web page in progress) or contact Bob Fujimura at: deltaflyfishers@gmail.com

#### 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.

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### **DFF MENTOR PROGRAM**

The Delta Fly Fishers Board of Directors, intent upon enhancing the existing Fishing Buddy Program, is proposing DFF adopt a Mentor Program which is proactive and broadly inclusive. The primary objective is, by sharing fly fishing skills and knowledge of existing DFF members with new members, this will assist new members in getting acquainted with existing members, with club activities and, generally speed the transition from new member to old friend.

The Board of Directors recognizes this will take considerable commitment from the existing membership and does encourage the active participation of current members. The following broad guidelines are thought to be necessary for this program.

- Every existing member willing to serve, as a Mentor will be asked to complete a skills/knowledge list that they will share with new members as requested. The Mentor Program Chairperson will maintain these documents.
- Every new member will be asked to complete a skills/knowledge request form, which the Mentor Program Chair will also maintain.
- The Mentor Program Chair will introduce any and all new members before the General Program begins and will make an effort to introduce the new members to DFF Officers and Board Members.
- Under consideration is the additional incentive for new members of some free raffle tickets.
- The Mentor Program Chair will follow up on matching a Mentor with a new member based on skills/knowledge sought and skills/knowledge available. The mentor and new member will work out a compatible schedule by which to transfer skills/knowledge. The Mentor Program Chair as needed can make reassignments.
- Examples of mentoring include such things as guiding a new member on local waters within a few months of assignment, accompany the new member to a local fly shop to assist with gear purchases, contact the new member a few days before each monthly meeting to remind the new member of the meeting and program, assisting with casting skills, how to tie useful knots and/or fly tying, sharing information regarding fly fishing destinations including basic travel tips and promoting new members to join DFF in its outings

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Over time the Mentor Program may be extended to include existing members who want to learn new skills/knowledge.

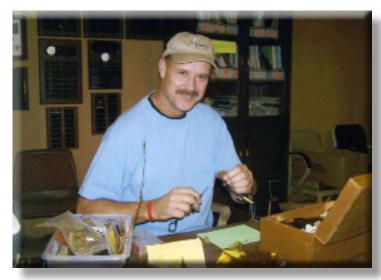






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☐ Stream Fishing ☐ Lake Fishing ☐ Trout Fishing
☐ Steelhead Fishing ☐ Shad Fishing ☐ Bass Fishing
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Steve Cooper, 956-1032 or e-mail @ repooc3@sbcglobal.ne
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Delta Fly Fishers
P.O. Box 77862
Stockton, CA 95207
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### WEDNESDAY NIGHT FLY CASTING AND TYING



## 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

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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.



The weekly Wednesday evening fly casting sessions have ended for the year. But not all is lost. Meet Joe Balderston in the Nature Center, at Oak Grove Park, at 6:30 and do some fly tying. The exception is the 2nd Wednesday night when DFF has its monthly meeting.

Whether you are a novice and want tips on how to tie or an expert that wants an excuse to get out of the house, then come out for the camaraderie of other members. This is an excellent chance improve your fly casting, tying and/or BS abilities. For more information contact Joe Balderston at 649-0291.

## Fly Tying and Casting

During his interesting fly tying demonstration at the September meeting, long-time member, Bud Heintz offered to have any member to contact him if they had any fly tying questions. Bud has been very generous with his time and experiences so don't be afraid to take up his offer. You can contact Bud by phone at (209) 522-8790 or by e-mail at budheintz@att.net. Bud gave a very informative program and we thank him for sharing his skills.

Jim Rich also wants to announce that the seasonal fly casting sessions at Oak Grove Park has ended for this year. Please note when handling public inquiry about these sessions.

# MEMBERSHIP BOB FUJIMURA, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

Fall is currently underway and is the favorite time for fly fishers; the cooler temperatures trigger more aggressive feeding in many species and the summer crowds have gone back their jobs or schools. Our attentions intensify due to the knowledge that these prime conditions are fleeting and, too soon, winter will be here shortly.

One month into the new membership year and about 60% of our current members have renewed their memberships. The Board of Directors and Committee Chairs greatly appreciate and thank these members support of our organization by promptly paying their duties. If you haven't done so already, please take the time to mail your dues to either Bob Fujimura at PO Box 1562, Lodi, CA 95241-1562 or Treasurer Bruce Rollans at the next club meeting or activity. No renewal form is necessary if your contract information has not change in the last year. If you need any renewal or new membership forms, you can download them 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.

Hope to see you all at the next club event or out on the water.

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The First Delta Fly Fishing Challenge Certificate



Joe Balderston receives the first Delta Fly Fishing Challenge certificate from President Herman Spalinger at the September member's meeting. Delta Fly Fishers are honored that one of its members was the 1st to achieve this special accomplishment.

# Eastern Sierra Focus By CJ Webb

### **Fishing Tip:**

Emergence is the key to FILM FISING according to Gary Borger. Only three groups of insects produce consistent surfaceemergence activity, caddis, midges and mayflies and they all emerge in a similar manner. Profile is everything, according to Gary g, which he calls the visual footprint. This stage should mimic a nymph tucked up just under the film with it's back protruding the surface. His son, Jason Borger designed a fly called the Low Rider which places the hackle (parachute style) above the body of the nymph so it lies just under the surface. The proportions should make the fly appear as natural in the film as possible. Fishing this stage is the easiest of all stages of film fishing, and my 2nd preference in lake fishing. The one aspect of caddis-fly emergence is the perception of the bug doing the butterfly stroke to the surface and launching into orbit at Mach 10. I can't imagine trying to imitate this insect behavior. The speed which swimming caddis flies ascend to the surface varies, but it is doubtful if any of them rise like a rocket and shoot out into the air. Remember whatever pattern you choose that resembles this "bug" is dependent on DRAG, so it is left up to you and your ability to cast without a blonde wig and fake boobs. Never stop practicing, as Lefty, Gary and Jason are the only ones that do not need practice.

Note: Curve casting is something everyone needs to perfect, you have all winter. Trust me on this.

#### Weather:

Summer continues to bring great weather to the Eastern Sierra with Aspens starting to turn from the freeze on the 17th, so I'm venturing a guess that we are in for a good color show in the next couple weeks peaking out around the 7th - 10th of October. News — Purchase your fishing license at your local tackle store and avoid the \$3 surcharge. More wardens are on the beat this summer and checking licenses.

Legislation – News still pending and will report when available, but things have gone to turmoil stage with new DFG Director, so hopefully there will be some changes in the near future that will turn in the direction of the angler. This isn't the news I was reporting on, but will keep you posted if my news comes about.

#### **Fishing Report:**

Always check the regulations prior to fishing any water as to limits, size, and gear.

ROCK CREEK – Try small black gnat parachute #16-18, olive and black woolies, and Hornbergs. Subsurface with Type II or III and black, olive or rust buggers. Hoppers, ants, damsels on the stream and upper lakes are all working.

HOT CREEK – Water flow is 30cfs, and conditions are great with the best fishing in the early afternoon to around 4pm. Caddis has been on fire; try small mayfly and midge patterns for the am hatch. Important to keep the drag off your drifts, Sept trout have a Ph.D. Please stay out of the water and help prevent the spread of New Zealand mud snails.

CROWLEY LAKE – Water temps are running between 51 to 68F slightly lower than my last report. Remember to check for the perfect temp of 57 with your thermometers, it can make all the difference. Algae is getting worse in McGee Bay and the

south end of the lake. Lake is still high and approximately 6" from the peak. Reports say some nice browns are in the weeds chasing fry so strip slowly. Loads of fish up to 16" between the shore and the weed line all along Green Banks Bay up to the weather pole. Stay around 16 feet plus along the old stream channel on the east side of the lake. Hawgs are hanging in the 16-19 foot level on the west side which has little to no weeds. Nymphs: #12 Birds nest, #16 Black Optimidge, Ultimate Damsel, Jansen's Callibaetis and larvae patterns early. Dries working are BWO's (extended body) but not a huge amount of action. Streamers: Stillwater Hares, Perfection Perch, Punk Perch, Hornbergs and Ultimate Damsel

UPPER OWENS – Has been fair with flows around 177cfs which is high as the water is still being diverted from the mono basin south to Crowley. Water is off color but clearer as you head farther up. Streamers have been working the best. Try meat whistles, slump busters (not a club about this fly) or olive, black or brown wooly buggers. Nymphs: Copper Tiger Midge #18-20, BH Prince #16, Pheasant Tail #16, red San Juan worm, Zebra midge #16-18, olive scuds and western coachman #16. Dries bringing up fish are Parachute Adams #20, Sloan outrigger caddis #16, Goddard Caddis #16, Elk hair caddis tan or olive #18, Para kicking hopper #14 or Chernobyl Ant.

OWENS RIVER GORGE – Flow is a permanent 45cfs maintained by LADWP. Water is clear and cold as is the temperature. Bring your arsenal of top water favorites like yellow humpy's #18, rubber leg stimulator, and Green Copper John #18, Kauffman's stimulator, and #16 Green Humpy.

CONVICT – Reports good fishing using mostly black, or olive woollies and Hornbergs size 8. Of course the Pistol Pete is not a question, always the answer.

MAMMOTH LAKES BASIN – Reports great water conditions with good hatches. Two-fly rig has been doing the best with a nymph trailer behind a callibaetis dry (Stimulator's, Cahill's, or any light tan dry). Streamers getting tugs are Doc's Twin lake black/Olive/Brown #10-12, Olive Matukas, Black and Olive wooly Buggers #8-10. Nymphs getting the job done are callibaetis #16, BH prince #14 and Copper John #16.

SAN JOAQUIN - Flows are coming down now and fishing has been excellent. Keep your dries high and very dry. Try Kauffman Stimulator #16 to 18, parachute Adams #18, olive Elk hair Caddis #18, hoppers, and Chernobyl Ants. Nymphs working are Copper John #18 red, BH prince nymphs, Micromayfly olive #18, and partridge soft hackle.

JUNE LAKE – Reports good fishing on large streamers, fish near the west end near weedy spots and don't spook the trout. Drop your type IV sink and dip and strip working in lanes. Try different Hornbergs and leeches or even an Orange Fish Hawk. GULL LAKE – Has been somewhat slow but good after 5pm with mostly dries. There's been a nice boil on the water with trout taking dries. Try some Black Gnat parachute #14 or 16, olive elk hair caddis and Goddard Caddis. Caddis are hatching everywhere. But this may change with the weather due this weekend.

SILVER LAKE – Level is good and fishing near the bank near weedy areas with a dry might prove effective. Afternoon flies are standard dries like parachutes, Umbrellas, or anything that will stay afloat and look tasty, maybe even give some Para-Duns or PMD's might get some tugs.

GRANT LAKE – Water is still full with good reports on fishing.

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License plate frame w "Delta Fly Fishers"	\$ 3.00	
DVD Fishing How To Rentals (3 weeks max)	\$ 2.00	



Check with the marina for the best area and flies, it has been inconsistent.

LUNDY LAKE – Reports good fishing at the west end on dark olive or purple Wooly buggers #8, also Rainbow Hornbergs, hoppers along the north shore also ants. Tie on a Grizzly/yellow Pistol Pete's out near the inlet and along the south shore or a grizzly/brown.

VIRGINIA LAKES – Has done the best with the olive woolly bugger, Rickard's callibaetis nymph #14 and #16, Hornbergs, partridge and yellow soft hackles (spider trails are flying) yellow sally painted red. For the evening hatch try Grey hackle Peacock, Griffith's Gnats, and Grey Hackle Yellow (trimmed). Lots of callibaetis floating above the shoreline willows so try Cahill light or a Cowdung. Alpers hit the water on the 16th along with DFG's weekly 500 pounds. Big fish are still coming out daily. Backcountry waters (Blue Lake, Cooney and Frogs) are producing on black ants, parachute black Gnats, Adams, and small hoppers.

EAST WALKER – Flow as of this writing is 237cfs, and fishing reports are good. Water is constantly improving, but fishing is pretty good most of the day but make sure and keep your fly clean between casts as the weeds are around. Try Olive Elk Hair Caddis #16, Fat Albert #12, Kaufman Stimulator #16, Streamside Hoppers and Big Ants. Nymphs working are flash olive/black WD40's #22, Zebra Midge #20-22, Micro-mayfly olive #20-22 and olive WD40 #20-22. Streamers working are perfection perch #10, Punk Perch #10, Black wooly buggers and leeches size 8. Fishing has been outstanding the last couple hours before dark so try some double ugly gigantic mouse patterns or even a crayfish; you might just pull up your fish of a lifetime.

BRIDGEPORT RESERVOIR — Is doing great and water temps are warming with little or no algae or weeds. Try full-sink in front of the dam and go with a 3X minimum at about 5 to 13 feet with blood worms, copper tiger midges, zebra midge and pheasant tails. Use #16-20 with larger top flies and don't be anxious to set the hook, you might lose that monster.

WEST WALKER - Flow is 121cfs and the best fishing is always around the bridge in the flat water. If you are adventurous, you can try other water past Chris Flat campground and west of the Bridge for about 200 feet or so staying on the north side. Water color is good and they are down there, so try some small midges, San Juan worms, hare's ear (BH), or Mayfly Micro fly (glass bead), also hoppers, ants, and damsels. Hatches are everywhere with this beautiful fall we are hoping goes into Indian Summer.

See you on the water, CJ 11 9.30

# **Conservation By Ron Forbes**

Soon after I embraced the sport of angling I became convinced that I should never be able to enjoy it if I had to rely on the cooperation of the fish. Sparse Grey Hackle

In early September, Dan Bacher published an article stating that approximately 11 million fish have been killed at both the state and federal pumping stations since the first of the year. These fish comprise 46 species, with the biggest loss of almost 9 million Sacramento Splittail. Also among the fish lost are Chinook salmon, Steelhead, Striped Bass, Catfish, Black bass, Sturgeon and two species of shad. According to the Department of Fish and Game (DFG) these fish were lost in what they refer to as "the salvage process". One of Webster's definitions of salvage is, "to save from loss or destruction". However, that is not what happens when fish are "salvaged" at the federal and state pumping stations. Basically they are killed.

Bacher took much of the information from a report by Larry Walker Associates entitled, "A Review of Delta Fish Population Losses from Pumping Operations in the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta". This is must reading for anyone interested in what is happening to our fish during pumping operations in the Delta. Again we are not being given accurate information by the Department of Water Resources, DFG, water contractors, water districts, or agribusiness.

To understand what is being talked about in the pumping operation and fish loss you need to understand their definitions. Such as:

- Salvage: Is the collection of the fish which are upstream from the pumping facilities. The idea is to return these fish to back to the Delta. These fish are collected at both the State Water Project's (SWP) Skinner Fish Protective Facility and The Central Valley Project's (CVP) Tracy Fish Collection Facility. The fish are directed away from pumps and into holding tanks. They are then trucked and released back to the Delta.
- Entrainment: Refers to taking fish into the facility and trapping them. The main area of entrainment is the Clifton Court Forebay (CCF). Once the fish enter the forebay, they cannot get out.
- Addition loss: Some fish are not collected and are pumped into the canals that go south and therefore lost to the Delta. Debris and fish are pumped into trucks transported and released into the Delta. The pumping operation, poor handling of fish and debris kills a high percentage of fish as they are released. The next loss occurs when predators locate themselves at points where the salvaged fish are released.
- Total Fish Loss: This is the loss of the fish from the total project including pre-screen loss, fish loss during and after the salvage process, and the loss of fish at the pumps.

You can now understand that the salvage losses are only a part of the total fish loss.

#### **The Entrainment Process**

The fish are trapped at the Clifton Court Forebay (CCF). At this point 75% of the fish are lost to predation; 25% go to the salvage facility.

Of the remaining 25 % another 20-30% are lost at the salvage louvers and 70-80% are then salvaged.

Approximately 1-12% are lost due to poor handling and trucking operations.

There is an overall loss of between 10-32% of all salvaged fish due to predation.

Therefore, only 11-18% of all salvaged fish will survive.

When Bacher's article hit the newspapers and made TV, people were shocked. Why? The loss of fish due to the pumping process has been well-documented since the 1970's. During this period of study, it is estimated that there has been a 75% Chinook salmon pre-screen loss. The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) in their 2009 Biological Opinion (BO) explained that due to the increase in the frequency of greater pump rates, there will be an increase in predation of Chinook salmon and Steelhead.

Despite the seriousness of these problems, there is nothing on the horizon to prevent the continued slaughter of our fisheries. The DFG, DWR, SWP, and the CVP have done nothing rectify the problem. In 2000-2001 there was a project-pending to install fish screens at the Clifton Court Forebay and the Tracy facility. It was placed on hold, the reason being to do an "evaluation of the scope of the project" and to determine the time the project would take to complete. That was 10 years ago.

Another problem has arisen at the pumping facilities. Since 1995, there have been pumping restrictions due to the development of pondweed. To keep the water flowing south, the DWR has used a copper-based herbicide called Koomeen. This is done in spring and early summer. This chemical has known problems for both salmonids and the Green Sturgeon since both are highly sensitive to copper at both toxic and non-toxic levels. The DRW now has had to modify the time of application of Koomeen to keep the water flowing.

Since the 1970's, it has been well-known that the Delta and its fisheries have suffered greatly due the SWP and CVP. Given the continuing disregard of all problems created by the agencies involved (especially DFG and DWR), it is remarkable that any species of fish still exist in the estuary. From this point on, we need to educate ourselves as to what is occurring around us. If we lose, our fisheries will eventually lose the entire Delta ecosystem.

Who would want to live in that environment?

Ron Forbes Conservation Chair

# **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Every Wed (except meeting nights)	Nature Center Oak Grove Park Stockton	WEDNESDAY EVENING TYING Contact: Joe Balderston 649-0291 or Jim Rich 477-6404
Every 2nd Wed (Except July & Aug) 7:00 PM	John R Williams School Stockton	Membership Meeting Contact Marty Kjelson 477-9618 John Keagy 369-5690
Every 3rd Wed (Except July) 7:00 PM	Nature Center Oak Grove Park, Stockton	Board Meeting All Members Welcome
Wednesday October 12	John R Williams School Stockton	Monthly Meeting Annual Potluck and Swap Meet
Wednesday October 19	Nature Center Oak Grove Park, Stockton	Board Meeting
October 15-16	Alpine Lake,CA	DFF October Outing Earl Summers 957 6756 - nancysummers@att.net
November 19	Oak Grove Park, Stockton CA	Trout Bout Charlie Reames - 369-6053
Saturday January 14, 2012	Eagles' Lodge Stockton CA	2012 Annual Banquet





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