

July 2011

Delta Fly Fishers

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BY STEPHEN JOHNSON (THE TOP DOG IN CAMP)

July, 2011

What can I say...last week of June, I'm in Oregon (again) and it's raining (again)...is this beginning to sound like a broken record or what?

Fished the upper Sac on Monday on the way here...warm, river running a little high (1670 cfs) and clear, first stop was at Vollmers. First cast and a very nice 17" rainbow came 3' out the water before he realized he was hooked...hot damn came on... landed him in quick fashion and then... splash with very big S, Kate figured it was time to cool off. Not another fish to be seen heard or hooked for two hours. Packed up and headed into Dunsmuir for some lunch... fishing over.

Next morning rain gods says," not today big guy"...this is one hell of a black cloud following me. ½ to ¾ of an inch depending on what side of the road you're standing on by 6:30am and then showers all day, back to the cribbage board.

Folks it's time for a serious talk...I realize it's July but, the year is half gone and moving downhill faster than a freight train with no brakes...we half to get prepared for upcoming personal changes. Yours truly has been sitting in the captain's chair long enough...I have pissed off all the folks I can, so we need a new President, couple of Board of Directors and Treasurer as well as new committee members. Delta Fly Fishers is a great organization with a very good reputation (probably be a whole lot better after I'm gone), and needs some fresh young (or old) thinking to take over...please start talking and thinking about helping out. July means NO regular members meeting (to many vacations)...however a special board of directors meeting will be held on July 13th to catch up on some old business.

August means I, the big dog, gets entertain you...now don't fall down laughing at once, don't need any broken bones on my conscious.

Ok, Ok the mutts barking in my ear, seems she wants to go check out the "Holy Water to see if anything is rising...if I strike out here I'm headed back to the McCloud river and then over to Hat Creek on the way home...stay tuned I'll report next month on the results.

Let's go Kate, times a wasting.

Steve and Kate (the four footed fish finder)



Charles Koliha

Charles Koliha, a longtime member of the Delta Fly Fishers, passed away on Friday, June 17, 2011. A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00am on July 9, 2011 at the Central United Methodist Church, 1625 N. Lincoln Ave, Stockton.

First Delta Fly Fishing Challenge Completed



Congratulations to club member Joe Balderston who earned the first Delta Fly Fishing Challenge in June. Joe accomplished this new award by catching six different sport fish from the Delta using only fly fishing gear. He will be awarded a personalized 11"x14" color certificate documenting his achievement at the next members meeting. His certification will be labeled as Certification Number 1.

Two of the six fish were caught from previous fishing trips on the Delta. It took Joe several trips to complete the remaining four fish. The last fish, channel catfish, was the most challenging to catch. All of his fish were caught from locations within San Joaquin County.

Joe's advice to others seeking to earn their certificates was to join the club and learn from the more experienced anglers how to fish the Delta. Selecting the right fly pattern to match the likely prey species was the key to his success. Joe was pleased with his accomplishment and supports this program that helps promote sport fishing and protection of fisheries resources.

Joe is a teacher with the Stockton Unified School District and is a Board Member of the Delta Fly Fishers and active with the Education Committee and teaching fly tying at the Wednesday evening meetings.

DFE 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

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS

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

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

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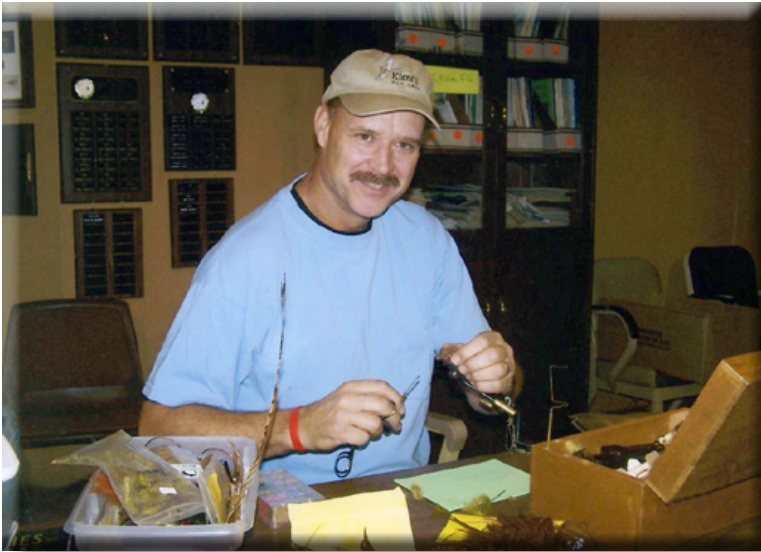
<p>Fishing Mentor Request</p> <p>NAME _____</p> <p>DATE _____</p> <p>PHONE CONTACTS: (1) _____</p> <p>(2) _____</p> <p>The best time to contact me is _____</p> <p>My E-mail address is: _____</p> <p>I WOULD LIKE A FISHING MENTOR TO HELP ME WITH ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Casting <input type="checkbox"/> Fly Tying <input type="checkbox"/> Attending Outings <input type="checkbox"/> Equipment</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Knot Tying <input type="checkbox"/> Float Tubing <input type="checkbox"/> Pontoon Boating</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Stream Fishing <input type="checkbox"/> Lake Fishing <input type="checkbox"/> Trout Fishing</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Steelhead Fishing <input type="checkbox"/> Shad Fishing <input type="checkbox"/> Bass Fishing</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Striper Fishing <input type="checkbox"/> Salt Water Fishing <input type="checkbox"/> Private Water Fishing</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Rod Building <input type="checkbox"/> Selecting a Guide <input type="checkbox"/> Travel</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Entomology <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Please describe what you would like help with _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>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 P.O. Box 77862 Stockton, CA 95207</p>	<p>ST. CROIX ULTRA LEGEND 908-3, a 9" 8 wt 3 pc rod in good condition with tube. \$120.00</p> <p>1 pr. Cabela's Neoprene boot foot chest waders, size 9 Stout, Used once. \$50</p> <p>1 pr. Patagonia wading boots w/felt soles & cleats, size 8 - \$25</p> <p>1 pr. Patagonia flats boots, size 10 - \$22</p> <p>1 pr. Redington wading boots w/felt soles and cleats, size 10 \$18</p> <p>2 Blanton Rigged 'N Ready Rod bags, VG condition, \$25 ea</p> <p>Call Bruce at (209) 274-0448 or email @ mbrsmr36@gmail.com</p> <hr/> <p>KONICA MINOLTA MONO LASER PRINTER (PagePro 1350W) in good condition, works with Window XP or older systems. \$30 (proceeds will go to the club's Delta Fly Fishing Program).</p> <p>Call Bob Fujimura at (209) 339-0683 or e-mail deltaflyfishers@gmail.com</p> <hr/> <p>HEAVY DUTY MAGNIFYING FLORESCENT WORK LAMP - This has a 5" lens and has never been used \$25.00.</p> <p>Call Doug Ridgway at (209) 617-7050 or email at doug_flyfisher@yahoo.com</p>
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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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FLY CASTING AND TYING



The weekly Wednesday evening fly casting sessions have resumed this Summer. But not all is lost. Meet Jim Rich and Joe Balderston in the Nature Center, at Oak Grove Park, at 6:30 and do some fly casting and/or 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 cast 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 or Jim Rich at 477-6404.

MEMBERSHIP

BOB FUJIMURA, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

The peak of the Sierra and Delta fishing season should be underway after a delayed spring season. Most of the membership is busy making up for lost time and concentrating on spending time on fly fishing their favorite locations or water bodies. This is important because practicing our sport for its enjoyment is one of the bonds to ties the membership together. During the wonderful time, consider sharing your time and experience helping our new and less experienced members on some of your trips. Our Mentor program is one successful way of getting our new members encouraged to learn this sport and helps integrate them into our club. But even asking a newer member to join your next local fishing trip can be rewarding and foster much appreciation from your guest.

Please note that any person who join as a new member will receive any time before the end of the membership year (August 31th) PLUS the next membership year membership for the same annual dues. So encourage any interested persons to join now and get additional time for free.

We have gained several new members over the last 2 months:

Bill and Brooke Beckett of Galt
Ryan Dinkel of Lodi
Ed Smith of Stockton

We also welcome back one renewing member:
Robert Brandley of Lodi

Please greet and introduce yourselves to our new and renewing members when you see them in the future.

We are encouraging all members to receive their newsletters by e-mail attachment or downloading them from our website to speed delivery and reduce circulation costs. If wish to receive your newsletters electronically, please contact Bob Fujimura by e-mail (deltaflyfishers@gmail.com) or phone 339-0683.

If you need new or renewing membership forms, please download them from the DFF Membership website page at <http://www.deltaflyfishers.com/membership.html> or contact Bob Fujimura by e-mail (deltaflyfishers@gmail.com) or by phone (339-0683).

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

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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.



Conservation

By Ron Forbes

Rivers and their inhabitants of the watery elements are made for wise men to contemplate and for fools to pass by without consideration – Isaac Walton

In early June, the Sacramento Bee wrote an editorial about comments made by former Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt. Babbitt served in the Clinton Administration for eight years and had a strong voice in protecting the environment. Recently, he has leveled strong, well deserved criticism of President Barack Obama and some Republicans in the House of Representatives.

His criticism of Obama is that the President has yet to stand up and oppose the radical anti-environmental agenda of the HR Republicans. Many of us were fed-up with George W. Bush's strong pro-business, anti-environmental policies. During the campaign, Obama took a firm position on protecting our environmental resources and environmental policies. Those of us particularly interested in the fisheries and water issues of California were very positive about what Obama promised. He said he would look at the issues, use the best science available, and then move in that direction. He has not. His broken promises seem to be just another pathetic example of campaign rhetoric.

Babbitt has asked the president "to lead us in standing up to the radical agenda of the House of Representatives. Something he has no yet done in a significant way." Obama should replace the Republican agenda with a bold conservation vision according to Babbitt. Obama has not, nor has he shown the leadership needed in conservation issues.

The Draconian Trio

In his criticism, Babbitt also blasted Republicans in the House of Representatives saying they have "declared war on our land, water and natural resources." And he is right. The Republican's from California are leading the most blatantly outrageous anti-environmental legislation ever seen in the House.

These three members from California are:

- . Rep. Devin Nunes (R) Visalia
- . Rep. Kevin McCarthy (R) Bakersfield
- . Jeff Denham (R) Atwater

Nunes's bill is HR 1837 (the bill is called The San Joaquin Valley Water Reliability Act) and is supported by McCarthy and Denham. If passed, HR 1837 will radically alter water law in California overturning 120 years of legal standing. That means that those with junior water right standing will now have the senior water rights. In other words Westlands Water District, The Kern County Land Company, and the Metropolitan Water District of Los Angeles will be placed in front of Northern California farmers when water deliveries are made.

A group of salmon conservation organizations wrote to Washington a month ago and have called the Nunes bill "a radical attempt to place the water rights demands of some of California's most junior water rights holders ahead of all other California interest and is a blatant water grab." The salmon groups are calling the bill, "The Salmon Extinction Bill." This bill will kill the 2006 agreement that is to restore and protect

the Delta and San Joaquin River. State control over pumping would be placed under Federal control.

If passed, HR 1837 will also overturn the San Joaquin River Restoration Settlement which took urban-users, farmers and those wanting to re-establish the fisheries of the San Joaquin River, 20 years to come to their historic agreement. Nunes would stop all restoration of the 120 miles of the San Joaquin River and stop all restoration of the fisheries and the once great salmon fishery on the river. If HR 1837 passes, once again the San Joaquin River will remain bone-dry.

When you listen to Nunes or see him on TV, you will see he is nothing more than a liar. In a recent comment he claimed, "Delta farmers have been able to hide from reality on their islands, fisherman have filled their pockets with tax dollars and radical environmentalist have assumed greater control over the State's water." Nothing could be further from the truth. Another particularly stupid comment was, "We (the south valley) give up water and no one else gives up water, and that time has come to an end." The fact that it isn't their water in the first place does seem to cross his mind. Nunes operates under the assumption that if you tell a lie often enough, people will believe you. And those in the south valley do seem to believe him.

Kevin McCarthy is presenting bill HR 1581. If passed, this bill will stop the federal government's ability to protect and set aside wilderness areas. It will also stop all future administrations from protecting and setting aside any new wilderness areas. He is in the same ball park as former HR member Richard Pombo who wanted to sell our national parks to corporations.

Also, Tom McClintock(R) Elk Grove is an interesting study. He's the Chair of the Water and Power subcommittee. Most voters think that they elect people who will represent their District's interest so their concerns can be heard by the government. During his committee hearings on HR 1837 he didn't want to grant time for the anti-HR 1831 groups to be heard, calling it a "waste of time." Mr. McClintock's district is made up of two water districts, who will lose their major water rights holdings if HR 1837 passes, and is populated by Northern California farmers and fishermen. One has to wonder what McClintock is getting out of turning his back on two of these water districts, his districts farmers and fisherman by turning over the senior water rights for the south valley agribusiness groups and water districts. It makes one rather skeptical of his motives.

When one looks at these people it's easy to become a skeptic. Nunes, McCarthy, Denham, and McClintock are great favorites of the ultra-right in the Republican Party. They are fond of saying they just want to cut government spending and balance the budget. If that is true, why aren't they cutting government subsidized water and government subsidized crops in one of the most arid parts of the state? Without these government hand-outs most of the south valley would not be sustainable for farming. Yet Nunes, Denham, McCarthy and McClintock continue in their attempts for a blatant water grab. One has to wonder why.

Ron Forbes

Caicos Bones

By Bruce Rollans



In mid-May this year Sallye and I took six fly rods, assorted gear and a few clothes on an adventure. Our destination was one of the Turks and Caicos Islands about three hours by jet southeast of Miami. The target was bonefish and the host was an operation names Beyond the Blue.

From Miami we flew to the capital city, Provenciales, on the Island of Provo. From the capital, after several almost hilarious delays, we had a 25 minute flight to South Caicos using Turks and Caicos Air Lines. The company has an inflight flamingo in their logo. I pointed out to our pilot that most people think of flamingos as birds who fly low and most often land in the water. He had no sense of humor.



Each of the next six mornings we left our comfortable lodging on South Caicos via airboat for our fishing destination around East Caicos Island. This trip took about 45 minutes. East Caicos, like most of the others in this group of Islands looks like high dessert, is deserted and, at its highest point, is only about 80 feet above sea level at low tide.



We have fished for bones at four other locations and never have we seen such skinny flats that, with a few exceptions, are easy to wade and go on to the horizon for 360



degrees. The only way to access these flats is by airboat; flats boats have too much draft. We only saw one other power boat. It was a Skee-do that two French Canadians had rented and ran aground due to an outgoing tide. They had to wait about one hour before they got enough water to float again.

Bonefish were plentiful at East Caicos, most often in large schools, and we typically hooked up with a dozen per day, but never landing all we hooked. One morning we had almost no sound. There was no wind making a noise against our ears. There were no airplanes or birds overhead. There were no boats. All we hear was the sound of water against our pant legs as we moved slowly through the water much like slow dancing in high school.

Our go to gear involved 8 weight rods, Rio Saltwater floating lines, hand tied 12 foot leader, 10/12 pound tippet and most any size six fly that represented a shrimp. About the only thing we tired of was conch. This came with virtually every breakfast (in the grits) and every dinner (either battered, fried like calamari or in pasta sauce).

Eastern Sierra Focus

By CJ Webb

Fishing conditions:

Recently I read an interview with Gary Borger and was impressed, to say the least, as I've my own thoughts on water depth and light penetration from the standpoint of color. Here's an excerpt from the article which I believe you'll enjoy.

How different colors of light are absorbed in the water column and how understanding this helps in selecting fly patterns. Gary stated "The vertical transmission of light is an interesting phenomenon. Clear water absorbs specific colors of the light spectrum differentially. The spectrum of white light can be broken down into red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet components (a rainbow, for example). Clear water absorbs these colors in that same sequence: red is completely absorbed by 6 feet down; orange by 15ft; yellow by 21ft; green by 27ft; the blues by 30ft. Thus, a red fly will appear a shade of gray below 6 feet unless it is a color of red that has a little orange in it."

If the water has algae or tannins it absorbs the various wavelengths of light differently than clean water. "In water with a significant amount of algae, both the red and the blue are all gone by 6ft down; this is because the plants use red and blue light for photosynthesis. All the other wavelengths are absorbed basically the same as light in clear water. In a bog lake, with high tannin content, all the light is basically absorbed by 10ft down. Red makes it to 6ft; orange, yellow and green get to 9ft; and blue only makes it to 4ft. This can have real significance if one is attempting to present a specific color at a depth below its threshold depth. Fluorescent materials retain their colors as long as there's light, and black is always black."

Weather:

Summer finally arrived in the Eastern Sierra with almost record breaking run-off in some areas. Be safe, be wise and most of all being careful in treacherous water you are not accustomed to.

News – Plan ahead--purchase your fishing license ON-LINE. Fish and Game lost over 280 license agents with the new automated data licensing. More wardens are on the beat this summer and checking licenses.

Legislation - Rumors abound, will report next month. This is going to be good should it pass muster. Could not get confirmation, but news is coming.

Fishing Report: Some waters above 9700' still frozen.

Remember to check the regulations prior to fishing unfamiliar water as to limits, size, and gear.

ROCK CREEK - Road is open with negative fishing report (could not get up there to drop a line).

HOT CREEK – Water is a bit off color and the fish are going nuts in the afternoon with great hatches. Flows are above 260cfs and breezy so try Yellow Sallies #18, Z-Caddis olive/brown #16-18, Diamond Caddis #16, Gallatin's Glow Pupa #18, Medallion Midge #18, Red or brown San Juan Worm and grey scuds #16. Also tie on a black BH Doc's Twin Lake special size 10. Please stay out of the water and help prevent the spread of New Zealand mud snails.

CROWLEY LAKE - Water temps are in the mid to upper 50's and fish are tugging early from about 8-11am at Sandy Point, Green Banks, Leighton Springs half way out Alligator Point

in about 12-14ft of water. Take an afternoon siesta. Reports state that fish are moving on a daily basis so keep cruising for the spot. Red, Black and Purple Optimidges #18, Blood Midge, Gold Bead red/black Optimidge #18 late morning and #20 dubbed head black Optimidge midday. Forget the dries but tie on a black Doc's #12 deep-dark and slow and bring some Hornbergs and Matukas. Don't forget the recently 35-40 thousand browns stocked last month.

UPPER OWENS – Flows are at 155cfs above the Hot Creek confluence. Conditions and hatches are a bit scarce due to run off below the confluence, so try Western Coachmen, San Juan Worms and egg patterns below the monument. Parachute Adams #20, Extended Body BWO #20, rubber leg stimulator #18, BH Hares ear #16, FB pheasant tail 18/20, Andersons Bird of Prey Olive #18, Western Coachman #14-16, Z Caddis Pupa 18/20 and Black and Olive Wooly buggers and Hornbergs.

CONVICT – Had good reports early this week and I'd try mostly black, purple or burgundy woolies, and Olive Hornbergs size 8. Of course the Pistol Pete might give you an electro-shock.

MAMMOTH – Water is cold and around 38 to 42 degrees, so dress accordingly. Twins are thawed, Lake Mary is 70% ice free, and the rest are getting "there". Road is open to all waters and photo-nuts are a hazard, soon they'll be renting float tubes to take pictures over the waterfalls. Hmmm, good idea! Nah.

SAN JOAQUIN ROAD – Plowing is up in the air from my last phone call so check with Forest Service in Mammoth Lakes for an exact opening date. 760.924.5500

JUNE LAKE - Reports good fishing, but go deep as the fish are waiting for the "real" buffet to arrive. Large streamers, the uglier the better, use technique near the west end near weedy spots and don't spook the cutts.

GULL LAKE – Hawgs were stocked from Alpers trophy pond, so get up here before they're gone. Tie on dark streamers, woolies, Hornbergs, anything big and dark. It's all good.

SILVER LAKE – Is fuller than I've seen in many years and about 10 more inches and it will hit the loop road. Flows are up, and fishing against the bank in search for trout would be a good option, or just look for some slow weedy areas, and there are plenty, and toss that dry with conviction. Afternoon flies are standard dries with pomp and poof like stackers, parachutes, umbrellas, or anything that will stay afloat and look cute.

The Federation of Fly Fishers Southwest Council (FFFSWC) held their annual Rush Creek cleanup on June 25th. The turnout was great and the clean up crew went all the way to US395. Thanks everyone for all your hard work.

GRANT LAKE – Water is cold and clear, and fuller than full with good reports on fishing.

LUNDY LAKE – The Lake started out low which was normal for this time of year, and is slowly filling. Good fishing in the beaver ponds near the downed trees on the west end, and also the west end of the lake near the big rock. Black or dark olive, purple Wooly buggers #8, also dark olive Hornbergs and Pistol Pete's out about 20 yards from the inlet.

VIRGINIA LAKES – Is thawing at amazing speed, but it's not quick enough for me. Tubers are hacking at the water and bringing in Alpers by the pound. Olive wooly buggers have been the hottest ticket along with red throat Matukas, and red throat black Matukas.

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Eastern Sierra Focus - Continued

BIG VIRGINIA— Is now ice free, and the back country is starting to show signs of summer with some open areas to the dirt. Red Lake is half thawed. Loads of anglers hit the water all weekend and doing great. Oh, don't forget the Rickard's Stillwater nymphs!!

EAST WALKER - Flow as of this writing is 926cfs, and fishing is at a standstill but according to Ann-Marie of GWWF, she and a friend did manage a few nice browns in her special spot and saw the head of a monster sipping, but couldn't get close enough. There is hope for catching when the flows are this high. Try some small midges, and even some caddis patterns, you might be in for a fight. Use your best judgment for the water depth for safety and bring along some heavy climbing rope if you get caught in the tow.

BRIDGEPORT RESERVOIR – Is a good choice and very full. DFG did their part in stocking. Water temp is in the mid 50's so fish by the marina and down by the dam in about 12 to 15 feet of water. Try some hairs Ear #14-18, Pheasant Tails #14-16, Optimidge Grey/Black #16, BH Optimidge Red/Black #16, and Shaft Emerger Grey #16. Streamers working have been purple leeches, punk perch, and perfection perch.

WEST WALKER – Flow hit 2940 cfs on the 23rd, so slap on those water skis and hang on. Don't forget the wet suit, it's still chilly. Current flow is 1760cfs. Hope the hawks did some bench pressing all winter.

TIOGA PASS – Park Service opened the pass June 18th to all vehicles at 8:00 a.m. There are several no-stopping zones along the road, which are clearly marked with road signs. Hiking opportunities are extremely limited and visitors are urged to use extreme caution in the area. Additionally, ice is prevalent throughout the area and stream crossings are treacherous. Vault toilets are available in several locations along the road. All campgrounds along the road are closed. All commercial services, including the gas station, store, and village grill are also closed with no anticipated opening dates for any of these facilities at this time.

SONORA PASS - Opened a bit earlier than predicted and all west slope anglers were happy. See you on the water, CJ 11.6.26

DELTA FLY FISHERS' DVD RENTALS

The Basics

1. Fly Fishing Basics - A Beginner's Guide
2. Why Fly Fishing? - The American Museum of Fly Fishing
3. Fly Fishing Made Easy – Brian & Judith O'Keefe
3a Underworld Water of Trout - (Discovery Series)
with Ozzie Ozefovich

Casting

4. Practical Fly Casting – Barry & Cathy Beck
5. Fly Casting with Lefty Kreh
6. Advanced Fly Casting with Doug Swisher
7. The Essence of Fly Casting by Mel Krieger
8. The Essence of Spey Casting by Mel Krieger – VOL I
9. The Essence of Spey Casting by Mel Krieger – VOL 2
10. Stillwater Presentations with Denny Rickards
11. Fly Fishing Stillwaters with Denny Rickards

Fly Fishing Strategies

12. Successful Fly Fishing Strategies with Gary LaFontaine & Dick Shanon
13. The Wet Fly – Nymph – Hal Janseen's Fly Fishing Secrets
14. The May Fly - Hal Janseen's Fly Fishing Secrets
15. The Dry Fly - Hal Janseen's Fly Fishing Secrets
16. 15a – Dry Fly - (Emphasis on Norway, England & Sweden) – Johan Klingberg
17. Chironomid Techniques - Brian Chan & Don Freschi
18. Secrets of Steelheading - Jim Teeny
19. Fly Fishing for Trophy Steelhead - Lani Waller
20. Strategies for Selective Trout - Doug Swisher
21. Advanced Strategies for Selective Trout - Doug Swisher
22. Fly Fishing for Bluewater Gamefish - Trey Combs

Fly Tying

23. How to Tie Flies
24. Fly Tying Techniques - Bob Clouser & Lefty Kreh
25. Hooked on Fly Tying - (Classic Wet & Nymphs) Dick Talleur
26. Hooked on Fly Tying - (Saltwater Fly Tying Secrets) - Joe Butorac
25a. Basic Fly Tying - (Wooly B, Gold-Ribbed Hare's Ear, PTN, Elk Hair Caddis, Compra Dun, Adams, Marabou Muddler) – Marvin Nolte
27. Hooked on Fly Tying - (Glue Gun Patterns for Fresh Water) - Doug Swisher

28. Tying Attractor Flies with Doug Swisher
29. Tying & Fishing Caddis Flies - Gary LaFontaine & Friends
30. Tying & Fishing Attractors - The Theory of Attraction - Gary LaFontaine
31. Tying Flies with Jack Dennis & Friends - (Seminar Tape to DVD)
32. Tying Jack Dennis' Newest Patterns
33. Stillwater Flies for Trophy Trout - Denny Rickards
34. Tying Bass Flies - with Jimmy Nix & Jack Dennis
35. Tying Flies with Jack Dennis & Friends - VOL 1
36. Tying Flies with Jack Dennis & Friends - VOL 2
37. Fly Tying Patterns & Techniques - NCCFFF Conclave 1992 (VOL 1)
38. Fly Tying Patterns & Techniques - NCCFFF Conclave 1992 (VOL 2)
39. Fly Tyers Expo - 1998 Northwest (VOL 1)
40. Fly Tyers Expo - 1998 Northwest (VOL 2)
41. Woven Flies – Three Weaving Techniques - Arrick Swanson

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42. Fly Fishing Alberta Canada's Bow River - Lefty Kreh
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44. Belize - Jim & Kelly Watts - (Video Magazine)
45. Bighorn River, Montana - Jim & Kelly Watts - (Video Magazine)
46. Blackfoot River, Montana - Jim & Kelly Watts - (Video Magazine)
47. Bristol Bay Rainbows - Jim & Kelly Watts - (Video Magazine)
48. Costa Rica - Jim & Kelly Watts - (Video Magazine)
49. Green River, Utah - Jim & Kelly Watts - (Video Magazine)
50. San Juan & Delores Trout - Jim & Kelly Watts - (Video Magazine)
51. Oregon's Wood & Williamson River - Jim & Kelly Watts - (Video Magazine)

Movies

52. Rivers of a Lost Coast - Decline of Salmon & Steelhead in the Upper North Coast Rivers
53. Drift - Fishing Oregon, Utah, Colorado, Montana, Belize, Bahamas, Kashmir, India

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Every 3rd Wed (Except July) 7:00 PM	Nature Center Oak Grove Park, Stockton	Board Meeting All Members Welcome
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August 24-27	Spicer Reservoir	DFE August Outing Earl Summers 957 6756 - nancysummers@att.net
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**Wine and Dine at the Mine
Foothill Conservancy's Annual Fundraising BBQ Dinner
Sunday, July 10, 4 pm
Kennedy Mine, Jackson
Kennedy Mine Foundation**

Join us to celebrate our recent victory over East Bay MUD at our annual fundraising BBQ at the historic Kennedy Mine on Sunday, July 10. We'll have a delicious BBQ dinner, fine wines and cold beer (cash bar), lively old-time music from the Foothillbillys, and fun auctions and raffles for great prizes (see partial list, below). Tickets: \$30 adults, \$10 children under 12. For ticket information, call 209-267-5506 or e-mail amadorolive@twinwolf.net

Featuring local BBQ, vegetarian offerings, wonderful Terre Rouge and Easton Wines, salads, garlic bread and dessert. Our Wild and Scenic 2009 Easton zinfandel, normally available only by the case or half-case, will be available for purchase by the bottle. Beer also available (cash bar).

Buy your tickets now and bring your friends for a fun event overlooking historic Jackson.

Auction and raffle prizes (partial list):

- Total canoe package ready to put on the water and paddle: 15' lightweight tandem We-No-Nah canoe with paddles, PFDs, canoeing books and accessories (used, in great shape)
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- Two fine-art prints by internationally award winning artist, author, fly fisherman, and conservationist, Dave Whitlock
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- Overnight midweek stay at Sorensen's Resort, Hope Valley
- Overnight stay at Casa De La Pradera B&B in Fiddletown
- Grill wok with local, grass-fed beef
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**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COUNCIL
FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS
NCCFFF DISABLED VETERANS ACTIVITIES
6-27-11**

Kent Bushkill and Marty Seldon



Across the country, from Florida to Indianapolis, to San Francisco, The Federation of Fly Fishers has been very active in supporting our disabled veterans almost as a societal obligation. For example, disabled veterans are given free FFF membership. In Northern California projects to support our vets probably started at the Golden Gate Angling and Casting Club under the leadership of Nicholas Strelchuk (strelch@aol.com) followed by a number of active programs led by Mission Peak Fly Anglers members Ken Brunskill (steamtrout@comcast.net) and Gene Kaczmarek, that include a recent VFFF Facebook Group Page.

Veterans First Fly Fishing (VFFF) is a committee established under the NCCFFF VP of Education to teach fly tying, casting and Fishing to our veterans who are using the VA for their medical recovery.

Several years ago the Golden Gate Angling Club started working with veterans hospitals in San Francisco followed by the Mission Peak Club who started in the East Bay and then continued down the San Francisco Peninsula.

Former carrier pilot Nick Strelchuk realized that fly-fishing and tying flies would be a healthy addition to include in rehabilitation programs at Veterans Administration hospitals near the Golden Gate Angling Club. Nick worked through "the VA system" to implement a plan through his Reel Life Recoveries program to teach interested veterans fly-fishing skills and organize trips to fishing spots around California.

In 2009 one of Nick's dreams to introduce veterans to the wonders of Jackson Hole and here he was fortunate to meet fly-fishing's Jack Dennis and Sandra Bockman of the Jackson Hole Chamber of Commerce at a sports show. The entire Jackson community came together to put on great programs for Nick's warriors. Their stories and lives touch and change everyone they meet and all of us are better as a result.

Building on the initial development done in Washington State, Mission Peak Fly Anglers built one of the Evergreen tools that make it possible for veterans with one hand to tie flies. Ken Brunskill built 10 more for distribution to disabled veterans. Current plans for this device and other Adaptive Fly Fishing tools will be made available through the Veterans First Fly Fishing Facebook page.

Other sources of information on this tool can be also found by searching Google for: [fff_flytyinggroup/evergreenhand_modifications](#)

Starting a program for veterans is not simple. For a good part of 2008 Ken tried to get a program going at the VA and did not have much luck until he happened to be doing some volunteer work at a local VA clinic and luckily connected with one of the Recreational Therapists (Important to remember), and asked about the potential for creating a Fly Fishing oriented activity. That idea was met with considerable enthusiasm from the Recreational Therapist and from MPFA members. With the support of Gene Kaczmarek and 9 other members of the MPFA the program got underway in early 2009.

Ken & Nick met in mid 2009 at a VA Resource Fair, where Ken had Nick sit down and tie a fly with that initial 'Evergreen Hand' and they have been collaborating to help veterans enjoy the sport of fly fishing ever since. Nick with his great program of Reel Life Recoveries, and Ken with the ever growing and expanding Veterans First Fly Fishing.

Veterans First Fly Fishing (VFFF) has the fortunate distinction of conducting fly fishing oriented workshops in one of the largest of the regions in the country; Veterans Administration's Palo Alto Health Care System (VAPAHCS), and enjoys the enthusiastic support of their Recreational Therapy department. VAPAHCS is a leader in the mental health care of our veterans, where together VFFF and VAPAHCS's Recreational Therapist's have witnessed several veterans' lives have been changed. Extremely rewarding!

VFFF now has volunteers from these five (5) clubs participating in five (5) workshops:

- Mission Peak Fly Anglers of Fremont, CA
- Diablo Valley Fly Fishers of Walnut Creek, CA
- Peninsula Fly Fishers, of San Carlos, CA
- Tri Valley Fly Fishers, of Livermore, CA
- Tracy Fly Fishers, of Tracy CA

Veterans First Fly Fishing currently conducts the following fly fishing workshops:

At Livermore, CA VA Clinic 10:00 to 11:30 AM on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday in the Community Living Center dining room.

10:00 to 11:30 AM on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday at Livermore, CA in room #544 – Out Patients

At Menlo Park, CA VA Clinic 10:00 to 11:30 AM every other week (6/24 and so on) in Bld. #334 – Across from weight room

At Stockton Elks Lodge, Thornton Rd Stockton, CA 10:00 to 11:45 AM on the 2nd Monday of the month

At San Jose, CA VA Clinic 10:00 to 11:30 AM on the 3rd Thursday of the month. On July 1st San Jose veterans will be hosted to a day at the San Jose Flycasters Casting Ponds in Campbell.

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Veterans First Fly Fishing conducted three terrific outings where we brought 12 – 25 veterans of all abilities fishing:

June 5th of 2011 we held our 2nd Annual fishing day for CLC patients (Wheel chair Veterans)

June 6th of 2011 we held our 2nd Annual Fly Fishing day and Barbecue at Shadow Cliffs in Pleasanton, CA.

Plans have been in the works for some time to start the first disabled veterans FFF charter fly fishing club at the Veterans Administration's Menlo Park, California facilities. Since all disabled Vets automatically receive FFF membership, it should be simple, but they still await FFF and VA approval of Veterans and Mentors Fly Fishing Club details such their articles and bylaws. The VAMP Group designed a unique fly as the club logo and Gene Kaczmarek who is also an accomplished Atlantic salmon fly tyer carried it out. A logo fly was also mounted in an attractive fly plate that was raffled to generate enough funds to purchase liability insurance. Each section of the fly has significance:

- The Gold Crest represents the Gold Stars that were placed in the windows of military families.
- The red, white and blue for the Flag.
- The Gold Body wrapped with Purple Stands for the Purple Heart.
- The Black Tail & White Butt stands for the POW/MIAs.
- The red stands for all the Blood Shed by servicemen throughout time.
- The black and white hackle over the red feathers represents the POW/MIAs so we never forget.
- The head of the fly near the eye of the hook is wrapped in purple again to represent the Purple Heart..

We hope that approval comes soon and that this club will be the first of many fly fishing clubs by veterans for veterans.

The NCCFFF Veterans First Fly Fishing Committee is willing and interested in helping other clubs start a fly fishing oriented workshop with their local VA. For information contact Ken Bushkill at: (steamntrout@comcast.net). You are also invited to keep current on activities of the group through becoming a fan of the VFFF Facebook page at: Veterans First Fly Fishing



Stockton's First Steelhead Festival



On May 1st, Delta Fly Fishers helped Friends of the Lower Calaveras River host Stockton's first Steelhead Festival. The event was to make people aware of our local fisheries and the issues they face. As with any first time event, there were many problems and questions facing us in putting on the Festival. The Festival, however, turned out to be a great success. Despite the fact there were two other major events taking place in the area, it's estimated that 1,500 to 2,000 people attended the family- centered event. Delta Fly Fishers were asked to organize and host the Environmental/Conservation/Fisheries segment of the event with less than three months lead time. Despite the short time frame given, we were able to host 16 great venues for the Festival. Our fisheries were well represented by 11 local, state, and federal exhibitors.

Delta Fly Fishers was the only fly fishing club present and put on an outstanding exhibit. Early Sunday morning Herman Spalinger, Earl Summers and I were the first to arrive at the Festival and set up our booth. The booth represented us well as to who we are and what we are about. Joe Balderston and Steve Cooper put on great fly tying demonstrations for the entire day and had many of their flies set out on exhibit. Herm Spalinger displayed a half-dozen of his cravings and they were well received by the crowd. Another display was of our Delta Challenge and we had information available about membership in our club. And we did sign a new member. Both Jim Rich and Rick Greene were our "regional fly casting experts" (according to the Festival Poster) and demonstrated fly casting in the center of the event on the green in Tuxedo Court. They were well received by the crowd with many people trying their hand at casting with a fly rod. Earl Summers had contacted Channel 31 and arranged for TV coverage. Unfortunately, Channel 31 could only be present before the event started because of a tight schedule and Jim and Rick had yet to arrive. Graciously, Larry Schmidt stepped forward to give the anchorman a lesson in fly casting that was shown on the 6 o'clock news along with Kari Burr of the Fisheries Foundation talking about our fisheries. There is a rumor however, someone was demonstrating casting on TV and succeeded in wrapping their fly line around a telephone line. This event may have made the 6 o'clock news also. If so, we can all breathe easier this year since the Incomplete Angler of the Year Award may be all but wrapped up. At least that is according to the Shadow.



We have had a "post-op" meeting talking about the Festival next year. If you have any suggestions or additions to expand the event, please contact me with your ideas and we will see what we can put together. I would like to give a big thank you to all of our members who helped with the Steelhead Festival. All in all it was a great day.

Also FYI

In the June 2011 issue of California Fly Fisher magazine, our own Steve Cooper is featured in Bill Carnazzo's section "At the Vise". The fly Steve demonstrated tying is "the Boilmaker". It's a good article about Steve with instruction on how to tie the fly (pages19-21).



Also in the same issue is an excellent article about Barbara Barrigan-Parrilla and Restore the Delta and the fight to maintain and restore our Delta so that it will be "fishable, swimmable, drinkable and farmable." The article is from page 55 to 56.

In the same issue, the article The Good Fight by Tom Martens has an insert from Editor and Publisher, Richard Anderson on our Delta Fly Fishing Challenge (page56) it's great publicity for the Challenge. All in all, it's been a good month for the Delta and Delta Fly Fishers in the California Fly Fisher.

Ron Forbes