

October 2008

# Delta Fly Fishers

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## President's Message by Herman Spalinger

October, 2008

Remember, October 8th is our pot luck meeting/dinner. Please see the announcement in another part of this newsletter as to what to bring. Also bring any new or old fishing or sports-related equipment to this meeting. It would be best if everyone tries to arrive at 6:30 so we can start the food line first while the food is hot then we can bargain on a full stomach. We will also be open to any and all questions you may have regarding the fly fishing festival in Lodi the weekend of October 10th. All of you are invited to Jessie's Grove Winery Thursday evening October 9th at 6:00 for snacks and wine tasting if you so desire. Any early-arriving vendors or Council members have also been invited to Jessie's Grove. We will be providing snacks so, please, if anyone has a great recipe for snacks we certainly could use a tray or three of your goodies. Wine tasting at Jessie's Grove will be \$3.00 extra. Our club is hosting the event, so let's show the Northern California Council that we're a progressive organization.

While I'm on the subject of organizations, the club had a greater-than-expected turnout for our recent Bridgeport outing. We had 24 members show up for the event, and once everyone left Sunday Robinson Creek campground sure looked mighty empty. We also celebrated the marriage of Ron and Sandy Petitt on Friday. On Saturday evening all had a great time replenishing our energy at our barbecue after a good couple days of fishing. Thanks to Bob Bradley, Grady Lee, Don Gillett & Ron Petitt for organizing the event. For once the wind didn't howl too much but it was enough to keep you in shape controlling your float tube or pontoon boat once the afternoon breeze kicked up a notch. Everyone caught fish either at Upper Twin Lakes or Little or Big Virginia Lakes in the domain of C.J. Webb. Marty was actually able to get a photo of her in the restaurant. She likes to disappear when the cameras come out. Rumor has it "The Shadow" caught the biggest fish – a nice 26" rainbow – on a midge fly provided to him by Marty. Now who gets credit for that fish? I managed to actually land a 24 inch rainbow on Upper Twin using my 3 weight rod and a bead-head Tippy Special designed by the one and only Shadow. I suppose the Shadow wants to claim credit for that one too?

Keep in mind November is the monthly meeting where you the members nominate any member you feel would volunteer to be an officer or board member for the coming year, 2009. The board meeting in November will take into account any names suggested by you and will act on all nominees at the November board meeting. A special election notice will be mailed to everyone listing nominees for officer and board members and December is the regular meeting where you vote for the nominees. We must have a quorum at our December meeting of at least 43 members so if you have missed some of the meetings, please plan to attend this meeting. I must say here I have been proud to serve as your president for the past two years and I'm now looking forward to "retirement" so I can focus on carving fish that just may be available for future raffles and at our 2010 dinner. I also want to take this opportunity to thank the officers and board members who have served with me during the past two years that have helped make the presidency run smoothly. Without their help I don't believe I could have survived.

In closing I have to mention there is something in the air when it comes to the Bridgeport outing each year. As some of you remember, a couple of years ago while attending Bridgeport the wind bent both supports over the beds on my tent trailer that led me to leave for home early. While driving home a deer decided to try and run in front of me and ran into my trailer causing some \$650 damage. I was reimbursed by my insurance company so I could replace the tent trailer with the present "hybrid" I now use. Upon arriving home Monday evening while backing alongside of my house I managed to catch the gate with the rear of the trailer and push the gate into the gas meter which bent over. No gas leak, thank goodness. We were without hot water for two days while PGE gathered up their resources and fixed the meter. Then when I went into the house I found the wife in a sad mood due to having to put our outdoor cat down that day. He had developed a tumor in the upper part of his mouth that was inoperable and it started bleeding and he couldn't eat. I wonder what's on tap for next year's Bridgeport outing?

In the meantime keep your lines tight and your fly in the water.

Herman

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone: Home (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Cell (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

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

## 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: [jcrich1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jcrich1@sbcglobal.net)

## Catch Magazine Announcement To Clubs

[www.catchmagazine.net](http://www.catchmagazine.net) and the FFF are working together to spread the word about the FFF, worldwide. Please see our beautiful ad in the Premier Issue of Catch Magazine. Brian O'Keefe and Todd Moen, of Catch Magazine, will design a new ad for the FFF in every issue. Please forward the link to your club members, I think you and your members will very much enjoy Catch Magazine and it is free.

Catch Magazine is the Journal of Fly Fishing Photography, Video and Film. Fantastic fly fishing photography, displayed in a modern, colorful and dynamic format make Catch Magazine a "coffee table book" and a film festival, in every issue. Catch Magazine is not going to perform very well on older computers, dial-up or on tiny monitors. Feel free to forward the link to a friend, neighbor or the office to see/watch Catch Magazine on a high speed Internet connection and a big monitor. It takes a few seconds to load, then sit back and watch the world's best fly fishing photographers do their thing. There is a navigation link on the front page that will help you learn how to move through the magazine. Catch is an on-line magazine only.

# Eastern Sierra Focus

By CJ Webb

## Fishing tip:

September has the best terrestrials and midge hatches. Both items are at the top of the trout menu. Midges are usually in two places, the on top and in the film. There are several ways they can be fished either as an emerger, a cripple emerging from its pupal shuck, or stuck in their shucks on the surface. Coloration of the shuck and its integrity is much different than say a mayfly. The thorax and abdomen run in the gray to olive-gray shades and are very visible but also can range from dirty yellow to amber. Matching the color of the shuck will improve your success. If you spend any time observing hatching midges you will see the trailing shuck. Although I use a lot of midge patterns I've found that the Griffith's Gnat or any similar tie can be deadly, with and without a "shuck", but I prefer tails tied in a downward position and kind of kinky as in organza, a type of shiny synthetic. Mallard Flank, wood-duck flank or some hackle barbs will also give the midge a good attitude on the surface. You can also use mammal fur/hair with the guard hairs removed as these are more natural fiber and act erratic which will entice trout.

## Legislation

Dave Cogdill's AB7, now SB1262 has taken on change that will give DFG some latitude in hatchery production and restoration of naturally indigenous trout. Meetings were scheduled for September 8th and 11th to get public input as to what they want from the DFG and this information will not be available until they are done with their scoping process. I'm very anxious to see the report. The Department's budget with regard to stocking, mud snails and logistics has not changed.

**NEWS:** East Walker River oil spill of 2000 of approximately 3600 gallons of #6 fuel oil that impacted 15 miles of the River reached a settlement in 2004 and the Draft Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment for the AFFS East Walker River Oil spill was released in August 2008 and is now available. The plan includes additional restoration projects that are being considered for future planning, and outlines the proposed restoration alternatives that are being considered as compensation for injuries to natural resources caused by the accidental release of the fuel oil. September 15th ended the 45 day comment period, and if you would like to read more, go to [wriwer\\_oilspill@fws.gov](mailto:wriwer_oilspill@fws.gov).

**ROCK CREEK AREA and Mosquito Flats – Are doing fair. Small dries are working in the upper basin, and streamers and nymphs** along with caddis patterns, in the lake. Also the Rock Creek Lake Special (small tailless blue-gray midge) is doing well in the lake.

**UPPER OWENS** – Has been great with a variety of nymphs getting the most action, and dries late afternoon. A two fly rig is the only way to get into browns, so use Micro midges, hare's ear, prince nymphs, and tiger and zebra midges. Stream fishing is the great, but I still prefer 6X to 3X. It's just not fair. Please remember to wash your equipment as mud snails are everywhere and not going away.

**HOT CREEK** – Water is at 50cfs and the weeds are up, but still having one of its best years and the trout are demanding your best ability to drift. Flies that have been working in the morning and mid-day are Brown parachute caddis, CDC emergers, tan hopper patterns, large black ant patterns (my square head foam is good). Check the water's edge and flip some rocks and get into those patterns. Please remember to stay out of the water as this is a fragile area and the mud snails are still abundant.

**CROWLEY** – Water temperature is normal around 55-58 degrees and fishing is still slow as reported by Kent Rianda of the Trout Fly. He suggests gray/black bead head #16 Optimidge. Try stripping just over the weeds, and stay in the weed seam and use an intermediate line and strip slow near the bottom.

**UPPER OWENS** – Is between 50 to 60cfs and color is a bit off but there are a lot of fish so try dry to dry-dropper to nymphing with or without an indicator to streamer fishing. Nymphing and streamers will produce the most but get you fly down to the fish. Midges, trico's and caddis are the mainstay, but Streamers have also been doing well so stay on the small side. Fish are taking everything with a delicate touch so be extra alert.

**MAMMOTH BASIN** – Good action found in the basin with water temp running around 60 but cooler as you go down. Try tugging bugger or minnow patterns with a full sink or sink tip and drop a midge or grey scud deep or along the weed edges using a nymph or small midge. Early and late try some dries, the action has been good with parachute Adams, or small bead head callibaetis Dry or a black Doc's Twin Lakes Special, Griffith's gnats, midglings, and small baetis #18-22.

**SAN JOAQUIN** – Is low, clear and cool but and you'll have to walk the area for the pools and turnouts, holes and the banks under overhanging brush and tree limbs where fish are holding. Try some large dries like humpies, #18 Stimulators, and Cahill Light.

**RUSH CREEK** – Flow is down but the water is cool and clear, stealth is what you will need with this tricky area. You'll have to walk a bit to get into fish as they are moving toward the lake. Typical small stream flies sizes 16 to 18, and use your best technique. The creek will be longer due to low water so fish toward the inlet of Grant.

**JUNE LAKE** – Is getting their infusion of Cutthroats and doing well with standard streamers in dark patterns near weedy areas of the lake, and at the west end and on the northeast shore just west of the "beach". Watch for feeding trout early evening and tug Woolly Buggers, Doc's Twin Lake Special in Black or Olive and brown Leeches are all doing well. The rest of the loop is also fishing well with the exception of Grant.

**GULL LAKE** – Fishing is fair to good but check with Gull Lake marina for the latest stocking and try the Denny Richards Seal buggers in orange and green.

**SILVER LAKE** – Most of the fish coming out are being taken near the Rush Creek inlet area. Also try midges near the inlet and outlet; #18 black Zebra under an indicator at about 2 feet under all the way to ten feet down depending on where the fish are holding. Leech patterns in rust, brown and black.

**VIRGINIA LAKES** – Action had been good late evening with small dries. That brown has my number, and he's giving me indigestion. The plant numbers holding regardless of the distance of the hatchery where the fish are raised. Flies that have been working are Black Elk hair Caddis, large Black Ant, Doc's Twin Lake Special in olive, and the number one fly is the Grey Hackle Yellow. Some emergers have been working and also Bird's Nest, flashback hare's ear, and flashback prince (disco). Last couple nights the Adams in did exceptional on 6x fluorocarbon tippet. Rickards orange/green Stillwater nymphs are doing well all over the lake and producing some good fish days. The record is held by Dave Breiter with a 71 fish day and his lovely wife Barbara with 54 fish.

**EAST WALKER** – Flow is at 70 cfs and has finally cooled. Night temps have been running in the high 20's to low 30's but day time temps are still high so use your best judgment for the health and safety of the trout. Try Zebra, tiger and blood midges sizes #14 to 20, swimming caddis, pupa and larvae as well in sizes #16 to 20. Afternoon into evening use rubber legged stimulators, Madam X, Elk hair caddis #14 to #20. Evenings go to mouse patterns and large streamers with hair and/or long tails.

**BRIDGEPORT RESERVOIR** – Is warm on top and cooler down low, and the fish are active in the middle of the lake. Good lake for Fall brown trout if you have the time and patience and use a Type 3-4 full sink with double bunnies, bunny leaches and crayfish imitations. Anything and everything big will work best.

**WEST WALKER** – 27 cfs

See you on the water! CJ 9.8

## Conservation

By Ron Forbes

In the middle of August this year, the lame duck Bush administration continued to try to undermine the Endangered Species Act. They want to overhaul the ESA to allow federal agencies to decide if protected species would be endangered by their agency projects. To do this they want to eliminate the use of independent scientific reviews that have been required for over the last 30 years.

The new rules would only have a 30 day period for comment by interested parties. Also the new rules would give the administration powers to make changes in the law that congress has attempted to stop for years. As the law exists today, it requires that agencies must submit any plans that may affect or hurt an endangered plant or animal to a review by the US Fish and Wildlife Service or the National Marine Fisheries Service. Under the Bush proposal new projects can proceed if the agency decides on its own, that the new project will not harm a protected species.

Defenders of Wildlife's senior vice president Bob Irvin has asked the obvious question. That is how can the Federal agencies make an honest assessment when most of them don't have wildlife biologists on their staff? "Clearly that's a case of the fox to guard the chicken coop." Irvin also commented that the EPA created a "giant caution light that has made Federal agencies stop and think about their actions. What the Bush administration is telling those agencies is that they don't have to think about those impacts anymore."

Despite the importance of this issue, the Bush people have not given members for congress the usual briefing on this matter. Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-Calif.) who chairs the Environment and Public Works Committee has requested a briefing but not received one. Nor have other members of congress.

It is expected that the Bush people will formally propose the new rules immediately. They hope that will give them enough time so that the administration can impose them on the EPA before the November presidential election. An incoming administration could freeze the pending regulations or could reverse them. Also, Congress could overturn the rules through legislation. However, the problem is that it could take month or years to reverse the new changes proposed.

To put this in a different light, if the EPA had been in effect before the dams were built on the rivers of Northern California we would still have a viable steelhead population. It wasn't in effect so dams were built without protection for the fish. DFG says that in the years between the 19th and 20th century there was close to 3 million steelhead returning spawn. Now, on 19 of these rivers, the steelhead are totally extinct! It didn't have to be this way.

Ron Forbes

## FFF Launches National Anglers' Legacy Pledge Drive

### Leading Fly Fishing Organization Kicks off Six-Month Anglers' Legacy Promotion Today at Fly Fishing Expo

DENVER, CO (September 15, 2008) – The Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF) is launching a national Pledge drive today to promote Anglers' Legacy, a program from the Recreational Boating & Fishing Foundation (RBFF). The promotion, which kicks off at the Fly Fishing Retailer World Trade Expo in Denver, Colo., 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 the newcomers they take fishing. FFF will also leverage its publications, Web site and events to promote the Anglers' Legacy Pledge drive.

"The Anglers' Legacy Pledge aligns perfectly with FFF's mission of education through the sport of fly fishing," said FFF President and CEO R.P. "Pete" VanGytenbeek. "We're pleased to be the first national fly fishing organization to participate in this important endeavor that promotes fishing, specifically fly fishing, to future generations."

According to a 2007 survey of Ambassadors, most take more than four people a year fishing and also purchase 3.2 fishing licenses. To date, the Anglers' Legacy program has signed on more than 65,000 Ambassadors nationwide.

"At 65,000 Pledges, this means the program has already generated as many as 115,000 new fishing licenses for states, adding significant additional funds to fish and wildlife management," added Peterson.

Launched in May 2006, Anglers' Legacy encourages avid anglers to share their passion for fishing and to visit AnglersLegacy.org where they're asked to "Take the Pledge" – promising to take at least one new person fishing each year.

## Delta Fly Fishers Official Club Merchandise For Sale

## Membership Meetings

### DFF Officers 2008

#### President

Herman Spalinger 209 - 477-3412

#### 1st Vice President

Charles Edwards 209 - 951-0391

#### 2nd Vice President

(Open)

#### Secretary

Dean Watson 209 - 474-9776

#### Treasurer

Bruce Rollans 209 - 274-0448

### Directors

Joe Balderston 209 - 474-8515

Steve Cooper 209 - 956-1032

Ron Forbes 209 - 368-5767

Harvey Hamlow 209 - 467-8370

Marty Kjelson 209 - 477-9618

Bill Laughlin 209 - 477-6644

Doug Ridgway 209 - 957-0170

Earl Summers 209 - 957-6756

### Committees

#### Education

Joe Balderston 209 - 474-8515

#### Newsletter

Doug Ridgway 209 - 957-0170

#### Conservation & NCCFFF Member

Ron Forbes 209 - 368-5767

#### Catfish Derby (June)

Earl Summers 209 - 957-6756

#### Historian

Dean Watson 209 - 474-9776

#### Membership

Bob Souza 209 - 478-8344

#### Outings

Marty Kjelson 209 - 477-9618

Earl Summers 209 - 957-6756

#### Publicity

Grady Lee 209 - 951-3623

#### Programs

Marty Kjelson 209-477-9618

John Keagy 209-369-5690

#### Property

Jacob Layko 209 - 468-2664

#### Raffles

Bill Laughlin 209 - 477-6644

#### Trout Bout (November)

Charlie Reames 209 - 369-6053

#### Bob McMillan Memorial Trout Bout

#### (February)

Steve Cooper 209 - 956-1032

#### Web Site

David Coon 209 - 239-9936

#### Fishing Buddy Program

Grady Lee 209 - 951-3623

Bob Souza 209 - 478-8344

Ron Pettit 209 - 931-2997

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.

October 8

October Board Meeting

October 15

October Newsletter

The deadline for the November issue is October 25th.

## 2008 Caples/Silver Lake Outing October 18, 20, 21, 2008



October outing is planned for Cables Lake/ Silver Lake, October 18. For those who wish to spend more than a day there is camping at Silver Lake campground at North end of Lake. Fish meister to be determined. Drainage of Cables Lake may make the trout quite vulnerable and Silver Lake should be fishing well. Many other opportunities are available in Alpine County further east. Those who will be there Friday or Saturday night plan to eat on your own and join us to tell tales around the campfire Friday and/or Saturday night. Information: Grady Lee 209-951-3623

## Renewal Notice Annual Dues

It is that time of year again, when your annual dues become payable to keep your membership in Delta Fly Fishers current. If you haven't paid your dues yet, then you are delinquent and if they aren't not paid by November 31st, we must drop you from our membership roster.

It our sincere hope that you continue your membership in our club. We have an exciting list of upcoming activities and outings for 2008- 2009 which we are sure you'd like to participate in.

Dues are \$35 per year for the entire family. Regular membership is \$30 per year; Seniors (62 & over) pay \$25 per year. You will find the membership form below. Check renewal box and mail in with check. Please make your check payable to: Delta Fly Fishers.

If you have any questions, contact our membership chairman. Bob Souza at 478-8344 or e-mail at [suzasbs@clearwire.net](mailto:suzasbs@clearwire.net).

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Membership Form - Family Membership is: \$35.00 ,Regular Membership \$30.00, or \$25.00 for 62 years or older. Dues are for one year September 1, 2008 to August 31, 2009. Please fill out, then mail to: DFF Membership c/o Bob Souza 8452 Mason Dr. Stockton, CA 95209.

Family Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ Regular Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ Senior Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Phone: Work (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

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### SHARK!!! by Bruce Rollins

At 7:30 a.m. on a recent Sunday morning Sallye and I left Dana Landing Fuel Dock with Captain Dave Trimble, our primary target-bonito. We found mackerel in several locations about 10 miles off the entrance to San Diego Harbor, but no bonito. Finally, we decided to switch targets and began the hunt for shark, Makos specifically.

Drifting with the current, we watched a large mixed flock of gulls and sand piper-type water birds floating along behind the boat, feeding on the small pieces of chum trailing out behind the boat. After an hour's dead drift we moved off a flat (380 feet) out over a deep channel (1,600 feet). Suddenly, the birds vanished. The reason for their departure was soon apparent, shark.

A large Mako came up along our port side, almost rubbing the boat. It variously chewed on the chum box and the motor's zinc plate. After multiple attempts to do a "bait and switch", this Mako turned off the teaser and took the fly. I did two hard strip sets and turned the tip of the 14-weight rod back toward the stern as the shark moved quickly toward the bow. I had a few feet of line looped out beneath the reel anticipating the shark would almost immediately take the slack line and would then be on the reel.

Suddenly, the Mako came straight up out of the water like a Polaris missile about 9 feet off the port bow causing the slack line to bounce up and loop around the reel handle. The shark dropped back into the water before I could get the line off the reel handle. Something had to give and it was the Tiemco 8/0 hook (see photo of new bend in hook). Captain Trimble estimated this Mako weighted 120 lbs. of muscle and 10 lbs of teeth.

Within minutes of getting set up with another rod, a second Mako appeared. Before we could tease it to the fly a 30 lbs. Blue Shark came rushing in and took the fly. This was a very tough fish for 30 lbs. We released it at the boat (see shark photo), as Blue Shark should never come into the boat; they are so flexible they can bite their tail.

Captain Trimble rigged a new leader and fly on the 14 weight rod. The leader has a twister butt section with a Bimini class section and a bite section made of 40# wire. We soon watched as another Mako approached and did the ritual circles around the boat before it went after the teaser. Finally, it took the large fly and moved slowly away. It appeared to get about 40 feet from the boat before it realized something was wrong. Then it was an explosion of energy, moving far enough away to get half the backing off the Ross BG 8 reel. Only then did it do a series of two leaps and one summersault. The first leap was enormous; high enough that we could see the horizon beneath its tail. This 85 lb shark took me 31 minutes to bring to the boat.

We drifted onto another flat and shark fishing was over. It was just as well as my right arm was worn out. Sallye spent most of her time asleep on the bow deck because of a cold.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Every Wed (except meeting nights)	Nature Center Oak Grove Park Stockton	FLY CASTING Contact: Jim Rich 477-6404 Rick Greene 477-1488
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 October 8	John R Williams School Stockton	Membership Meeting Annual Potluck Dinner and Swap Meet
October 10th, 11th &12th	Hutchins Street Square Lodi, Ca	Northern California Council/Federation of Fly Fishers Conclave - A Festival of Fly Fishing
Wednesday October 15	Nature Center Oak Grove Park Stockton	Board Meeting All Members Welcome
October 18th & 19th	Caples Lake/Silver Lake, CA	Monthly Outing Caples Lake/Silver Lake, CA

## October General Meeting Potluck and Swap Meet

Wednesday, October 8 is the date for the Delta Fly Fisher's annual potluck and this year we will also have a swap meet. We will have a potluck and swap meet. See below to see who is to bring what food. Don't forget to bring your own plates and place settings. Clean out your fishing gear cabinet of those old items you haven't used and share with us folks that need more stuff to carry and maintain. Rods, lines, reels, flies, nets, vests, float tubes, books, tying equipment, materials, etc. Hopefully all in working order. Put a price on the item and/or be willing to trade. Also, bring any items you feel would be applicable, i.e. new or in excellent shape, for our club raffles. Bill Laughlin is always in need of good raffle items.

### Pot Luck Dish Assignments

Here's what to bring to our potluck:

A - D – Salad

E - G – Desserts

H - K – Hot veggie plate

L - N – Cold drinks

O - R – Main course compliment (casserole, potato dish, etc.)

S - Z – Dinner rolls and/or bread, butter, etc.

# NCCFFF 2008 Conclave General Admission Events

See Registration Form for General Admission Fee - Pre-Register Prior to October 1 and SAVE!

**Exhibit Hall** - Exhibitor Booths and Fly Tying Demonstrations

**The Learning Center - For Beginners of All Ages** - Continuous Activities Including:  
*The Basics of Fly Tying, Casting, Knots, Reading The Water, Insect Life and more!*

**Casting Ponds** - Available for Rod Evaluation and Open Casting

## Programs

**Friday, October 10 - 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

### Fishing

8:30 - 11:30  
12:30 - 1:30  
1:45 - 2:45  
3:00 - 4:00  
4:15 - 5:15

#### Cottage

##### Speaker / Program

Master Casting Instructor Certification, Written Test  
Leo Gutterres - Top Water Bass Techniques  
Steve Cooper - The West's Best Smallmouth Bass  
Michael T. Williams - Wilderness Fly Fishing  
Dave Scadden - Advanced Pontoon Boat Techniques

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##### Speaker / Program

TBA  
Ray Hutcherson - Sail Fishing Guatemala  
Jerry Neuburger - Delta Large Mouth Bass  
Jay Murakoshi - Warm Water Fishing Opportunities

#### Casting Pond

#### Lawn Area 1

2:00 - 3:00

Floyd Dean - Slack line casting & mending for more fish

## Programs

**Saturday, October 11 - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

### Popper Clinic

9:30 - 11:30

#### Fly Tying Theater

Leo Gutterres' Balsa Wood Popper Clinic. You will learn how to make Leo's famous poppers. Limit 8, \$50 Fee\*

### Fishing

9:30 - 10:30  
10:45 - 11:45  
12:00 - 1:00  
1:15 - 2:15  
2:30 - 3:30  
3:45 - 4:45

#### Cottage

##### Speaker / Program

Dave Scadden - Advanced Pontoon Boat Techniques  
Dan Blanton - Fly Tying With Dan  
Jerry Neuburger - Delta Large Mouth Bass  
Dan Blanton - Delta Striped Bass  
Andy Guibord - Peacock Bass  
Woody Woodland - New Ways To Visualize Your Cast

#### Pisano

##### Speaker / Program

Ralph Wood - Yuba River Trout  
Guy Manning - Breaking The Fish, Not The Rod  
Al Smatsky - Salt Water Destinations  
Frank R. Pisciotta &, Sawmill Joe Cernigia  
Fly Angling Opportunities in Tahoe Area  
Jay Murakoshi - San Luis Striped Bass  
Jim Roberts - N. California Steelhead Techniques

### Casting

9:00 - 10:00  
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11:00 - 12:00  
1:00 - 2:00  
2:00 - 3:00  
3:00 - 4:45

#### Casting Pond

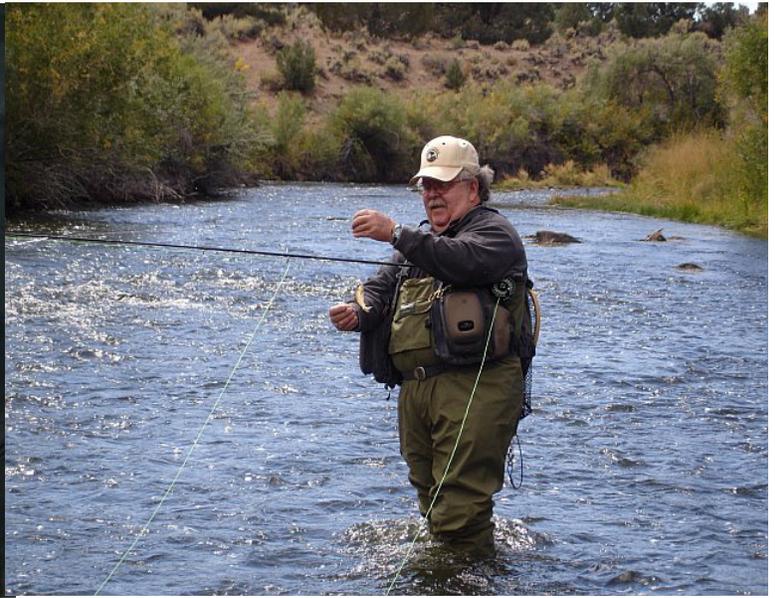
Mel Krieger - Essentials of Fly Casting  
Floyd Dean - Improve & Perfect Your Double Haul  
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John Till - Beginning Fly Casting ( Limit 10 - \$20 Fee)\*\*

#### Lawn Area 1

Al Kyte - Fine tuning your cast (Limit 10, \$20 Fee)\*\*  
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\* All equipment and supplies necessary for you to learn to tie your first fly will be provided.

\*\* Bring your own rods, reels and lines.



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