

April 2010

# Delta Fly Fishers

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## President's Message by Stephen Johnson (the top dog in camp)

April, 2010

Well here we go again, another month of 2010 behind us and I still haven't caught a Striper...Steelhead take note, I quit, there are no Stripers in the Delta (at least on the days I go), so it's back to chasing chrome.

Sandi and I attended the Fly Fishing Film tour sponsored by the Stanislaus Fly Fishers in Modesto on the 18th and were very pleased to see Herman, Bob Fujimura and Charlie Reams (thanks for the beer Charlie)...for those of you who missed this event our sister club in Modesto raised approx. \$32,000.00 for Rivers for Recovery, a program started by Dan Cook to aid veterans with disabilities to re-enter life after a debilitating injury, suffered while protecting our rights and freedoms. Congratulation Gentlemen ...nice job and some great films coming out.

I have been working with a couple of California political offices fighting this movement to drain our Delta...you have no idea the idiotic rational some folks come up with...I have heard a women from Pasadena speak twice at meeting who is thoroughly convinced that only ½ of 1% of all the people in California fish, so the Delta is a waste of water by just letting it run out to the ocean. What was it Forrest Gump said about Stupid?

Spring is here and the snow melt has started, east Carson has risen, as has the Truckee, with color turning to light coco color on both rivers so keep in mind if planning any trips to higher elevation.

The Stanislaus below Goodwin damn is producing some nice fish on overcast days...nymphs working the best but I did hit a BWO hatch that was cool.

The Rogue is closed for trout fishing until May 31st (Memorial Day weekend), so this is a great time for steelhead.

Alan Blankenship says the Pit river is on fire and the lower Sac and Yuba are starting to show Skwalas stoneflies, and the March Browns are just starting show so things are looking up.

Katie is back in rare form...took her to the Merced river a couple of days ago, while putting on the waders and lacing up the boots I hear her barking and trashing around in the brush, couple of minutes later her she come all peacock proud and a 2 ½ foot snake hanging out of her mouth...don't ask what kind ...I don't care and quick as the energizer rabbit I jumped up on the tailgate of the truck and started throwing tennis balls so she would drop the damn thing...it worked and the snake headed for the hills while she retrieved a tennis ball thrown in the opposite direction . I haven't figured out what is worth...breaking in a new wife or new fishing dog...sorry ladies just joking.

Day light savings time is upon us...so I want to see more of you on Wednesday night practicing your casting...don't wait until you go fishing...we do get rusty.

Great program coming up on the 14th come on out...and two fishing outings back to back March 27th on the Delta fishing for Black bass and April 3rd at Kelsey Bass Ranch (top notch lunch cooked by Al Smatsky) .

Hope to see ya'll with a rod in hand...or at least a beer.

The prez (Katie) and da mutt (Stephen Johnson).

## 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.

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:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Casting	<input type="checkbox"/> Fly Tying
<input type="checkbox"/> Attending Outings	<input type="checkbox"/> Equipment
<input type="checkbox"/> Knot Tying	<input type="checkbox"/> Float Tubing
<input type="checkbox"/> Pontoon Boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Stream Fishing
<input type="checkbox"/> Lake Fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Trout Fishing
<input type="checkbox"/> Steelhead Fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Shad Fishing
<input type="checkbox"/> Bass Fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Striper Fishing
<input type="checkbox"/> Salt Water Fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Water Fishing
<input type="checkbox"/> Rod Building	<input type="checkbox"/> Selecting a Guide
<input type="checkbox"/> Travel	<input type="checkbox"/> Entomology
<input type="checkbox"/> 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 @ <a href="mailto:repuoc3@sbcglobal.net">repuoc3@sbcglobal.net</a> Mail the form to: Delta Fly Fishers P.O. Box 77862 Stockton, CA 95207	



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## Wednesday Night Casting & Fly Tying



The weekly Wednesday evening fly casting sessions will continue through the Spring, Summer and Fall. Meet at the Nature Center, in the Oak Grove Park, at 6:30. The exception is the 2nd Wednesday night when DFF has its monthly meeting.

Whether you are a novice and want tips on how to 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 and/or BS abilities. For more information contact Jim Rich at 477-6404.

There also will be opportunities for fly tying. For more information contact Joe Balderston at 474-8515.

### Do You Want To Get Your DFF Newsletter Sooner?



Did this picture of Fish Porn get your attention? DFF is working towards being able to send out DFF's Monthly Newsletter to our members electronically. By sending the Newsletter this way the DFF will be saving rising printing and postage costs that can then go towards our many programs. If you want to continue receiving the Newsletter by hard copy, (snail mail) there is no need to do anything.

If you would like to receive the Newsletter by email, send your email address to Bob Fujimura [DeltaFlyFishers@gmail.com](mailto:DeltaFlyFishers@gmail.com). Please put the following in Subject Field of your e-mail: Newsletter Email. Advise Bob of your full name and the email address you would like the magazine sent to.

This is strictly voluntary but you will be saving the Club money. also, since Bob emails out the newsletter before he takes it to the printer, you will receive it sooner. Plus the mailed out version is restricted to only 10 pages and is printed in black and white. The on-line version is in color and may very well be (depending on the amount of material that comes in) larger than 10 pages. The March issue was 13 pages.

## Conservation

by Ron Forbes

Last year Assemblymember Jean Fuller (R-Bakersfield) introduced a bill to the Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee (WPWC) that would have de-listed the Striped bass as a sport fish. This would have taken away any Department of Fish and Game (DFG) protection for the Stripers and eventually lead to the loss of Stripers in the Delta. Fortunately, environmental groups and fishing groups flooded Sacramento with letters anti-Fuller's bill then filled the committee room to speak out against the proposal. Eventually Fuller knew there was overwhelming opposition her bill and shelved it. She then asked for more study on the issue and that was passed by the committee.

Most people there felt this was only a first step against the Stripers. They were right. Fuller has now introduced AB 2336. Her object is the same. This time she is using a somewhat different approach. She wants the State Legislature to stop all protection of the Stripers by the elimination of all the DFG regulations over the Stripers. The fish would not have the protection of a sport fishing status. Her point now is that she is concerned about the predation of Stripers on Delta smelt and salmon. Fuller also wants to prevent any program enhancements, improvement or expansion of the striper fishery. She wants the Delta Stewardship Council to start programs that will discourage fishing for Stripers as a sport. The bill also requires the Stewardship Council to find other means to stop the predation of the Delta smelt and the salmon. Given the political nature of the Council that hardly seems possible.

Fuller says it's necessary to reduce the Stripers' predation on the Delta smelt and salmon because smelt and salmon are listed on the state and federal Endangered Species Act (ESA). During the hearing of Fuller's first bill, we heard testimony that Stripers rarely eat the smelt and the predation on salmon is so little that it doesn't have an impact on their population. It seems strange that the Stripers, Delta smelt and salmon have co-existed in the same environment for over 130 years without problems. Nothing in her bill talks about protection of the Bay-Delta eco-system and its fisheries by less pumping and over use of water by agribusiness. It is a joke that Fuller is so very concerned about the violation of the ESA given the fact that she represents a district that uses vast amounts of subsidized northern California water.

Like our water, our fisheries are a public trust; our fisheries should be protected and managed by the DFG. Not by Fuller and the Legislature. Once again we need to send our letters to the Assembly in opposition of Fuller's Bill AB 2336. Please send your letters as soon as possible. The hearings will start next week. Send your letters to:

Assemblymember Jared Huffman, Chair  
Assembly Committee on Water, Parks and Wildlife  
1020 N Street, Suite 160-5604  
Sacramento, Ca. 94249

Ron Forbes

## National Fly Fishing Fair & Conclave

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West Yellowstone has to be on of the all time favorite locations for the FFF annual gathering. You can bring the entire family and be assured of finding many things to do that fly fishing enthusiasts as well as family members can enjoy.

One of the great things about the Fly Fishing Fair is that there are many activities going on at any time. Primarily the FFF presents the Fair to provide an educational experience for the beginner fly fisher to the advanced by providing topics on anything and everything about fly fishing. These opportunities come in the form of workshops which are available for a fee, to other offerings such as free programs and demonstrations.

Workshops will start on Tuesday August 24 and run through Saturday August 28. They are presented by experts on topics such as fly tying, fly casting, rod building, and on water fishing. Workshops with a classroom setting will take place in various locations including the Holiday Inn, the high school, and various other meeting spaces. On water classes will take the attendee to nearby stream and standing water locations. In addition to general workshops, there will be a women's program and a kid's camp.

For those interested in attending the Exhibit hall and free demonstrations these will be available during August 26-28. The exhibit hall will be located at the Union Pacific Dining Hall with indoor and some outdoor spaces that will include both commercial and non-profit exhibitors. Entrance to the Fair is included with your advanced registration or by just showing up and paying the day pass fee.

The day pass fee can be purchased at the show and is only \$5.00 for adults, kids 15 and under are free when accompanied by an adult. Saturday August 28 will be FREE entry for everyone.

Costs to take workshops vary so check our schedules and registration pages on our website at [www.federationconclave.org](http://www.federationconclave.org) for more information. It is requested to sign up in advance, however we will be offering numerous walk-up workshops on-site.



## DFE's April Outings

Delta Fly Fishers will have two outings in April. One on April 4 at the Kelsey Bass Ranch, the second will be on April 24 at Salt Springs Reservoir.



### Kelsey Bass Ranch

It's that time of the year. The days are getting longer, the weather is getting warmer and the bass are hungry! Join the Delta Fly Fishers on their annual trip to the Kelsey Bass Ranch Pond on Saturday April 4th. Those attending, meet at the Kelsey Bass Ranch, just outside of the town of Snelling. The outing includes lunch, cooked by Al Smatsky. For directions or more information contact Al at (209) 368-9261. For more information on the Kelsey Bass Ranch, look at Al's Excellent Adventures web site at: <http://www.excellentadventures.org/>

For those that want to have breakfast can meet at Jenny's Family Dining restaurant in Ceres, they open at 6 am on Saturday. Take the Hatch Road exit off of Highway 99, cross over the freeway, and turn right at the first cross street (Herndon Road), the restaurant will be on the right side.



### Salt Springs Valley Reservoir

The Delta Fly Fishers Sat. April 24 outing will be to Salt Springs Valley Reservoir out of Copperopolis. Members will meet to launch their float tubes, pontoon boats etc. at the north end of the dam 7am. Lunch will be provided by Debbie and Mark Nunes of Salt Springs Reservoir for \$5. Information: Grady Lee 951-3623



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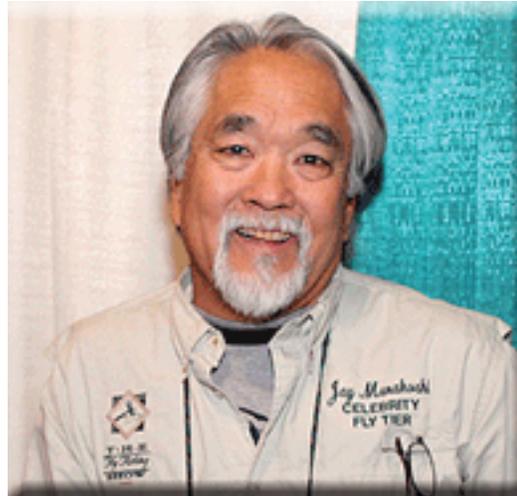
Official coffee mug \$5.00

Also the club has a video library

Videotape Rentals \$2.00 Per Video

## April's Speaker - Jay Murakoshi

Wednesday April 14



Our April program speaker will be Jay Murakoshi. Jay will discuss fly fishing for carp and fly fishing the California surf. Jay has been in the fly fishing industry for 35 years as a tier, writer, event speaker, pro staff member and fly fishing travel guide. He makes other fly fishing presentations on the Sea of Cortez, the Great Barrier reef, largemouth bass, American shad, and Striped bass. He lives in Fresno

Jay has spent the last 35 years in the fly fishing industry tying flies commercially and hosting fly fishing trips to a lot of tropical destinations. His specialty is salt water fly fishing and has dedicated over 3 decades in the exploration of such places like Baja

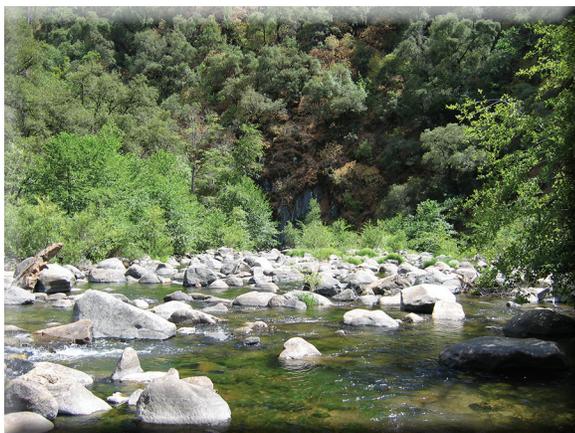
California Sur, Honduras, Guatemala, Australia and the California surf zone. Jay has been running a fly fishing school in Baja for the last 14 years. He has also ventured to Australia for a wide variety of species not found in any other waters. When he's not on the road, he spends a lot of time searching the waters for warm water species like the Largemouth bass, Striped bass, Blue gill and even Carp.

Jay also offers a wide variety of salt water and fresh water flies. His flies are tied with the best quality materials and he uses Gamakatsu and Dai Ichi hooks exclusively. All of his flies are tied in the USA, unless otherwise noted. He has recently developed a new pattern for Largemouth bass called the CB Diver. It's similar to a "crank bait" lure which the bass fishermen use. You can view the fly by clicking on the Online Catalog link [www.fliesunlimited.com/Site\\_2/Bass\\_Flys.html](http://www.fliesunlimited.com/Site_2/Bass_Flys.html).

Jay's patterns have been featured in Fly Fishing in Salt Waters, California Fly Fisher, Western Outdoors and Southwest Fly Fishing. He is a west coast contributing writer for Fly Fishing in Salt Waters magazine. As a speaker, he has been doing seminars and clinics since the early '80's. He has spoken to thousands of people at events like the International Sportsman Exposition, The Fly Fishing Show, Renzetti Fly Fishing Fair, Kiene's Fly Shop, sports pro shops, fly fishing clubs and conclaves.

He is also on Pro Staff with TFO, Galvan Fly Reels, Angler's Sports Group (Dai Ichi Hooks), Gamakatsu, RIO Products, Haber Eye Wear, Renzetti, Norlander Vise.

## Foothill Conservancy



You're invited: Please join us on Wednesday evening, April 7 from 6 pm to 7:30 pm to learn what you can do to help build the local support needed to save the Mokelumne River.

Why come? At this meeting, you'll learn effective techniques for organizing your friends and neighbors to support protecting the Mokelumne. We need more community support to save the river.

Where: Foothill Conservancy office, 22540 Highway 88, corner of Red Corral Road east of Pine Grove (upstairs from Meneely Tool Rentals)

The threat to the river is still as great as ever. East Bay MUD still has its sights set on raising Pardee Dam and drowning several miles of scenic river, wildlife and fish habitat, and cultural and historic resources.

One way to stop them is to protect the river with Wild and Scenic River designation. To get that done requires more community support than we have today.

You've already done a lot by signing up as an endorser of Wild and Scenic designation and we certainly appreciate that. But we need more people to join you on that list.

We're looking for good people like you to help us spread the word about protecting the Mokelumne -- caring people who will help us to persuade Congressman Dan Lungren to support Wild and Scenic designation. He needs to know that thousands of people in his district care about preserving the Mokelumne River and expect him to get off the fence.

If you'd like to attend this valuable workshop and be a part of this rewarding campaign, please call Randy at 209-295-4900 or email him at [randy@foothillconservancy.org](mailto:randy@foothillconservancy.org) and let us know you're coming so we can have enough refreshments for everyone:

Thank you for caring about the Mokelumne River !

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Every 2nd Wed (except July & Aug) 7:00 PM	John R Williams School Stockton	<b>Membership Meeting</b> Contact Marty Kjelson 477-9618 John Keagy 369-5690
Every 3rd Wed (except July) 7:00 PM	Nature Center Oak Grove Park, Stockton	<b>Board Meeting</b> All Members Welcome
Saturday April 3	Kelsey Bass Ranch Snelling, CA	<b>April Outing - Kelsey Bass Ranch</b> Al Smatsky 368-9261
Wednesday April 14	John R Williams School Stockton	<b>April General Meeting</b> Jay Murakoshi – Fly Fishing for Carp & the California Surf
Wednesday April 21	Nature Center Oak Grove Park, Stockton	<b>Board Meeting</b> All Members Welcome
Fri/Sat April 23-24	Salt Springs Reservoir Copperopolis, CA	<b>April Outing</b>
Saturday May 8	White Pines Lake Arnold, CA	<b>Annual One Fly Contest With the Calaveras Fly Fishers</b>
Friday May 21	Ladds/Buckley Cove Stockton, CA	<b>The Delta Bass-n-Fly Challenge</b> Stockton Bass Club <a href="http://www.bassnfly.com">www.bassnfly.com</a>
Fri - Sun May 21-23	Lassen National Park	<b>May Outing Lassen Park Outing</b> Marty Kjelson 477-9618
Saturday, June 5	Oak Grove Park, Stockton	<b>Catfish Derby Earl Summers 957-6756</b>
Wednesday, June 9	Oak Grove Park, Stockton	<b>Annual Club Barbeque</b>
Fri/Sun June 18-20	Davis Lake Portola, CA	<b>June Outing</b>
Saturday July 10	Spicer Res., Union Res. or N. Stanislaus River	<b>July Outing</b>
Sunday - Saturday July 11-18	Owens Valley - Mammoth Lakes	<b>July Outing</b> Marty Kjelson 477-9618
August TBA	Upper Sacramento River McCloud River & Dunsmuir Area	<b>August Outing - Steve Johnson - 887-9255</b>
Friday-Sunday September 17-19	2010 Bridgeport Eastern Sierra Outing	<b>Earl Summers</b> 957-6756
Wednesday October 13	John R. Williams School	<b>2010 DFF Annual Pot Luck</b> Marty Kjelson 477-9618 - John Keagy 369-5690
Saturday October 16	Lake Alpine	<b>October Outing</b> Earl Summers 957-6756



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