

March 2009

# Delta Fly Fishers

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Flyfishing

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

March, 2009

Why, every time I pick up a fly fishing magazine do I see somewhere in the pages this statement, "fly fishing is supposed to be fun"?

Who says we are not having fun? Where are these folks hiding to observe what we are or are not doing to have fun? Granted packing all this gear we think we need every time we go the river or lake or bass pond makes for a dull day or two hours anyway. Maybe that's what contributes to some not having fun.

This brings me to this month question: what do you carry while actually fishing, be it on a river or stream while walking or in a float tube or boat on a lake? What gear, how many fly boxes are in your vest? How many spools of tippet material do you carry along with all the other stuff that make a reasonably in shape man or women sweat just getting to the fishing site?

Fishing report...while you read this I, your faithful (El Presidente') am trudging up and down the Rogue river in pursuit of little trout ( those under 3 lbs.) armed with a very nice 40 year old bamboo fly rod (5wt) and a very nice Hardy St. George reel.

It is raining enough any sane person would be sitting in his pickup waiting for it to quit...not me, California knucklehead as I'm known by the locals, cast, cast don't worry about the rain running down your back, it will take another 15 minutes for your waders to fill up beyond the point where you can get back to shore. I can't even see my fly (size 14 BWO or the size 16 March Brown) I am using today, but I don't have to because these feisty rainbows and cutthroats can, and about 24 of them have found out how sharp a Diatchi hook really is.

Pro guide and good friend Dave Roberts and Kate (trusty side kick of El Presidente') are a ways up stream. Dave has finally figured out the pattern and hooked his first fish (a 19.5 inch Cutty) and Kate is racing to see just what it is....if she is within ear shot of "fish on" off she goes to check it out. Why don't Labrador Retrievers feet get cold?

I have finally seen the "Holy Grail" of hatches...Blue Wing Olives and March Browns so thick you can't see the river.... And the fish 14 to 19 inches are a bunch of pigs, their little bellies are so stuffed with bugs, it is amazing they can swim. I have heard stories of this hatch for a few years but have always been late getting here to see it...not today ladies and gentlemen....this is truly a beautiful site...I have taken a couple of pictures and hopefully will have them at the next meeting.

Ok, little club business, last month's newsletter seemed to raise some hackles....'ole loud mouth used some bad terminology and upset the tail feathers of a couple of (long time) members. While I did not start out as your leader to change (our club), I will continue to use the English language as I understand it and will not offer apologies to some who disagree with me. The DELTA FLY FISHERS has become quite well known thanks entirely to members who put in the time to make the past FFF Symposium the best that has ever been. I intend to maintain this legacy by getting as many involved with all that FLY FISHING has to offer, education, and conservation and yes some political matters....if this does not set well with some, don't complain, just get involved with the activities that interest you.

Several outings coming up, hope to see y'all there.

Please if you can...try to support the Fly Fishing Film Tour posted on our web page ...to be held in Modesto by the Stanislaus Fly fishing club...it is a great fundraiser for a great cause.

And as will be the case every month ....here is a little from one of Kate's favorite books.

"It has always been my private conviction that any man who pits his intelligence against a fish and loses, has it coming." - John Steinbeck

## Membership Form

Regular membership – \$30\*

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62 years or older – \$25.00\*

\*New members please add \$5.00 Initiation Fee

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Please fill out then mail to:

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

Check one:

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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

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

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

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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 Fly Tying & Casting

The weekly Wednesday evening fly tying sessions will continue through March. 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.

Starting Wednesday March 25th, will begin fly casting. Whether you are a novice and want tips on how to cast or 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 tying and/or BS abilities. 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)

# 2009 Annual Dinner Raffle

by Bill Laughlin

A special thanks to all of those who attended the Annual Dinner and Awards Banquet. Our club has one hundred and twenty members; to have ninety three attendances was especially rewarding for those who organize this event.

The atmosphere was great, conversation and laughter, with great stories from past years activities and predictions for the coming season. Herman kept to his promise of no speeches, the awards were made and he introduced our new President Steve Johnson. The highlight of the evening was the standing ovation Herman Spalinger received as Leo Gutterres gave him a special award, thanking him for his work and contributions serving as club president for the past two years. Herman did a fantastic job as president and from the applause her received I'm sure he knows how much we respect and appreciated his leadership.

I would like to especially thank some people who contributed to our raffle and made it the success it was. Bill and Marilyn Kiene of Kiene's Fly Shop, Gary Eblin of American Fly Fishing Co., Robert Nakagawa of Sierra Anglers Fly Shop and Larry Lee of L3 Rods. In behalf of the many happy winners, thank you. To my wife Jean, for the twenty women's raffle prizes, the ladies who won seemed to really enjoy their prizes and their enthusiasm added excitement to the program.

Guided fishing trips are always in demand, a special thank you to Al Smatsky of Excellent Adventures, Jerry Neuburger of Delta Stripers and Steve Cooper for providing their guided trips to our silent auction. These trips are the foundation to the success of this program and we are very grateful for their contributions. This year the raffle program received a special donation from a long time and present club member Dave Bernard. Dave called and asked it we could use some of his fishing gear in our raffle. When I met with Dave I was so impressed with his wonderful collection that I felt that the raffle program moved up from good to very good. These are the items donated a Togiak float tube, (2) pairs force fins, (2) sets waders, (2) pairs Orvis wading boots, see thru caved bag, Flat Tube back pack, (10) fly boxes full of Dan Bailey Flies and more. The silent auction was enhanced by these generous contributions providing us with an increased profit; it was the highest of the past 5 years.

A very deserving thank you also goes out to these people. To Leo Gutterres, who always has a helping hand, framing pictures and flies, donating fishing gear, balsa and hair poppers for prizes, along with creating special awards for other hard working and contributing club members. To Bob Souza for his donated prizes, tied flies, custom built fly rods and for his advice and assistance with the raffle program. To Don Gillette for his Red Ryder Flies, he ties enough for the entire year. To Joe Balderston for his fly tying for every raffle and heading the Wednesday night tying program at Oak Grove Park. To Sallye Rollans for donating raffle prizes and their sense of humor during trying times. To Rick Green, Earl and Nancy Summers, Charlie Reames, Herman Spalinger and Jean Laughlin, thank you very much for your assistance in running the raffles.

It's important that our contributors recognize your patronage, please identify yourselves as members of Delta Fly Fishers and

express our appreciation for their contributions to our club. And finally a great big Thank You, to all club members, whose participation in so many ways, contributes to our club's success and its rewards. These dedicated members are greatly appreciated.

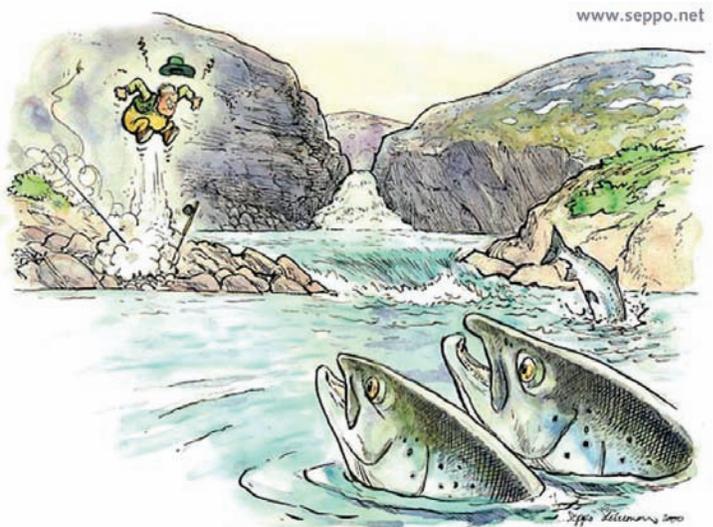
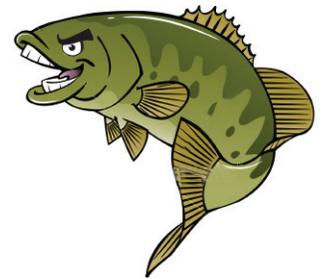
Please look forward to general monthly meeting with terrific prizes and MARK YOUR CALENDAR for the JUNE (STEAK B.B.Q.) There will be BLOW YOU AWAY PRIZES for both Ladies and Gentlemen.

## DFE's March Outings

Delta Fly Fishers will have two outings in March. The first outing will be with Joe Balderston's Hazleton science class. His class hatched and raise Chinook Salmon fry in their class as part of the Salmon in the Classroom program. They will be releasing the fry at the Van Assen Park, on the Mokelumne River on Saturday March 14. Joe will need some help with the kids and needs members to help demonstrate the various aspects of fly fishing. Call Joe at 474-8515 for further details

The second outing will be Black Bass Fishing at Paradise Point on Saturday March 21st. Learn the secrets of fishing this part of the Delta from your boat or pontoon boat.

For more information for both outings, contact Bill Laughlin at 477-6644 or Bob Souza at 478-8344.



— IT IS AMAZING HOW HIGH THEY CAN JUMP!

## Conservation by Ron Forbes

Another issue is taken place involving the Department of Fish and Game and the environment. The DFG has allowed 3,000 permits each year for use of suction dredges on California waterways despite the harm dredging does to rivers and stream bed environment. The Karuk Tribe sued DFG in 2005 over the use of suction dredges in areas known to be critical habitat at risk and endangered species. The species involved are Coho salmon, Green sturgeon, Pacific lamprey and spring Chinook salmon. Part of the suit was to make DGF overhaul its regulations involving suction dredging. The DFG regulations are over 15 years old and haven't had any updating in that time.

Suction dredges are mounted on pontoons on a river or stream. They use a powerful vacuum hose on the bottom of the river to suction up the river bottom including gravel and sediment. That debris is then pumped through a sluice where the heavier gold sinks and can be removed. The debris is then just dumped back in the river in an arbitrary manner. Not only does this destroy the environment of the rivers bed, it sucks up mercury, introduced in the days of gold mining of the 1850's, which is still present. This maybe causing problems with towns downstream. If the dredge is large enough, it can turn a clear mountain river into a muddy water way. This cannot help the fish.

In response to the suit, DFG submitted declarations to the court admitting that the DFG regulations violate the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because dredging can do "deleterious harm to fish, including endangered fish". Because of the Karuk Tribes work to limit the dredging in the Klamath Basin, the DFG quickly gave in on the suit. But the dredgers, with the help of the Pacific Legal Foundation, convinced the court to make a formal CEQA ruling and enact formal rules before making new rules and regulations active. DFG was to have the court order completed by July of 2008. It hasn't done so. DFG missed the dead line by 6 months and in fact, has not started the review process. The suction dredgers still say that the dredging improves the spawning grounds and that its global warming and not dredging that is destroying the fishery. Biologists however disagree.

On February 5, 2009 a taxpayer suit has be filed against DFG for using taxpayer's dollars for an illegal recreational gold mining program. This suit was filed two weeks after DFG Director Don Koch rejected a petition from the Karuk Tribe and others. The petition called for Director Koch to use emergency rules to enact even modest restriction on when and where dredging can take place. The suit was filed in Alameda County Superior Court. DFG Director Koch seems to have taken sides on behalf of the dredgers rather on the side of what he is supposed to be doing in protecting our fishery. He continues to issue dredging permits.

Perhaps he just doesn't understand the math. The State of California (DFG) only issues 3,000 dredging permits every year. Let's compare this to the 2.4 million fishing licenses issued every year. It's estimated that the sport fishing industry supports 43,000 jobs which is about \$1.3 billion in wages per year. Every year we buy \$2.4 billion in fishing gear in the U.S. Now compare this to the amount of money that 3,000 dredg-

ing permits bring to our state. That would be 2,400,000 fishing licenses vs. 3,000 dredging permits. Also consider the loss of the environment for fish in spawning and living, especially in the endangered areas. For example ten years ago about 9,500 salmon returned to the Mokelumne Hatchery. This year less than 250 salmon came back to spawn. At a time when our salmon population is in serious jeopardy, as is the steelhead population, one has to wonder why Don Koch doesn't push to stop dredging and to protect our fish and to protect the river environment.

We are at a place now where we as fly fishers are going to have to start taking issue with those in our government who do not protect our environment. And we are going to have to speak up and make our voices heard. Director Koch is to be up for conformation this spring by the legislature. We need to watch his actions closely.

### Team Your Club up with Stonefly Vineyards

Between now and March 15th, 2009 FFF has worked with StoneFly to create a program to benefit your Fly Fishing Club. Purchase two or more cases of StoneFly Wines and an additional case of half-bottles (valued at \$240) will be donated to the FFF-affiliated club of your choice. A great contribution to your club's events and fundraisers.

This is a great way for you to enjoy some remarkable wine crafted by a winery that is completely dedicated to fly fishers. Tip: one way to take advantage of this offer is to team up on the order with a few of your fly fishing friends.

How to take advantage of this offer:

- This offer is for online web orders only at [www.stoneflyvineyards.com](http://www.stoneflyvineyards.com)
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Help support your club by buying and using club merchandise.

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

## Membership Meeting

March 11

## February Board Meeting

March 18

## April Newsletter

The deadline for the April issue is March 25th

## FFF Big Horn Youth Adventure

A great opportunity for young people to expand their knowledge of fly fishing is on the horizon. The Big Horn Youth Adventure is currently taking applications for this years program in Fort Smith, MT on the banks of the world famous Big Horn River. Twelve youth will be selected by the Big Horn River Alliance for a four day fly tying and fly fishing adventure! All meals, lodging, airport shuttles, and guides will be provided free of charge. The Big Horn River Alliance, and the Ft. Smith angling community deserve a big hat's off for their generous donation. Air transportation to Billings must be secured by the participant's parents/guardian. Twelve youth ages 14 to 18 will be selected to participate in this program that will run from June 24th – 29th.

Here are some details.....During their stay at Fort Smith the Big Horn River Alliance will provide at NO COST all of the meals beginning with dinner June 24th thru breakfast June 29th. Lodging will be provided at NO COST by several of the lodges (double occupancy) in and around Ft. Smith. Guiding will be provided by mature, licensed, insured, professional guides who have logged thousands of days on the Big Horn. There will be a total of 24 guide days at NO COST to the kids. Tackle and fly tying tools will be provided if necessary.

The days will be busy as the kids will be picked up each morning at 7:00am and taken to breakfast at a lodge or restaurant and at 8:00 to 8:30 we will begin our daily fly tying session which will last from two to three hours. The kids will be taught to tie the flies they will be fishing with that day. The guides will meet the kids at 10:00 to 11:00 and off to the river. Lunches will be served on the river. The guides will usually keep the kids out till sometime from 6:00pm to 8:00pm depending on how the fishing is or when dinner is scheduled for the kids. The kids will be with a different guide each day for the experience of learning from the guides individual guiding and fishing techniques. We will pair the kids into six "teams" who will stay together for all four days. The Fly Tying sessions each morning will be conducted by Frank Johnson with the help of several other experienced professional fly tiers and teachers. Frank has been tying professionally for fifty years and teaching for forty. On the last evening, June 28th, we will have a special deluxe dinner and an Achievement/Awards Ceremony. We do not consider fly fishing a competition so there will be no "Big Fish" award but there will be a "most improved angler" award etc... All the kids will get an award. This will be a fun time. We will be asking suppliers and manufactures for help to provide some special gifts for the kids.

Anyone who is interested must fill out an application form. The form contains general information including contact information, questions regarding angler experience, health and diet questions, and more. There are also three essay questions at the conclusion of the application that can be attached. Call Frank Johnson with questions or to obtain an application form at 307-672-5164 or email at [bghrnhdl@wavecom.net](mailto:bghrnhdl@wavecom.net) Applications must be received by March 31, 2009. Those selected will be notified by April 15th. If Frank is not available an application can be obtained by contacting Matt Wilhelm at 406-222-9369 ext 103 or [educate@edflyfishers.org](mailto:educate@edflyfishers.org).

# What's New?

By Sallye Rollans



Friday, the 13th I took Bruce into the California Delta, hunting stripers with Mike Costello. We made an initial 40-minute run from Tower Park to Discovery Bay where Mike had located hungry stripers the previous day.

The sun was bright and the air still when we began casting fast sinking Custom Express lines on 8 weight rods. Almost immediately we were marking fish, bait and predators. I connected first bringing a hard charging 8 lb. fish to the boat (see photo). Bruce followed with a 7 lb. striper. Then I landed a 5 lb. striper (see photo). Suddenly, a large, angry storm cell came over us. The wind jumped up to about 30 knots, the temperature dropped 12 degrees and the rain came down in torrents. Good thing we had rain gear and the boat canopy up. We continued to mark stripers, but they stopped biting.

We moved north again, finally finishing the day at 5 p.m. in Sycamore Slough. We kept marking fish, but they proved tough to hook. We ended up with 7 stripers to the boat when Bruce landed his second 7 lb. fish. You can do the math. My best was a tough 9 lb. striper than repeatedly took my Rio Intermediate Short line from one side of the boat to the other.

## Fly Fishing Film Tour Stop

The Fly Fishing Film Tour – In just its third year, The Fly Fishing Film Tour has become the fishing entertainment event of the year. The Film Tour will be seen in well over 75 cities in 2009 and will showcase some of the best independent outdoor film makers. The goal of the Fly Fishing Film Tour is to energize the industry and inspire film makers to create new cutting edge films to both entertain and educate outdoor enthusiasts. If you are a film maker, we invite you to submit a film for consideration. If you are a fishing enthusiast or you are just interested in great outdoor entertainment and want to catch the tour in your market, check out the schedule. We look forward to seeing you at a tour stop in 2009! For more information go to <http://www.flyfishingfilmtour.com/default.asp>.

The Fly Fishing Film Tour will stop in Modesto on Thursday, March 5, 2009. The show will be at the State Theatre, 1307 J Street Modesto, CA 95354. The doors open at 6:00pm and the show starts at 7:00pm.

Tickets can be purchased at the State Theatre Box office [www.thestate.org](http://www.thestate.org) or at Sierra Anglers Fly Shop.

## Take the Anglers Legacy Pledge Today

The Federation of Fly Fishers launched a national Pledge drive to promote Anglers' Legacy, a program from the Recreational Boating & Fishing Foundation (RBFF). The promotion will encourage anglers to share their love of boating and fishing and introduce newcomers to the sport.

“We are thrilled that the Federation of Fly Fishers will be encouraging anglers to share the legacy of the sport with newcomers,” said RBFF President and CEO Frank Peterson. “Through their councils, affiliate clubs and events nationwide, the Federation will spread the Anglers' Legacy message throughout the fly fishing community. This will bring us closer to our goal of 85,000 new Ambassadors this year and help us increase participation in boating and fishing.”

The Federation of Fly Fishers will offer a half-price membership (\$15) with every Pledge, to all new Ambassadors (who are not currently FFF members) and also the newcomers they take fishing.

Take the pledge today <http://www.takemefishing.org/community/anglers-legacy/take-the-pledge/promo/FEDFLY08>

# 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 March 11	John R Williams School Stockton	Membership Meeting Rick Martin - Outdoor Photography
Saturday March 14	Mokelumne River Van Assen Park	Joe Balderstons' Hazelton science classes outing to re- lease salmon fry.
Wednesday March 18	Nature Center Oak Grove Park Stockton	Board Meeting All Members Welcome
Saturday March 21	Paradise Point	DFF's Monthly Outing Black BassFishing Bill Laughlin & Bob Souza
Saturday April 4	Kelsey Bass Ranch	DFF's Monthly Outing Kelsey Ranch Bass Lake - Fishmeister Al Smatsky
Wednesday April 8	John R Williams School Stockton	Membership Meeting
Wednesday April 15	Nature Center Oak Grove Park Stockton	Board Meeting All Members Welcome
Friday, Saturday Sun- day April 24, 25, 26	Pyramid Lake Nevada	Pyramid Lake Outing Fishmeister Larry Mettler
Saturday May 9	White Pines Lake	One Fly Contest hosted by Calaveras Fly Fishers
Wednesday May 13	John R Williams School Stockton	Membership Meeting
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

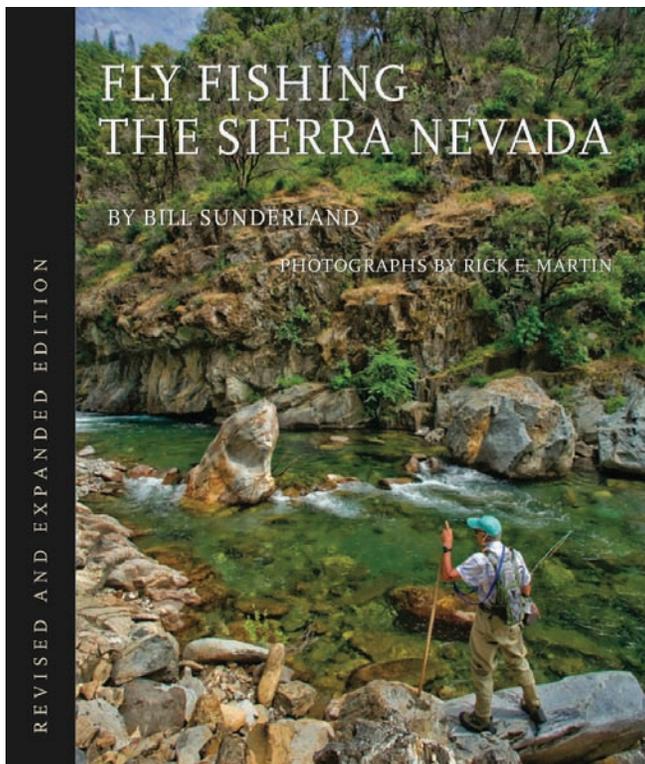
# March General Meeting

## Rick Martin - Outdoor Photograph

Delta Fly Fisher's March program will feature award winning photojournalist Rick Martin who has 25 years of experience, 17 of them with the San Jose Mercury news. Rick's particular love is the outdoors, especially fly fishing, having photographed for three books on fly fishing. His program includes an eye opening session featuring his travels with camera and fly rod including images from his just released book "Fly Fishing the Sierra Nevada" with author Bill Sunderland.

Rick is the recipient of numerous awards, including the coveted Pulitzer Prize as part of the Mercury News team covering the disastrous 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake. His creative studio photography earned him recognition from the James Beard Food Awards and the Association of Food Journalists. In addition he has won numerous awards from the Outdoor Writers of California.

One segment of the program features a how to session on getting the most out of your camera. Rick would like the Club Members to bring a total of 20 of their pictures, on a CD or flash drive. He will review and make suggestions to improve composition, color, brightness, subject matter, etc. He will show visual tips and simple Photoshop techniques to make club members own photos ready to be hung on a wall. The program includes a personal touch in which Rick will demonstrate basic skills using the club members own photographs.



The program will be presented Wednesday March 11, 7pm at the John R. Williams School 2450 Meadow Ave. Stockton, Ca. Information: John Keagy 209-369-5690

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