

July 2008

Delta Fly Fishers

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President's Message by Herman Spalinger

July, 2008

I'm sure I speak for the officers and board members in thanking all of you members who bought raffle tickets for the fly rod drawing whose proceeds went to a donation to the Casting for Recovery program. We raised \$200 for their charity! Thanks again for all your support. Due to your support, we have forwarded a check to Casting for Recovery in that amount.

Some of you may be relieved this July message will be a little shorter than normal since my wife and I found us on a plane to Salt Lake City last Tuesday to visit my youngest daughter in the University of Utah hospital. She lost control of the motorcycle she was riding a week ago Saturday, hit a five foot cement wall and got thrown off the bike. She broke her right ankle, right femur and had a collapsed lung. After three surgeries the last of which was the plastic surgeon putting a skin and muscle transplant around the ankle to hold it together, she is recovering as well as can be expected. My wife and I wish to thank each of you who heard of this accident and prayed for her recovery; we feel those prayers helped to pull her through those surgeries. Her physical therapy will be long and tedious, however.

I personally want to thank Charlie Edwards, Bruce Rollans, Bill Laughlin and Marty Kjelson in filling in for me at our last board meeting. Thanks again also go out to Jean Laughlin for putting the ladies' raffle items together for our June BBQ as well as Earl Summers, Leo Gutterres, Bill Laughlin for his great raffle and the rest of you members and wives who prepared the different dishes that adorned the table. We actually had great weather this time.

Previous to my daughter's accident, Marty, Bill, Steve Cooper, Nate and I managed to get in six days of fishing on the Owyhee River in the southeast corner of Oregon plying the river for browns. Actually we were quite successful, and those of you interested who may want to listen to my exaggerations will see my slide presentation August 13th at the Nature Center at Oak Grove Park.

Remember, **THERE IS NO MEETING IN JULY, SO OUR FIRST REGULAR MEETING IN AUGUST IS AT THE NATURE CENTER IN OAK GROVE PARK ON THE 13TH.** July is left open for you members to fish your favorite waters and tell us all about it starting August. We will return to J.R. Williams School for our September 10th meeting.

While I'm talking about August, dues will be due September 30th for the year September 2008 to September 2009. Remember you don't want to get a nasty letter from our membership chairperson in October, so make it a point to renew your membership. In the meantime – ah, yes – remember to keep your lines tight and your fly in the water.

Herman

Membership Form

Regular membership – \$25*

Family Membership – \$30*

62 years or older – \$20.00*

*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:

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- 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:

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Nice Fish!

Eastern Sierra Focus

By CJ Webb

Dry fly fishing, no doubt is visually exciting, but when the trout won't cooperate it is time to change your tactics and head for the bottom. Biologists say that 80-90% of the trout feed at the lower reaches of most waters. There are so many conditions that dictate where they hold during specific times' water clarity, temperature, elevation and sometimes just how they are feeding and on occasion, I believe how they are feeling. They are reactionary and at times will strike because it's irritable, or just in their space. Unlike a lot of people, they are definitely fickle.

My "two-cell" brain tells me that in quick water using a big fly will excite big fish, and I'm going to be there when it happens. Weighted nymphs with a two-fly rig are going to be the best option for this summer, as we went right into summer without spring.

Weather Conditions

Eastern Sierra visibility has been under wraps for almost a week due to the 32 major fires, and a total 850 throughout the state with all the lightning strikes. Conditions are still ideal and the lakes are getting ready to turnover. Morning temps are between 48 and 52 daily and day temps are running around the low to mid 70's. Mosquitoes are wearing camo gear and hard to detect, I think they even have developed some sophisticated noise filter to lessen their buzzing. Bring the "juice".

Legislation

AB7 has been funded so that hatchery stocking will continue and Eastern Sierra Waters and we will get an increase in fish, which is about 250 lbs per water for 2008. Recently CalTrout sponsored a bill, which would clarify that the fish production requirements mandated by federal law cannot be used to satisfy the production requirements set forth in California law, was recently approved by the Senate (36-0) and is currently pending approval by the Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee.

New Zealand Mud Snail has a companion invasive, the Quagga mussel, which is creating havoc all over the US. Marinas are stepping up and doing boat inspections especially on Crowley Lake sponsored by LADWP since it is their water storage facility.

LOWER OWENS – River is running high and the drifting hasn't been sensational, I would avoid this area until the water level drops.

ROCK CREEK LAKE – Has been good, and fish are taking black woolly buggers, olive Matukas and large streamers. Mosquito Flats is running high with some hard to fish areas, and the mosquitoes are ready for some great meals.

CROWLEY LAKE – The water is getting warm and the fish are moving into cooler water for comfort. Try nymphs for the best red/black tiger midges and gray/black Optimidges. Not much streamer action yet with any substantial results.

CONVICT LAKE – Has been producing nice Alpers on large woolly buggers in black and olive #6 or 8. Also their "Marvel" is the hot ticket, be sure and ask what color is working at the store. Some standard midges for top water near the south bank where the party boats hang. The woolly bugger with some flash in the tail will also get some great action. I'm not much on hardware on flies, kind of a "sicko" dry fly purist at heart.

MAMMOTH LAKES BASIN – Lake Mary and Mamie have been producing on some small dries. George and the Twins have had the best evening hatch on dries, but pulling streamers like Matukas, black leaches, and black or chocolate woolly buggers.

HOT CREEK – Is clear and the best hatches are between 10am and 3pm. Try Caddis, BWO, Scuds, midges and yellow sallies. Please remember to stay out of the water due to the fragile condition of the stream and avoid spreading mud snails.

SAN JOAQUIN – Access road open and water is high and fast and with good clarity, so try nymphs, #10 micro stones, #16 copper john and #12 Humpies, and AP nymph's size 12. Also, try some large mayfly patterns and don't forget the jungle juice, skeeters are brutal.

JUNE LOOP – All four lakes are producing and water clarity is terrific. Woolly buggers near the beach, Hornbergs, Matukas, and extended body leeches are all doing well. If you get a huge tug, make sure it's not part of someone's bikini, but that's a good name for a fly.

VIRGINIA LAKES – Has been a hot ticket for tubers and waders using red throat Matuka, black woolly buggers with side flash. Scuds are very active along with midges by the thousands. The gnats are everywhere so sport some type of snout mask so you can breathe. Try small Griffith Gnats, mosquitoes and Adams females #18-20. Some emergers are starting to work and will continue to increase with the temps. Of course dragging a streamer always works. Bear report is zilch!

EAST WALKER – Flow currently is at 220cfs and the mosquitoes are inhuman. Bring plenty of bug juice. If you know what you are doing, you'll be into poundage. The first brown on a fly was by Michelle Dude, 6# plus on "her" two-fly rig. Try some nymphs mid day, PT flashback, Copper Johns, Micro-Mays, Zebras and maybe an Optimidge.

WEST WALKER – Water is at 523cfs, so look for flat water and fish the bottom, and try a two fly rig with large attractor as indicator and midge like a tiger, crystal or flashback Zug as the bottom fly. This is a tough area unless you know where the fish are holding.

See you on the water! CJ

CONSERVATION

by Ron Forbes

One of the things in conservation that is frustrating is the need to go to meetings put on by the State of California, the Federal Government and the large number of state and national groups they have started to “protect” the environment. The latest frustration was June 25th meeting in Stockton for the Delta Vision Task Force. As you know the Delta Vision Task Force started as a “Blue Ribbon” group appointed by Schwarzenegger. Its task was to “develop a durable vision for sustainable management of the Delta with the goal of managing the Delta over the long term to restore and maintain identified functions and values to restore and maintain identified functions and values that are important to the environmental quality of the Delta and the economic and social well-being of the people of the state.” Those are good goals. However one wonders just how even-handed the Governor’s plan is when he did not appoint one person to the “Blue Ribbon Task Force who is from the Delta. All live outside the area.

Last Wednesday night’s meeting was typical of such meetings. We were not allowed to have any input on what was going on, but only allowed to ask questions. Leading the meeting were people from Cal-Fed., the Bay Delta Conservation Plan, the Dept. of Water Resources, the Delta Protection Commission and Dept of Fish and Game. The agenda started by asking the crowd to list what they were interested in and after nine or ten areas of interest we were cut off. There is no way one of the listed topics could have been talked about in an 8 hour session much less the 2 hours we had. It’s another way they can try to defuse any important issues from really being brought up and talked about.

While the DF&G’s person talked, he slipped when he said they had no idea just how water was needed to maintain a healthy Delta. So when I was allowed to ask a question, I ask him to tell us just how they can pump the outrageous amounts water going South during times when the salmon and steelhead need it the most. Especially when they don’t know the CFS needed for the runs. He spoke for almost 5 minutes and really never touched the question, typical.

The point to this article isn’t to complain about the many meetings and the time they take. The point is to make sure we attend and that they know those of us in conservation are involved and will make our voice heard both in print and in legal venues. We have NC-CFFF BOD members in attendance at almost all of the meetings concerning fish and their environment. For those of you more interested in getting involved call me at 209-368-5757 or write me at bluse02@yahoo.com. We need more people involved.

This is going to be a critical year for water issues California. We need to stay informed.

The San Joaquin River Restoration Bill

Point of information, both the House and Senate committee’s has passed the Restoration Bill for resolution between the House and Senate. Frankly, I have had little help from Rep. McNerny’s people in Stockton as source information. The bad news is that they now don’t expect the bill to come to a vote until after the general election.

Initially, 500 adult salmon were to be placed in the Upper San Joaquin River, under endangered status. This number now has been reduced to 100 adult salmon but, under an experimental status, meaning no protection.

Another problem has arisen, many of us want to see steelhead restored. However, there appears to be some opposition from within the Calif. Dept. of Water Resources. However, after talking with several people from the USFWS they have a positive attitude about steelhead restoration. To have a steelhead in the San Joaquin would be a fantastic resource.

Delta Fly Fishers can play a part in this along with NC-CFFF.

FFF Conservation Updates

Contact Leah Elwell for additional information on conservation issues at conserve@fedflyfishers.org

Announcements:

Reminder – Mark your calendar and make your travel plans. This summer the Conclave and National Fly Fishing Show will be held in Whitefish Montana July 23-27. On Wednesday July 23 from 9-12 the Conservation Committee will hold their annual business meeting. Following at 1 pm will be the Fish Forum which will feature short presentations on timely conservation topics. All are welcome to attend Fish Forum.

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Ball Cap \$11.50

Club Patch \$5.00

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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 Meetings

August 13

August Board Meeting

August 20

May Newsletter

The deadline for the August issue is August 25th.

Season's End

<http://www.seasonsend.org/view/home> group of the nation's leading hunting and fishing organizations released a new report on April 10 examining climate change. **Seasons' End: Global Warming's Threat to Hunting and Fishing** details the predicted impacts of climate change on fish and wildlife habitat and the future of hunting and fishing in the United States. The group, which includes eight of the TRCP's partner organizations, also announced a new Web site, www.seasonsend.org, providing updated information on the science of climate change and what we can do to address this challenge.

Seasons' End was compiled and edited by the Wildlife Management Institute and based on analysis by Ducks Unlimited, Trout Unlimited, BASS/ESPN, the Izaak Walton League of America, the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, the Coastal Conservation Association, the American Sportfishing Association, and Pheasants Forever. These groups were joined by Rep. John Dingell, chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, at a press conference in Washington, D.C., releasing the report. **Seasons' End** is funded by the Bipartisan Policy Center, whose projects include the National Commission on Energy Policy.

"Sportsmen were among the first conservationists in our history," said Rep. Dingell. "They have been leaders in creating national forests and parks and have been instrumental in protecting our fish, wildlife and habitat. I encourage America's sportsmen to continue on this course. Their involvement and contributions to this debate are a critical part of any solution to the problem of climate change."

Seasons' End discloses that climate change is expected to have profound impacts on a broad range of fish and wildlife species and could dramatically affect hunting and fishing in the future.

"Hunters and anglers have a unique bond with our lands and waters and the seasons and weather that define and shape their outdoor pursuits," said George Cooper, TRCP president and CEO. "Sportsmen are seeing the effects of climate change and know full well that foresight and proactive management will be necessary to help fish and wildlife adapt. Sportsmen and policymakers need to read **Seasons' End** and incorporate its findings into the policy and funding decisions being made to deal with changes in our climate."

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. Dues are payable in August and become delinquent in October. If not paid by November 31st, we must drop you from our membership roster.

We 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 would 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.

_____ please detach and send with check _____

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.

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The Boys From Truckee

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
July 12	1151 West Vine Ave Stockton	2nd Annual Garage Sale
Wednesday August 13	Oak Grove Park Stockton	Membership Meeting The President's Annual Program
Wednesday August 20	Nature Center Oak Grove Park Stockton	Board Meeting All Members Welcome
September	Bridgeport, CA	Monthly Outing Bridgeport, CA
October 10-12	Hutchin's Street Square Lodi, CA	NCC/FFF Conclave Festival of Fly Fishing

DFF's 2nd Annual Garage Sale



It's time to clean out your garage, get rid of those unwanted items and help the Delta Fly Fishers to raise some money for their Conservation Programs. On Saturday July 12, DFF will be having its 2nd Annual Garage Sale at Jake Loyko's House, 1151 West Vine Ave, Stockton. If you have small items to donate, place them in a box and leave them on the porch. For larger items, place them towards the rear of the house. For large items, couches etc., call Jake, (209) 981-4676, and he will pick them up for you on Friday the 11th between 7:00am and 11:00am.

We also need as many volunteers as possible to help with the garage sale. Heck this might be a good way to get your picture in the Newsletter while helping DFF raise money.

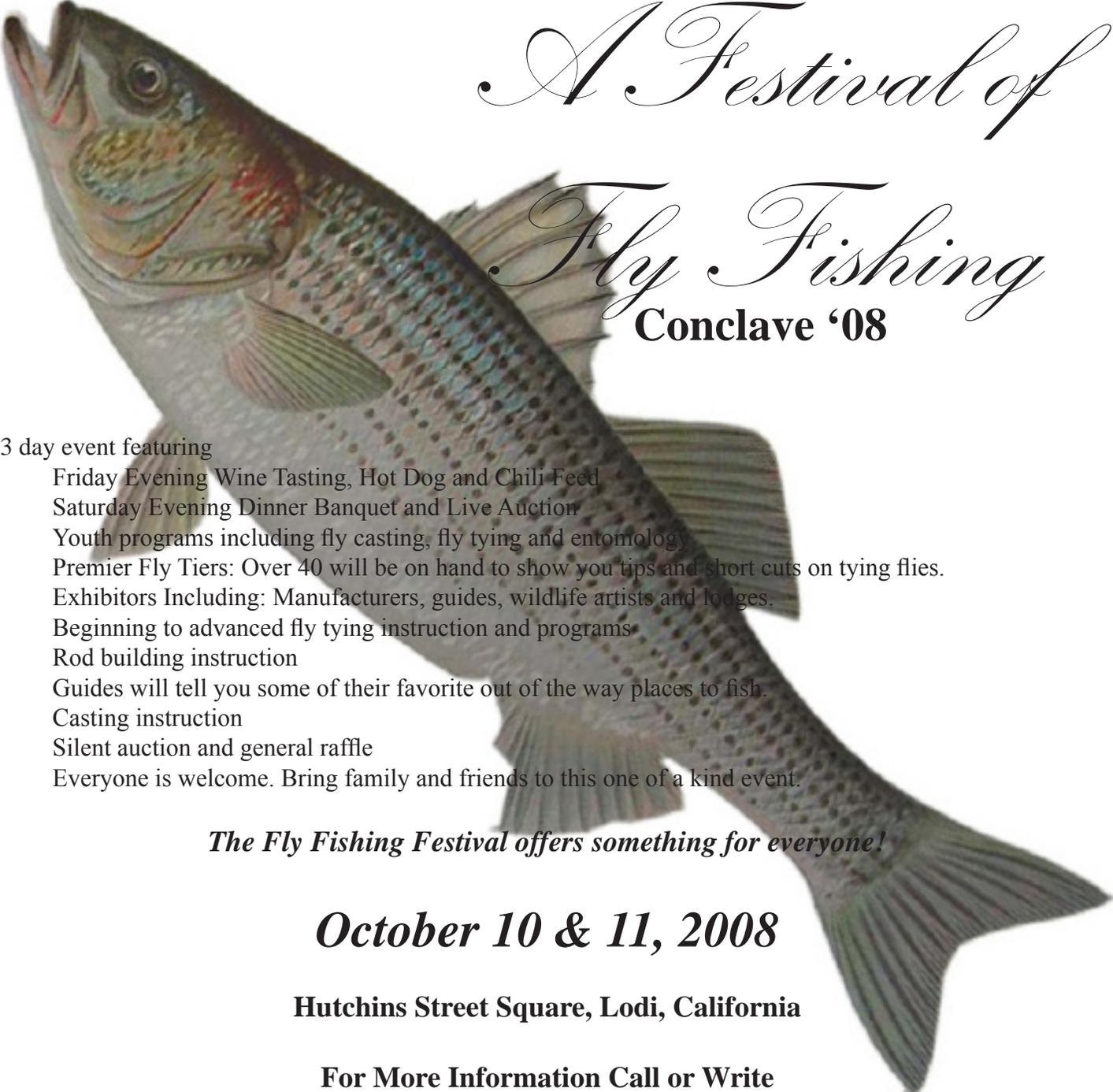
Northern California Council, Federation of Fly Fishers

New Features are planned for this great fly fishing event in 2008. Come and share some of the new programs with emphasis, this year, of fly fishing the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

More hands on activities for the young and experienced.

Join us October 10 & 11, 2008 in Lodi for a great time.

There will be off site workshops on Sunday the 12th.



A Festival of Fly Fishing **Conclave '08**

A 3 day event featuring

- Friday Evening Wine Tasting, Hot Dog and Chili Feed
- Saturday Evening Dinner Banquet and Live Auction
- Youth programs including fly casting, fly tying and entomology
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