

March 2010

Delta Fly Fishers

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

March, 2010

Well here it is, late again. Family funeral, monthly trip to Oregon for wife's work and (my fishing) along with weekly trips to the vet for Kate's chemo and the month is shot.

Oregon...Ahhhh...skunked for the first time in my life fishing the Rogue, no trout and nor any steelhead. Beautiful conditions, weather and water flows were dead on for a great couple of days...only trouble the fish were on vacation.

Much has been written lately in local papers on the water battles locally and state wide, trust me what you read is just the tip of the iceberg. I'm working hard on a couple of these water issues with some folks in Sacramento...wish I could reveal some more but one Senator Feinstein is in for a long battle to take more of our water.

On a good note when I traveled to Oregon in December I stopped to personally check the gauge at Shasta Lake...Dec. 19th down 165ft. on Sunday February 21st down only 65ft. and with March predicted to be higher than normal rain fall looks like our sport and the fish are in pretty good shape.

March 12th... circle the date please...Stanislaus Fly Fishers in Modesto is hosting the "Drake" Fly Fishing Film Tour ...check out www.flyfishingfilmtour.com for a complete run down on the films showing. Side note I will have tickets for sale at our monthly meeting on the 10th.

Reading a couple of new books...one on tying midges "Modern Midges" (tying & fishing the world's most effective Patterns) by Rick Takahashi and Jerry Hubka. This is a must for tiers and anyone who likes fishing lakes, reservoirs and farm ponds.

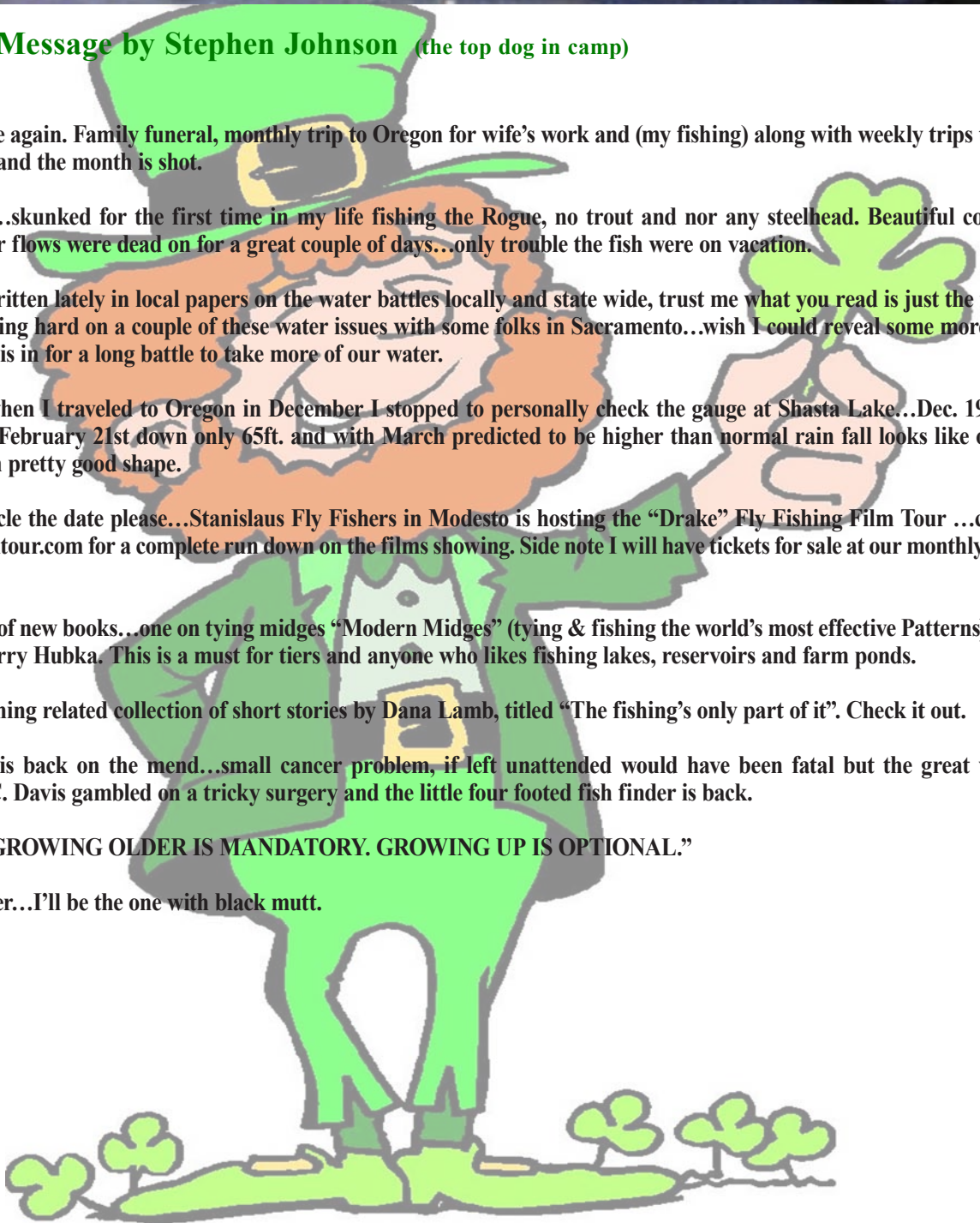
Next is a great fishing related collection of short stories by Dana Lamb, titled "The fishing's only part of it". Check it out.

The mutt (Kate) is back on the mend...small cancer problem, if left unattended would have been fatal but the great vet's and technicians at U.C. Davis gambled on a tricky surgery and the little four footed fish finder is back.

"REMEMBER, GROWING OLDER IS MANDATORY. GROWING UP IS OPTIONAL."

See ya on the water...I'll be the one with black 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.

Do You Want To Get Your DFF Newsletter Sooner?

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. 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.

<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>

Wednesday Night Fly Tying

The weekly Wednesday evening fly tying sessions have begun and 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 tie flies 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 Joe Balderston at 649-0291 (joesteelhead@aol.com) or Jim Rich at 477-6404 (jrich1@sbcglobal.net).

Jim Rich wants to inform DFF members that they will now need a DFF parking permit to display on your dash as the County Sheriff's office will be writing tickets for non DFF members on Wednesday nights. Jim is going to print up placards or permits, so see Jim to get one.

DFF's 2010 Annual Banquet by Bill Laughlin

A special thanks to all of those club members, wives and guests who attended our clubs annual dinner. We all enjoyed great food, an abundant selection of raffle and silent auction prizes, plus those prizes designed especially for the ladies. Our President Steve Johnson kept our program short and on schedule, with some good humor to liven up the crowd.

This year, upon the recommendation of Steve Cooper, the club decided to take on the full operation of this event. Creating the menu, cooking, setting up the hall, table setting, décor and obtaining servers, and completing the evening by clean up. Our delicious dinner was prepared by top chef and manager Steve Cooper, vegetarian portion and server supervisor by Amy Cooper, Chefs Tony Ott and John Deucker cooked Tri Tip and Chicken with grilled vegetables, Nate and Chelesa Cooper assisted with preparation vegetables, bread, hors d'oeuvres etc.

The hall was set up by Herman Spalinger, Earl Summers, Larry Schmidt, Rick Green, Marty Kjelson and Mike Riley. Nancy Summers and Jean Laughlin completed our presentation with table setting of dinner, glass ware and table décor.

Our servers were arranged by Al Smatsky. Lodi's North Valley girls Soccer team, greeted us all with warm smiles, great personality and exceptional service. They were rewarded with a guaranteed donation plus tips. The coaching staff and players were very happy to earn funds for the 2010 season and appreciated Delta Fly Fishers Club for providing this opportunity.

The Raffle included 29 raffle and 50 silent auction items, plus 15 ladies prizes. John Keagy won the big prize, an 8' fully rigged Bucks Bag pontoon boat. There were 11 fly rods, including three Sage rods and 10 fly reels ranging from 3 to 10 weights, along with fly lines, books, fly tying material plus fishing equipment and gear. These items were topped off with a fly fishing guided tour from Al Smatsky, Jerry Nueburger and Steve Cooper. This offer is for Shad, Large Mouth & Stripped Bass and Brown Trout. It was nice to see that our commitment to women's prizes were once again well received; there was a sense of enthusiasm and joy as the lucky winners chose their prize from the 15 selections provided.

Please join me in recognizing and thanking those who generously contributed to our raffle. Bruce and Sallye Rollins donated three Sage Rods & Reels, along with a Dave Whitlock framed "Rainbow Trout" print. Ron and Sandy Pettit for their large framed "Brown Trout" painting. Leo and Marie Gutterres donated two fly reels. Herman and Catherine Spalinger donated a beautiful wood carving of a Rainbow Trout. Rich Green donated his custom made fly tying benches. Dave Bernard donated fly rods and reels, plus fly lines. Doug Ridgway donated five Fly Fishing Books with a retail value of \$280.00. We appreciate and thank Bob Souza, Joe Balderson, Leo Gutterres and Don Gillette for their fly tying skills and donated flies. Al Smatsky, Steve Cooper and Jerry Neubuger are thanked for their guided trips, which are the foundation of our raffles. A special thanks to Nancy Summers, who has always offered her helping hands to do what ever, is needed for our social events and to Jean Laughlin for her contribution of the Ladies Raffle by selecting and creating these items.

As you can see, our annual dinner and raffle is successful due to the hard work and participation of many. These hard working contributors also enjoy the fun and satisfaction of sharing their talents with our club; it was very rewarding to hear the compliments and general enjoyment of this year's annual dinner and raffle event.

We look forward to the planning and execution of next years Annual Dinner & Raffle, which is reserved for Saturday January 29, 1011. You are all invited to share in the fun of participation and the reward of its success. Having this event well attended is most important to its success; please reserve this date for all members and their guest. You may also wish consider an invitation to potential new member so that they may be introduced to a large representation of the Delta Fly Fishers Club.



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Conservation

by Ron Forbes

As you recall my last conservation report was regarding Sen. Dianne Feinstein's intervention on behalf of the Resnick's who contribute huge amounts of money for her bids for election. You will also remember that the Resnick's own Paramount Farms. They are the biggest almond producers in the world and use huge amounts of water in the south San Joaquin valley. She used her influence to have Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar to convene 15 scientists from the National Academy of Sciences to look into what she has referred to as sloppy science. However, she then, for some unknown reason, decided pull an end run around the process she had set in motion and attached an amendment to the Senate Jobs Bill that is pending. Her amendment would bypass all environment law and any protection for the Delta or the salmon. When the back-door antics came to light, many of her colleagues in the Senate and House were outraged. House member George Miller made the comment that she preferred helping her friends rather than saving our Delta and protecting our salmon industry and the jobs it entails. It has be estimated the salmon industry brings in \$800 million to California every year. What was very disturbing was that it was very hard to even get the language of her amendment from her office. The whole attempt was a backdoor operation.

Probably because of the outrage of Rep. George Miller and others in the House and Senate, Sen. Feinstein's amendment to increase allotments of water to the south San Joaquin Valley were not allowed to be attached to the bill. However, Gil Duran, a Feinstein spokesman said Feinstein may seek another way to push this legislation through or work with government agencies. Feinstein's tactics are nothing more or less than another attempt at a water grab. Just after the amendment was not allowed on the Jobs Bill, Sec. of the Interior Salazar announced today, Feb. 26th, with the Bureau of Reclamations CVP Water Supply Forecast and the steps the "government" is going to take to seek additional water for what he calls "drought stricken farmers". According to him, "Valley farmers have suffered tremendously during California's three year drought. With support from Senator Feinstein, Senator Boxer and Congressmen Costa and Cardoza, and a number of stakeholders, the Department has identified actions that will provide additional on top of what and average water year would deliver."

You will notice that all people who support the Delta restoration and the fisheries have been left out from Salazars statement. Again and again, Salazar has made no mention of protecting the Delta or its fisheries Looks like Gil Duran was right. Feinstein has found another way to push the Resnick agenda through. On March 15th the National Academy of Sciences is to have their report ready. It will be interesting to see their results and where we go from there. The beat goes on.

On a local concern, the Stockton Record reported that between February 17th and 19th, biologists from the Fish Foundation of California found 34 live and 3 dead Steelhead trout that were trapped in the Calaveras River and the Mormon Slough/ Diverting Canal. These fish were out migrating and stranded in potholes because of insufficient water flow. The Stockton

East Water District has not maintained water flow to allow the fish to migrate even though they are threatened on the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA). Bill Jennings, Executive Director of California Sportfishing Protection Alliance (CSPA) said, "Stockton East has destroyed the salmon and steelhead fisheries on the Calaveras, denied their existence and conducted a scorched earth campaign to impede efforts by citizens and State and Federal agencies to restore those fisheries. He pointed out Stockton East overwhelming violations of Public Trust Doctrine the California Water Code, Fish and Game Code, and the ESA. CSPA has a pending notice of intent to sue Stockton East for violations of the ESA.

The Calaveras River, along with the Mokelumne River is in our back yard. Since this is an issue that affects Delta Fly Fishers directly I have contacted Jeremy Terhume (Director of the Friends of the Lower Calaveras) and will be talking with him about next week about the issue and possible involvement of our groups along with CSPA. I have a call in to Bill Jennings and expect to hear from him soon. This is an issue of direct concern to our fishery and we need to be involved, more on this soon.

CSPA's website is: www.calsport.org. It's an excellent site and you can read Jenning's large funds comments there.

FFF Announcements

Wild Trout Symposium X - Second Call for Papers
The 10th Wild Trout Symposium is scheduled for September 28-30, 2010. This is a great event to learn about the state of our wild trout fisheries throughout the world. The deadline to present a paper, or submit a nomination for awards or scholarships are rapidly approaching. To present a paper or just learn how you can participate in this event, click here <http://www.wildtroutsymposium.com/>

Big Horn Youth Adventure Still Seeking Applicants
To see more information about this <http://www.fedflyfishers.org/Portals/0/Education/Youth%20Group%202010%20Announcement.pdf>

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Big Ag's Power Couple Banking on Brown, Feinstein

The Resnick's Manipulate Water Policy with Big Campaign Contributions

By Dan Bacher, the Fish Sniffer

Stewart Resnick, the Beverly Hills agribusiness tycoon who owns 115,000 acres of farmland in Kern County, appears to be putting his bets on Jerry Brown as the winner of the gubernatorial race in the November election – even though Brown hasn't officially declared himself as a candidate.

On November 11, 2009, Resnick and his wife, Lynda, the co-owner of the giant Paramount Farms and Roll Corporation, wrote four checks totaling \$50,000 for the Brown campaign. The donations that the Resnick's made to Brown to date exemplify the enormous political influence of Resnick and other water barons exert over California water politics. The Resnick's are the largest tree fruit growers in the world.

Delta advocates fear that campaign contributions from the Resnick's and other big water interests could heavily influence Brown's positions on the peripheral canal, the construction of more dams and the November \$11.1 billion water bond. They also fear the Resnick's could pressure Brown to support legislative and administrative attacks on federal plans protecting Delta smelt and Central Valley salmon.

The Resnick's and executives of their companies have donated \$3.97 million to candidates and political committees since 1993, mostly in the Golden State, a California Watch review of public records shows, according to the Center for Investigative Reporting, December 6, 2009.

Roll International, one of the largest private water brokers in the U.S., makes millions of dollars in profit off marketing subsidized public water. "Through a series of subsidiary companies and organizations, Roll International is able to convert California's water from a public, shared resource into a private asset that can be sold on the market to the highest bidder," according to Yasha Levine in "How Limousine Liberals, Water Oligarchs and Even Sean Hannity are Hijacking Our Water" (http://www.alternet.org/story/144020/how_limousine_liberal%2C_water_oligarchs_and_even_sean_hannity_are_hijacking_our_water_supply/).

Resnick was heavily involved in the creation of Kern County Water Bank — a controversial underground water storage facility in the southern San Joaquin Valley. The Westside Mutual Water Company, owned by Resnick, now owns 48 percent of the bank. One of the reasons why Central Valley reservoirs were drained so low over the past few years was to fill the water bank and southern California water reservoirs.

The Resnick's have also written big checks to the campaigns of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, Senator Dianne Feinstein, and presidential candidates from both parties in the 2008 election. They contributed a total of \$271,990 to Schwarzenegger's campaign coffers. They haven't contributed to the Republican candidates for Governor, Meg Whitman and Steve Poizner yet, but don't be surprised if they do.

In response to my emailed questions about Brown's positions

about the peripheral canal, new dams, the water bond and the biological opinions, I received the following response from "Ned," a staffer from Jerry Brown 2010.

"Thank you for your email," "Ned" stated. "While Jerry is considering a potential run for Governor, he is not a declared candidate. He has said that he will make a decision on the Governor's race by the filing deadline in March, until that time he is focused on his job as Attorney General. Should he declare a run for Governor, he'll begin to address all the issues and concerns that Californians will find important in choosing their next Governor."

Bill Jennings, executive director of the California Sportfishing Protection Alliance (CSPA), quipped about Resnick's contributions to Brown and others. "Resnick is an equal opportunity contributor to candidates seekers. He gives money to everybody – it doesn't matter if they're Republican, Democrat or the Anti-Christ, he'll try to buy their votes."

"For Brown to say that he doesn't have a position on the issues and then to accept major contributions from a guy involved heavily in water politics like Resnick is highly disingenuous," said Barbara Barrigan Parrilla, campaign director of Restore the Delta. "The contribution to Brown is a prime example of how big agribusiness influences both political parties."

Brown signed the original legislation that authorized the original peripheral canal bond in 1982, but voters overwhelmingly defeated the canal at the ballot box that November. Brown hasn't indicated his position now on the canal and new dams, but the other candidates have.

Meg Whitman is a strong supporter of the peripheral canal, more dams, and increased Delta pumping. "She acknowledged the 'humanitarian disaster' resulting from 35-percent unemployment in some west valley towns and the threat to a region that grows a huge portion of the nation's food," according to Whitman's Website, reporting on her visit to Fresno on May 29, 2009. (<http://www.megwhitman.com>). "As governor, she said she would stick with her conviction that saving jobs takes precedence and would use emergency powers to order more pumping from the Delta. In the longer term, she supports more above and below ground storage facilities and the construction of a peripheral canal in addition to conservation efforts."

Poizner is also a big backer of the peripheral canal. In an interview with the Bakersfield Californian on April 30, 2009, he stated, "I do support more above ground storage and I do support more water conveyance systems to get the water from where it is to where it needs to go, without completely destroying the delta."

Obama Administration Convenes Panel at Resnick's Request

The recent National Academy of Sciences Delta Panel held in Davis from January 24-28 illustrated the influence of the Resnick's' money upon political decisions. Because of a letter that Stewart Resnick wrote to Senator Diane Feinstein, Feinstein pressured the Obama administration to conduct the review of the biological opinions protecting Central Valley salmon and Delta smelt.

In the letter of September 4, Resnick claimed that the biological opinion to prevent endangered salmon and smelt from becoming extinct was “exacerbating the state’s severe drought” because it reduced the water available to irrigate farmland. He claimed that “sloppy science” by federal fishery agencies had led to “regulatory-induced water shortages.” “I really appreciate your involvement in this issue,” he stated.

The administration invited representatives of corporate agribusiness, including Resnick’s Astroturf group, the Coalition for a “Sustainable” Delta, and Southern California water districts to testify, but they invited no representatives of recreational fishing groups, commercial fishing organizations, Delta farming groups, California Indian Tribes and environmental justice communities, the people most impacted by fish collapses.

The NAS Panel is a typical example of the “pay to play” corruption endemic to California and U.S. politics. The Resnick’s and associates have contributed \$29,000 to Feinstein and \$246,000 more to Democratic political committees during years when she has sought re-election.

Feinstein, the Resnick’s and other corporate agribusiness interests, southern California land speculators and Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger are engaged in an intense campaign to weaken pumping restrictions protecting threatened and endangered species under the federal biological opinions for Sacramento River Chinook salmon, Central Valley salmon, Delta smelt, green sturgeon and the southern resident population of killer whales.

Senator Feinstein is now proposing an amendment to a jobs stimulus bill that, in effect, would suspend rules that protect salmon and other imperiled fish from being killed by the giant state and federal pumps in the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta. She is doing this at a time when Central Valley salmon populations have collapsed to a new record low. The Pacific Fisheries Management Council (PFMC) on February 11 reported that only 39,530 Sacramento River fall Chinook salmon returned to spawn in 2009.

“No hearings have been held on Senator Feinstein’s proposed amendment,” said Steve Evans, conservation director for Friends of the River. “No written version of the amendment is available for review by the public. This is not the way to conduct public policy!”

Corporate agribusiness and their political allies are also pushing for the approval of a water bond that, combined with the water policy package passed by the California Legislature in November, creates a clear path to the construction of the peripheral canal or tunnel and Temperance Flats and Sites reservoirs.

Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg (D-Sacramento), who received \$15,600 for his 2010 campaign from the Resnick’s on July 30, 2009, strong-armed the water package through the Legislature in spite of strong opposition from his constituents and environmental, fishing and Delta farming groups. The canal will cost \$23 billion to \$53.8 billion to build at a time when California is in its worst economic crisis since the Great Depression – and the budgets for teachers, game wardens,

health care for children and state parks have been slashed.

Unfortunately, you can expect political influence by corporate giants like the Resnick’s to increase even more, due to the recent 5-4 Supreme Court decision that blocks bans on corporate spending for political candidates.

For a complete list of Resnick’s contributions, go to <http://californiawatch.org/data/resnick-and-associates-spend-nearly-4-million-campaigns>. For action alerts and updates, go to <http://www.restorethedelta.org>.

FFF Conservation Corner

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Conservation for Clubs

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Conservation Strategic Planning 2009 – 2013

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Osprey – A Steelhead Conservation Newsletter

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Conservation News

Priorities laid out in Klamath River Science Conference

A long-standing effort to restore historic trout and salmon habitat with the removal of four dams on the Klamath River has brought stakeholders together to discuss the science priorities and needs in the Klamath Basin. A related goal is to increase basin-wide collaboration and build trust and relationships across science and management entities by bringing together a diverse group of stakeholders from both the upper and lower basins. Read an article about the Science Conference

www.siskiyoudaily.com/news/x1878078885/Science-Conference-looks-at-diverse-perspectives-in-the-Klamath-Basin.

To learn more about the Klamath River basin and efforts to restore salmon in the watershed, click here

www.americanrivers.org/our-work/restoring-rivers/dams/projects/restoring-klamath-river.html.

Cold Weather in Florida Impacts on Snook and more

Last month’s record low temperatures in Florida had a devastating effect on the fish, manatees, turtles and other aquatic life. The Florida Wildlife Commission has issued extended season closures for snook, tarpon and bonefish. <http://myfwc.com/>

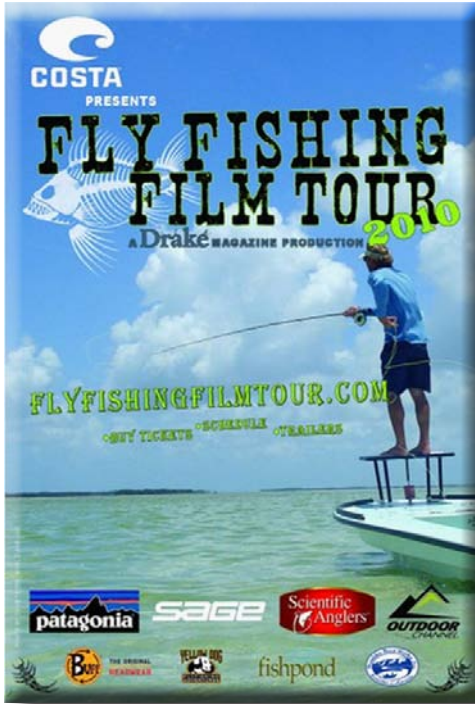
Read this article to learn more about what anglers think about the closures.

www.heraldtribune.com/article/20100128/ARTICLE/1281048/-1/NEWSITEMAP

Others speculate on the impact that these fish kills will have on the guiding season - However, the closure still allows for catch and release fishing. Click here to read what guides are saying.

www.naplesnews.com/news/2010/jan/31/massive-fish-kill-may-kill-fishing-business-charte/.

Stanislaus Fly Fishers The Drake 2010 Fly Fishing Film Tour



The Stanislaus Fly Fishers has the pleasure of hosting the The Drake 2010 Fly Fishing Film Tour in Modesto on Thursday, March 18, 2010. This fundraising event is a very important event that will directly benefit some of our local U.S. military veterans suffering from the injuries that they have received while performing their duties in the service to our nation. This is our opportunity to show them of our appreciation by supporting this event.

The What, When, and Where

The What

The Stanislaus Fly Fishers are pleased to announce the presentation of the The Drake 2010 Fly Fishing Film Tour at Modesto's historic State Theatre. Proceeds from the film and raffles will benefit Rivers of Recovery, a non-profit corporation dedicated to providing scholarships for post traumatic stress and other disabled American war veterans to enjoy two days of guided fly fishing on Utah's Green River. All proceeds from film and raffle ticket sales - and the generous contributions of attendees - will directly benefit local veterans and Rivers of Recovery. The founder of Rivers of Recovery, Dan Cook (FlyFishingtheGlobe.net) will join us for the evening.

Proceeds will be used to fund scholarships for local veterans through the Modesto Vet Center. With the assistance of the Stanislaus Fly Fishers and others, the Modesto Film Tour has already been underwritten. Thus, proceeds from film and raffle ticket sales and other contributions will directly benefit local veterans.

Donations toward scholarships may be mailed to Rivers of Recovery, c/o Law Offices of Mayol & Barringer, P.O. Box

3049, Modesto, CA 95353 or brought to the theater the night of the show.

Show tickets are available at The State Theatre or at Sierra Anglers Fly Shop, 700 McHenry Ave., Modesto. Raffle tickets are \$12 at the theater or \$10 at Sierra Anglers Fly Shop. Raffle tickets are \$20.00 each.



The When

Thursday, March 18, 2010 with the doors opening at 5:30 PM and event beginning at 6:15 PM.

The Where

The State Theatre at 1307 J Street in Modesto. The State Theatre is a beautifully restored art deco theater (originally built in 1934) that host smaller entertainment events. For more information, call 209 572-2212

Casting Tip for TBFFC: 3

By Pat Damico

Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club Newsletter

The second Essential to cast effectively is dealing with Slack. Slack line should be kept to an absolute minimum. Many casting coaches feel this is one of the most important Essentials. When learning to cast, or while practicing, use only your casting hand and pin the fly line to the cork grip with your fingers. If the line should slip while casting, your cast will usually collapse because of slack. Lefty says that the cast begins when the fly starts to move. Having your fly rod tip down close to the water will allow this to happen and will correct many casting errors. Keep line and rod in a straight line. Most people start their cast with the rod tip elevated building slack into the start of a cast and making a good backcast difficult. Other causes of slack are: movement of the fly line by outside forces such as the wind or water, rough, jerky application of power, and poor timing between the backward and forward cast. Placing your casting side foot a little rearward will allow you to watch your backcast. Make sure you can control and minimize slack before introducing the use of your line hand otherwise you will compound the problem.

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Membership Meeting

February 10

Board Meeting

February 27

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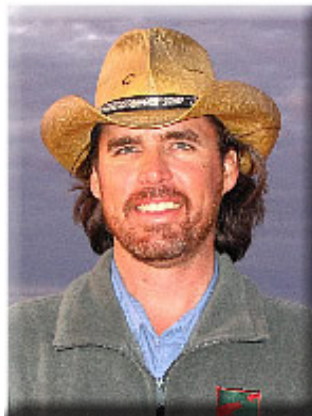
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March issue is

February 25th

DDF Speaker-March 2010

Our speaker for the March meeting will be Brad Bohan, the owner of Musky Country Outfitters in Hayward, Wisconsin. Brad will present a unique talk on fly fishing for world record muskies, a top fish predator in the upper Midwest. In addition to describing Musky habits, fly fishing techniques and gear, Brad will share float trip fishing for Smallmouth bass, Northern pike, Great Lakes Tributary steelhead, trout and walleye in the beautiful and productive waters of northern Wisconsin. The March member meeting will be March 10, 2010 at 7pm at the John R. Williams School, 2450 Meadow Ave., Stockton. For more information contact Marty Kjelson at 477-9618.



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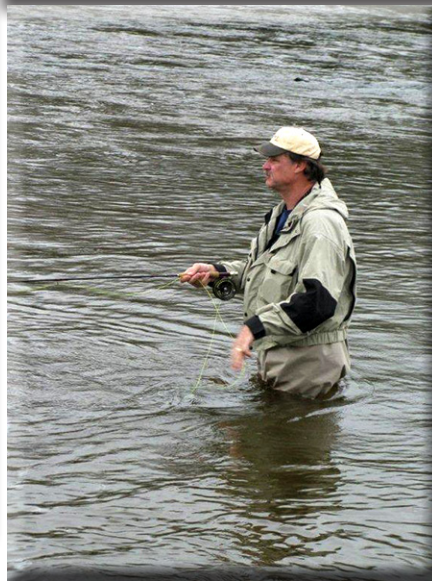
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Salmon in the Classroom Release

by Joe Bladerston

Photo by Herman Spalinger

Members of DFF joined over 30 students and their families at the Mokelumne River Saturday February 27 to release salmon fry. The fry were raised from eggs in the classroom at Hazelton's Academic Center for the Talented magnet program. This was the third year for teacher, and DFF's Conservation Chair, Joe Balderston and his students. Many thanks to those who helped identify bugs, teach casting and provide guidance as needed. Attendance was higher this year than the previous two. This event seems to get better every year. Photos by Herman the historian.



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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 March 10	John R Williams School Stockton	March General Meeting Brad Bohem - Musky Country Outfitters
Wednesday March 17	Nature Center Oak Grove Park, Stockton	Board Meeting All Members Welcome
Thursday March 18	The State Theatre 1307 J Street, Modesto	The Drake 2010 Fly Fishing Film Tour Bob Nakagawa, Sierra Angler (209) 572-2212
Saturday March 27	Paradise Point Stockton, CA	March Outing - Black Bass/Striper Fishing Bill Laughlin 477-6644
Saturday April 3	Kelsey Bass Ranch Snelling, CA	April Outing - Kelsey Bass Ranch Al Smatsky 368-9261
Fri/Sat April 23-24	Salt Springs Reservoir Copperopolis, CA	April Outing
Saturday May 8	White Pines Lake Arnold, CA	Annual One Fly Contest With the Calaveras Fly Fishers
Fri - Sun May 21-23	Lassen National Park	May Outing Lassen Park Outing Marty Kjelson 477-9618
Saturday, June 5	Oak Grove Park, Stockton	Catfish Derby Earl Summers 957-6756
Wednesday, June 9	Oak Grove Park, Stockton	Annual Club Barbeque
Fri/Sun June 18-20	Davis Lake Portola, CA	June Outing
Saturday July 10	Spicer Res., Union Res. or N. Stanislaus River	July Outing
Sunday - Saturday July 11-18	Owens Valley - Mammoth Lakes	July Outing Marty Kjelson 477-9618
August TBA	Upper Sacramento River McCloud River & Dunsmuir Area	August Outing - Steve Johnson - 887-9255
Friday-Sunday September 17-19	2010 Bridgeport Eastern Sierra Outing	Earl Summers 957-6756
Wednesday October 13	John R. Williams School	2010 DFF Annual Pot Luck Marty Kjelson 477-9618 - John Keagy 369-5690



DFF's 2010 Annual Banquet

My Valentine

My Valentine took me Striper fishing on the Delta last weekend. As a very special Valentine's Day gift, she arranged it so I landed more fish than she landed. Not once did she complain when I had 4 Stripers to the boat and she had yet hooked her first fish, she is a gracious lady.

With my fifth Striper I thought, "What a warm, caring person I married so many years ago". After that the rhythm changed. This warm person landed not 1, but 3 stripers. She was considerate enough not to land any weighing more than my 11 lb. fish. I finished the day with 6 Stripers and 1 Largemouth bass weighing 2 lbs. I hope she takes me out again next Valentine's Day.



Swap and/or Trade

St. Croix AFT 9010 "Avid" 9' 10# 3 pc rod.
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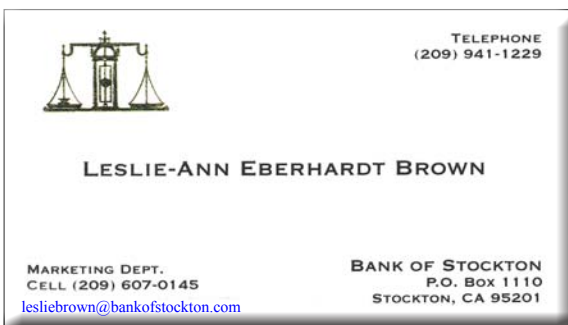
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Contact Bruce Rollans 209 274-0448.

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Mike's contributions to the art and sport of fly fishing will be
recognized as he becomes the
30th inductee into the NCCFFF Fly Fishing Hall of Fame

Join Mike's family and friends as well as other fly fishing enthusiasts
as we celebrate Mike's contribution to fly fishing history.

To be held at the Napa Senior Activity Center, 1500 Jefferson St., Napa California

Social hour and silent auction starts at 5PM - Dinner at 7PM - Followed by live auction

For reservations to this special event please visit our web site at

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Registration forms along with payment must be received by **March 5, 2010** to reserve your space. Seating is limited!

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