

May 2009

# Delta Fly Fishers

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

May, 2009

I'm starting this message at 3am in a Motel room in Medford, Oregon...why, because that's where the fish are. This is our monthly trip to Medford so the wife can handle business at the newspaper here and I can harass the trout and steelhead on the Rogue.

Yesterday saw my rather robust frame almost over my waders in the middle of a small feeder stream to the Rogue. Rather important lesson in life, while fishing with another person and he wades across a stream or river please take note of the persons height and compare it to yours.....following a person 6'2" across a small stream when you are 5'10" can be rather challenging and somewhat chilly cold (as in waders full of water ). I was fishing a new 8'3", 3 piece, Chris Raine (Dunsmuir Rod Shop) bamboo rod. To say I'm pleased is an understatement. Size 16 and 18 dark Caddis and cloudy skies produced about 16 hookups and 14 landed trout in approximately 2 hours ...not a bad start for this trip. Oops I hear Dave's truck, we are headed to the coast (Coos Bay) for some Salmon on the Coquille River and crab in the bay.

Ok, I'm back. Long day, 3 hour drive (each way) and six hours of fishing. Let' see, six Salmon hooked, zero, zilch, nada, as in none landed. 4 crab pots put out, and 30 lbs of beautiful Oregon coast crab. Please excuse me for an hour or two ...I'm going to eat them right now.

Day 2...trout fishing on the "Holy Water" of the rogue...I hit the Caddis hatch...world known spring caddis...clouds of them, you can't take a breath and damn sure better not yawn, you'll have caddis flies have way down your throat....them fish are little pigs, eat for three straight hours...what a blast to catch, fat bright colored 15 to 20 inch rainbows. Hatch should last a couple of weeks so try to get up there.

I had to go to a local sporting goods store for some supplies. While there I overheard a conversation with the manager and a rep of a well known fishing tackle company. The sum of the conversation was this...The sale of tackle (rods, reels, lures, lines etc.) is way up over last year but fishing license sales are off 35%. Are there that many people poaching?

On the way home from Oregon I spoke with two owners of Fly shops in Northern Ca. in Dunsmuir and Redding They said the same thing...so when I returned to Stockton on Friday I decided to take a little trip to a couple of local fishing holes and do a little survey.

39 anglers interviewed...trout and bass...all adults and of mixed nationalities, all driving very nice pickups, 2 with \$30,000 boats....**HOLD ON TO YOUR HATS.** 27 admitted they did not have a current fishing license. What the He.. is this? Do people feel they can just rape and pillage the resource and not pay for it? Do they feel this economic struggle the State of California is in, is not going to allow them (the State) to have enough wardens to enforce the licensing laws or do they just not give a damn?

And last but not least a little mention about some club business...we are in need of a member to step up and fill the a position left vacant by the passing of Dean Watson...that being the committee chair of Historian/Property...great opportunity for a young/new member to get a little involved with the inner working of the club. Please think about this and we can discuss it at our next meeting on May 13th.

Oh, yea...Kate the ever present fishing chasing, sandwich stealing, companion of yours truly, wanted me to pass on a little reminder....Spring runoff is in full swing. Water is up in a number of places, it is swift and very COLD, please be careful. Do not wade in un-familiar waters by yourself and use a wading staff (always).

Yea Katie, I know you been in the library again and have something you want to say....from my four footed buddy another of her favorite fishing quotes:

"Many men go fishing all their lives without knowing it is not the fish they are after." H.D. Thoreau

Hope to see you and your family on the river, stream or lake with rod in hand.

# Membership Form

Regular membership – \$30\*

Family Membership – \$35\*

62 years or older – \$25.00\*

\*New members please add \$5.00 Initiation Fee

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

Delta Fly Fishers P.O. Box 77862, Stockton, CA 95207

Check one:

New membership \_\_\_\_\_ Renew membership \_\_\_\_\_

Regular Membership:

One year \$30.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Senior (62+) \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Family Membership:

One year \$35.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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Work (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to be on the \_\_\_\_\_  
committee

Please renew your membership, if you have not done so. If you are not sure, check the mailing label for your current status. If there is any questions or problems please contact: Bob Souza at 209-607-6604 or e-mail at [suzasbs@clearwire.net](mailto:suzasbs@clearwire.net).

# Fishing Buddy Request

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE CONTACTS: (1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

The best time to contact me is \_\_\_\_\_

My E-mail address is: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Casting  Fly Tying  Attending Outings  Equipment

Knot Tying  Float Tubing  Pontoon Boating

Stream Fishing  Lake Fishing  Trout Fishing

Steelhead Fishing  Shad Fishing  Bass Fishing

Striper Fishing  Salt Water Fishing  Private

Water Fishing  Rod Building  Selecting a Guide

Travel

Entomology  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe what you would like help with \_\_\_\_\_

If you need further information, please contact the Fishing Buddy Committee:

Bob Souza at 209-607-6604 or [suzasbs@clearwire.net](mailto:suzasbs@clearwire.net)

Grady Lee at 951-3623 or [gmississippikid@aol.com](mailto:gmississippikid@aol.com)

Mail the form to: Delta Fly Fishers P.O. Box 77862, Stockton, CA 95207

## 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.

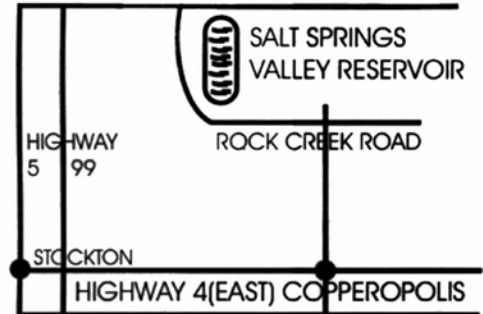
There also will be opportunities for fly tying. For more information contact Joe Balderston at 474-8515 or Jim Rich at 477-6404.

## Oak Grove Parking

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. Information: 477-6404 or [jrich1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jrich1@sbcglobal.net)

## DFE's May Outing Salt Springs Valley Reservoir

Delta Fly Fishers May 15 & 16 outing will be to Salt Springs Valley Reservoir for bass, crappie or bluegill. On Friday the 15th a barbecue lunch will be provided by resort manager Debbie Nunes for \$5. No luncheon Sat. Launch fee for club members will be \$10. Directions: From Highway 99 take Highway 4 east, approximately 30 miles, turn left at Copperopolis, on Rock Creek Road to the reservoir. Information: Earl Summers 957-6756



From Highway 5 or 99 Stockton take Highway 4 East, approximately 30 miles, turn left at Copperopolis, on Rock Creek Road to the reservoir.

**MAILING ADDRESS**  
**SALT SPRINGS VALLEY RESERVOIR**  
**7422 ROCK CREEK ROAD**  
**FARMINGTON, GA 95230**  
**PHYSICAL ADDRESS**  
**7422 ROCK CREEK ROAD**  
**GOPPEROPOLIS, GA**  
**(209)785-7787**  
**PH.FAX: (209)785-2974**  
**EMAIL: SALTSPPRINGS@GALTEL.COM**

## One Fly Contest White Pines Lake

The Calaveras Fly Fishers had to cancel the one fly contest Scheduled for May 9 at White Pines Lake for this year as it is on the DFG no stock list and will not be stocked by Calaveras County as they had hoped.



## Conservation by Ron Forbes

This is one of the few newsletters I have written that is on a positive note. If you remember last month's newsletter was concerned with the attempt of Jean Fuller (R-Bakersfield) to delist the Delta's striped bass as a sport fish and to have them listed as a commercial fish. This was her attempt get rid of the stripers in the Delta. It was listed as AB 1253 in the legislature. The hearing of the Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee was held last Tuesday, April 28th, in Sacramento. At the last meeting of DFF, I talked about what AB 1253 would do to the stripers and eventually the large and small mouth bass if this bill passed. They would disappear as a species in the Delta.

Fuller represents the Westland's Water District and others who see fish and fisherman as a problem to their ever-increasing desire for more water from the Delta. Get rid of the fish and you get rid of the fisherman. Get rid of the fisherman and you get rid of those who try to protect the Delta. This is their method. Therefore it was important to kill AB 1253 in committee and not have the bill reach both houses of the legislature.

As you will recall, I asked the club to join with me in sending letters of opposition regarding AB1253 and to sign your names to an online petition saying you opposed this legislation. Delta Fly Fishers signed on as a group opposing Fullers bill. We are one club along with 43 other clubs that joined in opposition to AB1253. Mark Rockwell, chairman of NCCFFF's Conservation Committee that I serve on, helped greatly by getting 13 large environmental groups to oppose Fullers bill. To all of you who sent letters ——— Thank you so very much! Those letters really helped! Doug Lovell of NCCFFF has been very active over the years in protecting the striper fishery. He and others organized us for Tuesday's committee hearing

We met Tuesday morning at 7:00 AM on the capitol steps and went to the hearing room en mass. We filled the hearing room with people who opposed the legislation. We were met with a surprise. Fuller evidently heard that committee members received a huge out-pouring of protest against her bill prior to the hearing. The committee chairman had said months prior that he would vote against the bill. Fuller the realized her bill wouldn't get out of committee. So, at the last minute (Monday) she wrote an amendment to the bill. Basically she withdrew her legislation and wanted to table the bill so "CalFed scientists could do further study on the problem". Frankly this was a rather feeble attempt on her part to save face in front of committee members. Our side was represented by the head of Restore the Delta, the head of conservation for the California Sportfishing Protection Alliance, the executive director for The Bay Institute (a Ph.D.) and a professor Aquatic Biology from UCD (also a Ph. D.) All of them opposed the amendment saying that science has been done showing Fuller was scientifically incorrect in her proposal in AB 1253. Frankly it was a pleasure to watch our witnesses take Fuller's pseudo-science apart.

Fuller had four groups defend and support her position. Three of them water districts and the California Chamber of Commerce. Our position in opposition to the bill and amendment was supported by 45-50 people from many diverse groups and clubs, including Delta Fly Fishers. Both Jerry Neuberger and I spoke in opposition to the bill and amendment of behalf NCCFFF as board members. Jerry also spoke in opposition from his position in CSPA and as member of Delta Fly Fishers. I opposed both the bill and amendment as a board member of Delta Fly Fishers and a member of CSPA. I also want to thank Bruce and Sallye Rollans for their support as members of Delta FF by attending the committee hearing. This especially goes for Sallye who was not feeling well but still chose to attend.

Fuller was told had a vote be taken it would have been 11-1 against her. That is why she chose to amend her bill at the very last minute and table it

rather than face defeat and the embarrassment of an 11-1 loss. Hopefully we have heard the last of AB 1253 and it will die tabled as many bills do. This was a victory for our stripers and all other Delta fish.

And for all of you who helped in so many ways ——— THANK YOU!!! A lot of time went into keeping the stripers a game fish and saving them from extinction. It was worth the fight.

We can be sure that Fuller and the water districts she works for will continue to do whatever they can to increase the amount of water they take from the Delta regardless of the harm it will do to the Delta's environment. We will have to stay on top of this.

And again, for all of you who helped, thank you.

Ron Forbes

## FFF NEWS and ITEMS OF INTEREST

### FFF Headquarters Change of Address

Please make note of our new addresses as of February 28th. All mail addressed to 215 E Lewis address are now being forwarded to the PO Box. All mail should be sent to: FFF – PO Box 1688 – Livingston, MT 59047  
UPS & Fed X Shipments to: FFF – 5237 US Hwy 89 S – Livingston, MT 59047

### FFF Annual Conclave 2009

This years Conclave will be held in Loveland, Colorado and the dates are July 28th – August 1st. Please join us in the fun and fellowship.

Conclave pre-registration will open April 2009. Lodging information can be found on this web page <http://www.federationconclave.org/Default.aspx?tabid=4868>

## Wild Trout Symposium

Holiday Inn,  
Sunspreet Resort and Conference Center  
West Yellowstone, Montana  
Welcome Reception: Monday Evening September 27, 2010  
Conference Dates: Tuesday Sept. 28 through Thursday September 30, 2010 <http://www.wildtroutsymposium.com>

The tenth international Wild Trout Symposium will be held September 27th-30th, 2010 at the Holiday Inn in West Yellowstone, Montana, USA, adjacent to the west entrance to Yellowstone National Park. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the USDA Forest Service, the Trout and Salmon Foundation, other agencies, the Federation of Fly Fishers, and Trout Unlimited are cosponsors of this event. Originated in 1974, this symposium offers exposure to the latest information on status, science, technology, philosophy, and preservation of cold-water wild-salmonid, in an international forum for professional wild trout biologists and fishery advocates.

Focusing on the needs of working-level wild trout professionals and fishery conservationists, the Wild Trout Symposium provides a valuable opportunity for information exchange and will equip participants to better conserve and restore these magnificent resources. Questions: WT-X Chairman, Dirk Miller, [dirk.miller@wgf.state.wy.us](mailto:dirk.miller@wgf.state.wy.us), (307)777-4556

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(February)

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David Coon 209-239-9936

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## Delta Fly Fishers Official Club Merchandise For Sale

Help support your club by buying and using club merchandise.

Polo Shirt w/club logo sale \$26.00

Ball Cap \$11.50

Club Patch \$5.00

Lapel Pin \$7.00

Lic. Plate Frames \$3.00

Official coffee mug \$5.00

Also the club has a video library

Videotape Rentals \$2.00 Per Video

See Jacob Loyko 468-2664 for info on merchandise and videos at all the meetings.

## Membership Meeting

May 13

May Board Meeting

May 20

June Newsletter

The deadline for the June issue is May 23rd

## May Monthly Meeting Roger Bloom California Wild Trout Program

Delta Fly Fishers May program will be a presentation by Roger Bloom about the California Wild Trout Program. The WTP was established by California Fish and Game Commission in 1971 to protect and enhance quality trout fisheries sustained by natural reproduction. Roger, a senior fisheries biologist and currently serving as the statewide leader of the WTP, will be speaking about what the WTP is currently doing to protect and manage heritage and wild trout resources along with providing anglers fishing opportunities. The presentation will be given Wed. May 13th, 7pm at John R. Williams School 2450 Meadow Ave. Stockton. Program is free and open to the public. Information: Marty Kjelson 477-9618.



Rodgers's program will be given at 7pm, Wednesday May 13, at John R. Williams School 2450 Meadow Ave. Stockton. Program is free and open to the public. Information: Marty Kjelson: 477-6644.

## Without Comment: A Fly Fishing Guide's Email About Poachers

by Tom Chandler on April 26, 2009

Think the satisfaction of doing the right thing isn't motivation enough to turn in poachers? This fly fishing guide - in an email to the Underground - didn't:

"I am tired of this crap on our rivers and I am offering 2 free guide days to whoever turns in the most poachers during the 2009 trout season. Police reports or newspaper arrest records will suffice for evidence. You have your choice of fishing venues Trinity, Fall River, Pit, Klamath, Lower Sacramento. I will supply flies and lunch."

"This is a serious offer. Hopefully it will motivate anglers to act rather than ignore this growing problem."

Any takers?

See you on the river (license in hand), Tom Chandler.

<http://troutunderground.com/2009/04/26/without-comment-a-fly-fishing-guides-email-about-poachers/>

## Eastern Sierra Focus

By CJ Webb

### Fishing tip:

Has anyone asked Mother Nature why snow in April? It has been very unstable with great beach weather, then heavy winds followed with snow, then clearing and the pattern repeats itself. Headlines predict a cold opening day and "Mother" was not kind at high elevations. Heavy wind and snow blanketed everything above 8500 feet which only lessened the ice fishermen at high country spots. Spring run off has started in some places and the flows are on a constant rise in the West Walker, fast and off color. Bridgeport Reservoir is filling but won't rise until full-thaw starts. Hopefully it will improve conditions on the Rez with colder water and a lot of it later into the summer.

No-see-ums must have been taken hostage while vacationing on the Somali Coast and everyone was thankful they were not in full force. Mosquitoes are still in winter mode due to the cooler weather.

Be safe if you cross streams, remember, the water is extremely cold this time of year, don't take chances unnecessarily, and keep a solar blanket in your fly/tackle vest and assess the flow and your physical ability to handle the water.

### Legislation and News

See attached report on DFG and Mono County.

Fishing Report: All waters above 8000' still frozen.

Remember to check the regulations prior to fishing unfamiliar water that you are unsure as to limits, size, etc.

**ROCK CREEK** – The road is open to the pack station, some water showing at both inlet and outlet.

**HOT CREEK** – The road is clear and so is the water. Breezy afternoons so try some midges and if you are not getting takes, try some Trio Spinners #22-24, also San Juan worms, birds nest, and tiny zebra midges should get tugs. Please stay out of the water to prevent the spread of New Zealand mud snails.

**CROWLEY** – The water is between 42° - 48° and fish are spread out with no weeds. Lake is filling slowly and it should be a great opener, if you like crowds.

**UPPER OWENS** – The fishing has been fair to good, but if you put your "trout-brain" in high gear it will suggest using midges #18-20 or small nymphs 16-18 or the ever beguiling San Juan Worm, you'll get some nice fish in the 20" range. Use a 2 fly rig and don't be a "slow-set" like me. The section from the fish monument downstream to Crowley Lake opens April 25th.

**CONVICT** - Was stocked with some heavyweights at the end of last season and should provide some great angling on opening.

**MAMMOTH BASIN** – Twin Lakes has some water showing at both the inlet and outlet with a couple anglers trying to teach worms proper diving techniques. But should have stayed inside to watch the Lakers "dunking", it was a lot warmer.

**SAN JOAQUIN ROAD** – Plowing will not start until May 10th as usual, due to the number of skiers taking advantage of the great snow the Mountain has said they will try and stay open until the 15th depending on the weather. Check with Forest Service in Mammoth Lakes for an exact opening date.

**JUNE LAKE** – The loop road opened 4.5.9, and June Lake marina cage culture program will release some great cut-throats for this opener. Tubing will be a means to an end some great trout at the end of your 4X. Opening Derby had a full house as I drove down to Grant to see the level. Campgrounds were partially filled.

**GULL LAKE** – Ice free and it should do well for the opener.

**SILVER LAKE** – Ice free and had a very high and expecting great showing for the worm crowd, but tubers/pontoons are expected to get their licks in. The campground at the resort and across the street was almost at capacity.

**GRANT LAKE** – Ice free and being fed at the west end by Rush Creek. There are lots of fish in the stream.

**TIOGA PASS** – Caltrans started snow removal from the east Side, on the 15th. The Park Service started the west side on the 20th. No report is available on distance. Lee Vining Chamber and Mono County Supervisor Bill Reid have been working on some type of schedule for the annual plowing to start. Caltrans provided them their Multi District Directive for Central Sierra Pass Closing and Opening Procedures, so that is kind of set in stone depending on the amount of snow from the winter season.

**LUNDY** – The lake is ice free and road is open, with the resort opening Memorial weekend. Edison is trying to finish the repair work on the dam, but they state that they may keep the lake on the low side for the duration of the trout season, until the work is complete.

**VIRGINIA LAKES** – The road was plowed to Trumbull Campground entrance on the 9th and the resort opens the 21st of May. The ice on Little Virginia is 34" and should hold for about 14+ days unless father "Sol" beats it down. While walking all over Big Virginia talking to the ice fishermen my left leg decided to find a hole that had been covered over during the morning storm snow and that measurement is 36". Geez that water was cold.

**EAST WALKER** – The flow as of this writing is 66cfs and 125cfs on March 26th '08. Loads of bugs with the warmer weather and this could prove to be the hot spot once the run-off starts. Joe of Performance Anglers took some Reno fly gals out a couple weeks ago. They did sensational, nothing big, but lots of fish. Try some Buggers under a Type II near the dam, or a tiger midge or pheasant tail behind a Stimulator #12 or 14 on the river.

**BRIDGEPORT RESERVOIR** – The water is low and a bit off color and but should start to fill as runoff kicks into high gear. Looks like the boat launching will be at the "bathtub" again. Water has been stocked with sub-catchable DFG bows recently and literally a ton of fish last fall. Some Alpers were also added for more excitement. The Bridgeport Fish Enhancement Foundation stocked catchable brown trout last fall and they will also be showing a nose on your 4X tippet.

**WEST WALKER** – The flow was 658cfs on the 23rd and currently is 430cfs (418 in '08) making the flats the best places to try your luck. Try some nice attractors over San Juan worms around curves and flats. Water is off color & a definite Class V.

**SONORA PASS** – The road crew is in about 4 miles.

**KIRMAN** – Report said water is primed and ready.

**MONITOR PASS** – Opened April 17.

See you on the water, CJ 9.4



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Every Wed (except meeting nights)	Nature Center Oak Grove Park Stockton	WEDNESDAY EVENING FLY TYING Contact: Joe Balderston 474-8515 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 May 13	John R Williams School Stockton	Membership Meeting Roger Bloom California Wild Trout Program
Friday-Saturday May 15-16	Salt Springs Valley Reservoir Copperopolis, CA	Salt Springs Outing Fishmeister Earl Summers
Saturday May 15	Ladd's Marina Stockton, CA	The Bass-n-Fly Challenge Fly Fishing Only Bass Tournament
Wednesday May 20	Nature Center Oak Grove Park Stockton	Board Meeting All Members Welcome
Saturday June 6	Oak Grove Park Stockton	Catfish Derby
To Be Determined	Oak Grove Park Stockton	June Barbecue Oak Grove Park

## New Board and Committee Members

We are in need for members to step up and fill the Historian/Property committee chair left vacant by the passing of Dean Watson. We also need someone to fill one of the Board of Directors position and the committee chair for club merchandise. This is a great opportunity for a young/new member to get a little involved with the inner working of the club. Please think about this and we can discuss it at our next meeting on May 13th.

## DFF Yard Sale

DFF has held a successful yard sale over the past few years with proceeds going to our various activities. We need a new location this year. Any member willing to offer a yard sale site for a yard sale in the months of June or July, please advise a board member or club officer so we can arrange for donations to the sale.

## The Bass-n-Fly Challenge May 15, 2009

Bass-n-Fly, along with the Stockton Bass Club, is sponsoring their second California Delta fly fishing only bass tournament on Friday, May 16, 2009. The tournament will stage at, and leave from, Buckley Cove/Ladd's Marina at 6:00 am and the weigh in will be at 2:00 pm.

More information can be found at <http://www.bassnfly.com/The%20Bass-n-Fly%20Challenge%20tournament.html> or from the Stockton Bass Club, Contact David Sanchez 518-9299 or Rick Soriano 406-5562. Entries can be dropped off at The Outdoor Sportsman on March Lane.

## Bug Festival

April 25 over 300 people joined together at Oak Grove Park's Nature Center for the first ever Bug Festival. James Rexroth, coordinator, prompted this turn out with some exciting insect exhibits, both live and preserved, insect hunts and insect races. Also present were three DFF fly tiers, Joe Balderston, Larry Schmidt and Bruce Rollans, using the tying vise to create a number of insects used by fly fishers. James Rexroth plans hold this festival annually and welcomes participation of Delta Fly Fishers.

## Speaking of Bugs:

The Granite Bay Fly Fishers is having a bug clinic in June

Aquatic Entomology & Ecology Workshop  
Saturday - Sunday, June 13 - 14, 2009

Update 3/28/2009: This fantastic workshop will take place Saturday, June 13th- Sunday, June 14th. Adults cost is \$45.00, kids are FREE! As of the March general meeting, we had 19 people signed up. The \$45 pays for overnight lodging in the cabins, 3 meals and all instructional materials. Limit is 30 participants (staying overnight in the cabins). Offsite RV camping is available, and the day use fee will be \$28 for Saturday only participation, \$45 for Saturday and Sunday. This includes meals!

The clinic is on Saturday. Our instructor will be our very own GBF Member, Terry Eggleston. He'll be showing us the comparison between the real bugs vs. our tied flies in a classroom setting. There will also be a stream collection and observation time, and a casting demonstration by Bill Carnazzo which will be viewed under water in the stream-side viewing chamber so we can see exactly how a trout really looks at and takes (or refuses) a fly.

On Sunday you will have the opportunity to do some fishing on your own in the various creeks, rivers, and lakes in the area. More information will be posted on the website.

If you have any questions, you can contact me at Tggr514@yahoo.com or John Carroz at jwcarroz@surewest.net.

<http://www.gbflycasters.org/conservation/programs/Sagehen%20Entomology%20Clinic/Sagehen2009.htm>



## Trout Stocking Eastern Sierra 2009

By CJ Webb

The hatchery status and stocking objectives for Hot Creek, Fish Springs and Black Rock Hatcheries will continue to operate and meet goals for Mono County waters with production similar to 2008 and stocking frequency on a weekly schedule depending on the status of stocking equipment. There is a general maintenance concern with the aging fleet of vehicles of some equipment and the Eastern Sierra is still in need of a 33,000 lb. GVW capacity stocking truck.

The current economic impact has required some early planting of fingerling and sub-catchable trout across the state because of the increased costs and decreased budgets due to the California pre-budget "cash-flow" problems.

Fish Springs hatchery will be stocking Bridgeport Reservoir, Buckeye Creek, Convict Lake, Deadman Creek, Ellery, George, Glass Creek, Grant, Gull, June, Leavitt, Lee Vining Creek and Lee Vining Creek S.F., Little Walker Lake, Little Walker River, Lost Cannon Creek, Lundy, Mamie, Mary, Mill Creek, Robinson Creek, Rush Creek, Saddlebag Creek, Saddlebag, San Joaquin River M.F., Silver, Starkweather, Tioga, Trumbull, Twin Lake Upper (Bridgeport), Twin Lake Lower (Bridgeport), Twin Lakes Mammoth, Topaz, Virginia Creek, Big Virginia, Little Virginia, West Walker River section #2, West Walker River section #3.

Black Rock Hatchery will be stocking Convict Creek, Mammoth Creek, McGee Creek, Rock Creek section 1, and section 2, and Sherwin Creek.

Hot Creek hatchery will be stocking Crowley, Junction Reservoir, Kirman and section 3 of the Owens River.

Sub-catchable Cutthroats depending on disease free trout at time of planting will go into Bridgeport Reservoir, Crowley, Gull, June, Silver, West Walker River section 2 and section 3.

High country stocking in Region 6 (Mono-Inyo counties) have not been impacted.

**Quagga Mussel:** The Department will continue its effort on a reduced scale this season to provide public education regarding invasive species, including NZMS (mudsnail) and Quagga mussels, in the form of literature handouts to anglers and visitors to the Eastern Sierra. The Department does not intend to conduct boat inspections at any Eastern Sierra area waters at this time. Inspections at Crowley Lake will be done by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power and Crowley Lake Fish Camp will continue this year; "To help prevent the spread of invasive mussels that can impact the fishery and damage water conveyance systems, all boats entering Crowley Lake this year will be thoroughly inspected." This information can be viewed at LADWP' web site: <http://www.ladwp.com/ladwp/cms/ladwp010475.jsp>

For more information on invasives go to the following web sites:

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