

# Rx Flyfishing

## President's Message by Marilyn Mowry

The weather is supposed to get better and we have some great outings coming up. Take a look at the calendar for the dates. Glenn Bockmon called me because I left the June BBQ out of the calendar. I assured him we wanted him to cook those great steaks again (Like we would tell him no????) He will be hosting our June BBQ as always.

Bruce and Sallye Rollans had a fun trip floating the Mokelumne (back when we had the really nice weather) and sent photos, also. These photos really make our newsletter fun to read and make me want to get out on the water.

We have some new members and more are calling and emailing all the time. Make sure you say hello to them at the next meeting. And new members (and current members), be sure to take advantage of the Fishing Buddy Program. The application is included again in this issue.

We are working on conservation at the board meetings. We are hoping to adopt a river and increase our Salmon in the Classroom program. If you want to provide input or just come check it out, everyone is welcome, so come on out to Oak Grove Park on the 3rd Wednesday.

This is the really busy time for my business so please pardon any typos you find. The mares are foaling and there are about 250 horses at the ranch right now so the days are long and the breaks are few. Hopefully I will be able to sneak away to a few of the outings.

Marilyn

## Free Fly Tying

Fly Tying will be held at Oak Grove Park every Wednesday except meeting nights. Information: Jim Rich 209-477-6404

## March Board Meeting

April 19th

## Deadline

The deadline for the May issue is April 25th.

## 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 Bob Bradley 209-369-4048 for info on merchandise and videos at all the meetings.

## May Membership Meeting

No need for an introduction here. Life time DFF member Al Smatsky, for the first time, will present his program on Dorado fishing. Al has been a popular speaker throughout California for many years and it's hard to believe this will be his first time as our guest. Al has hosted trips south of the border for seventeen seasons and has accumulated a wealth of knowledge on this fishery. Al has fished throughout the Western United States, Canada, Alaska, and Mexico. If your travel plans include crossing the border, bring your questions. Believe me, Al has the answers. Expect an entertaining evening as Al leads us on a Mexican adventure. (Word through the vine says Al not only knows where to find Dorado, he also has a knack for locating the coldest cervesas).

As always, all members are invited to a "no host" dinner with guest speakers before the meeting. We meet at Bud's seafood grill located in Lincoln center. I make reservations for 5 pm. Remember it's always a good idea to give me a call (956-1032) if you plan to come for dinner, as some dinners are cancelled if speakers are unable to attend.

I believe this year's line up is as good as we have ever had. The speakers are all well known professionals that present entertaining programs from around the world. Mark your calendars, don't be late, and bring a friend. All these programs will be presented at 7pm in the gym of John R Williams School 2450 Meadow Ave. Stockton. Information: Steve Cooper 956-1032

## Membership Chairman Report

By **Bob Souza**

Our club membership to date is 111 members paid for this year. As of April 1st 18 delinquent members have been removed from the clubs roster. There names are held in an archive file.

Delta Fly Fishers Welcomes New Members for March they are:

Jay Chevalier

Bill and Irene Delgado

Steve and Meg Dorsey

Joe and Dolores Gracia

Steve Graffigna

John Hudson

Lee and Denis Shea

John and Silvia Weimer

Your dues are important support to the club for its programs through out the year. With out this support we will not able to support the programs without charging for them.

Thanks to all the members that are supporting the club.

Contact membership chairperson Bob Souza with any questions on your membership. At [suzasbs@netzero.com](mailto:suzasbs@netzero.com) or 209-607-6604

## Historian Report

By **Dean Watson**

Since joining the club a little over a year ago, I have been curious about how, when and by whom, the club started. After asking a few different members, and receiving a few different answers, I noticed that Grady Lee was listed as the club historian in the newsletter. I figured he would be the perfect person to ask about the start of the club. At the outings meeting in the beginning of the year I had the opportunity to ask him. I didn't get past my first question, which was to ask him if he in fact was the club historian. He cut me off right there and said no he was no longer the historian; he had too many other responsibilities and could not continue to act as the historian. He told me that I in fact was now

## Historian Report (continued)

the new club historian. Thanks Grady, that will be the last time I ask anyone if they actually hold the position that is listed in the newsletter. All joking aside, I am happy to hold this position. I have a natural curiosity about history. I tend to always look at things like the club and ask, "How did it start?" and "What was it like in the past?"

I would like the help from our members in making sure we have an archive of the history of the club. I was given a shoebox full of pictures from a few past outings and events. There are also some pictures that are not labeled. I am planning on displaying these pictures at future meetings and asking for help identifying the location, approximate date (at least the year), and who is in each photograph. Please take the time to look at the photographs and see if you can help.

I would also like to have any photographs from past club outings or events, or from any personal fishing trips, that you may have. I do not need to keep your originals. I just want to scan them into my computer so I can create a photo archive. I would also appreciate all of the information for each photograph; date, location, who is in the photo, and any story that might go along with the photo.

Something else I would like to start documenting are important, interesting, or humorous stories of the club. Please take the time to write the stories down and you can either e-mail them to me or give them to me at a meeting. If you don't want to write them down, you can just tell them to me and I will write them down. I look forward to hearing all of the stories for my own enjoyment, and also to make sure they stay a part of the club.

Feel free to contact me, Dean Watson, at [the4watsons@sbcglobal.net](mailto:the4watsons@sbcglobal.net) or (209) 815-6887



## 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:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bass Fishing      | <input type="checkbox"/> Striper Fishing   | <input type="checkbox"/> Salt Water Fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Private Water Fishing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rod Building      | <input type="checkbox"/> Selecting a Guide | <input type="checkbox"/> Travel             | <input type="checkbox"/> Entomology            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____       |  |   |  |

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

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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)

or

Mail the form to: Ron Petitt, 10495 Hwy. 26, Stockton, CA 95215-9579

## George W. Emde, Jr. Obituary

By Herman Spalinger

I became acquainted with George, Jr., at one of our first Umpqua outings when he sat at our table during the club's dinner. He had a very easy-going nature about him and somehow you knew he would remember you in the future.

Again, he approached me later at a regular meeting and we spoke of fishing and a little about his ranch he had in the northeastern portion of California. I found out from Nick Felten that his death was rather sudden as his cancer was in remission for several years but started to flare up again recently. He told Nick the chemo-therapy treatments were really hard to take and he needed to stay in the hospital a day or two after the treatments to recover. His death came rather sudden, and I'm sure he will be missed by his friends he met at our club's outings and meetings.

The following obituary was printed in the Stockton Record on Thursday, Feb 23rd, 2006:

George W. Emde, Jr., 74, of Lodi, died Thursday, February 16th, 2006, after losing a courageous battle with cancer. He was born in Stockton to a third generation ranching family. He was raised on the Emde family homestead in Lodi. George graduated from Lodi High in 1949 and Cornell University, New York, in 1953. While in the US Marine Corps, he married Elizabeth Roller from Charleston, West Virginia on February 6th, 1954. George, Jr., owned and operated Happyholme Farms Feed Company in Lodi from 1956-1978. He then purchased a cattle ranch in Siskiyou County which sold in 1985. Since that time George, Jr., has resided on a 40-acre vineyard east of Lodi. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Betty Emde of Lodi; brother and sister-in-law, John and Janice Emde of Wrangell, Alaska; sister and brother-in-law Mary and Jim Auble of Sacramento; children and their spouses, Blair and Ron Loftus of Yreka, Caroline and John Periera of Wilton, George and Sandy Emde of Lodi, eight grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and 11 nephews and nieces. The memorial service was held February 24th, 2006, at Grace Presbyterian Church, Lodi.

In lieu of flowers, donations may go to: Grace Presbyterian Church, 10 North Mills Ave, Lodi, CA 95242; Lodi Memorial Hospital Foundation, 975 S. Fairmont Ave, Lodi, CA 95204 or Shriner's Children's Hospital, 2425 Stockton Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95817.

Joe Balderston

## Mike Hunt Sailfish Tournament

By Bob Souza

Rancho Seco Fish outing on Feb 22nd (Mike Hunt Sailfish Tournament)

The fish out started out with donuts and coffee meeting at the boat ramp. I give some help to club members and guest fishers from two clubs. There were about twenty fly fishers there to fish the day out. With most hooking up with fish one guest said that the size and power of the fish surprised him. His first hookup broke off on the light tipped he was using. The midday lunch of hot dogs prepared by cooks Herman Spalinger and Charlie Reames filled up everyone's tanks for the afternoon fishing. Special thanks to Bill Laughlin, Herman Spalinger and Charlie Reames for there help with the outing. It looked like Joe Balderston was top fisher of the day. The big question is who will be presented the special MIKE HUNT TROPHY FOR THE YEAR by Grady Lee?



Bob Souza and Allen Sanguinetti





Herm Spalinger



Ron Pettitt



Bob Souza

Mike Hunt Annual Sailfish  
Tournament  
at Rancho Seco

# A Float On The Moke

By Bruce Rollans

Sallye and I had originally booked this float for the American River in mid January, but high flows caused us to reschedule for February 7. While the flow dropped briefly, they were ramped up once more, making our trip unlikely. Consequently, we moved to the Mokelumne River seemingly the only floatable river in our area. The water was somewhat high at 1400 cfs, still fishable from the boat.

Within minutes after launch we were into small and very small trout most not over five inches long. As we move further down river we got into larger trout. My two largest resident rainbows went to 19 and 20 inches (see photos 1 and 2). As the sun moved higher in the sky the fish changed from hitting the top fly, an egg pattern, to taking the #18 bead head PT nymph. We were playing them carefully to avoid breaking the 5X tippets.

Just before our lunch break Sallye hook an acrobatic 17/18-inch wild steelhead (or maybe they forgot to cut the fin behind the dorsal). It still had sea lice. After photos of her



Landing it for a close look, we decided it was the same steelhead released before lunch. No missing fin and the sea lice were on the same fin. Obviously a very short memory.



catch (see photo 3) we had lunch then moved back up stream to cover the same water she had caught the steelhead in about 30 minutes earlier. Almost immediately she was hooked up again, but this fish was a dog compared to the first steelhead.

Once we got below the Hwy. 88 bridge fishing slowed to almost nothing. Shortly after passing the bridge we saw what was the likely problem; an EBMUD crew had put in a power boat at the Mackville Road takeout and moved up stream to just downstream of the bridge then began slowly working their way down stream doing a fish survey using electric shock to stun the fish. We decided to call it a day at 2 p.m. As we passed the survey boat the held up a steelhead from the live well. It was a spent hen 25 inches long.



# Rod Building Corner

## What About Blanks: Rod

By Larry Lee

All blanks have an action associated with them. By knowing what kind of fishing you are going to do helps greatly in determining blank or rod requirements. For example, are you fishing lakes, large to small streams, the ocean or maybe an aquarium or your backyard pond? Also, what size of fish are you trying to capture, such as a nice size trout or a billed fish that runs over 100 pounds?

Let's first define blank actions. There are 4 basic blank actions: extra fast (top 25% bends), fast (top 33% bends), medium or moderate (top 50% bends), and slow (entire blank from cork handle bends).

Extra-fast and fast blanks or rods are chosen to handle a slightly larger range of fly lines with flies. These actions are also selected for those requiring longer casts of over 50 feet for larger streams or lakes. Slow and medium actions of blanks or rods handle a shorter range of fly lines with flies. They are typically used for shorter, softer, and delicate casts of less than 50 feet in smaller streams, beaver ponds, or large aquariums. Blanks or rods should not be chosen for maximum casting distance if that is not the primary use. Selection should be made on how effective the rod will be for the majority of the fishing done with it (make it easier on yourself and enjoy). Remember one rod is not going to be effective in all types of fly fishing.

Rods get their actions from blank taper, blank wall thickness and density of material (graphite, fiber glass, composite, and binding materials) manufacturers use in constructing the blanks. Fast action rods are typically made with complex tapers and high-density materials, while slow rods are made from simple tapers and less-density material.

Manufacturers often provide blank and rod specifications on websites or catalogs. This information is helpful in selection of the blank or rod you may want. Some manufacturers provide more information than others, but you can get a good gauge in examining the specifications and statistics of the blank or rod.

When you get a blank or rod in hand, you can judge

the action by a simple test. When doing this test on a blank only, DO NOT put the blank in serious flex. You can get breakage at the joints of multiple piece rods by flexing the blank too much. When flexing a blank, you will need to determine the effective spine of each segment and align properly. Without doing this, you will not get an accurate rod flex. A discussion of locating the effective spine will be coming soon.

To conduct the test, hold the rod or blank parallel to the floor with eyes down or rod blank spine up and the butt end against your abdomen. You will then need to rotate the rod 90% in either direction. Then start a side-to-side tip motion, progressively increasing the tip motion until the whole rod flex is shown. When you observe the curvature of the rod and compare with the definitions above, you can get good idea how the blank or rod reacts with increasing loads. When conducting this test on a built rod, the types of eyes (single foot, double foot, eye stiffness, eye sizes) and how they are tied on also changes the action somewhat.

There are many variables in trying to achieve that particular rod performance for the purpose you have in mind. By examining the blank or rod actions, the fly fisherman will have a better understanding of the rod characteristics, and why a rod responds in a particular way.

If you have any questions or suggestions, contact Bob Souza at 209-478-8344 or e-mail at [suzasbs@netzero.com](mailto:suzasbs@netzero.com).

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Every Wed (except meeting nights)	Nature Center Oak Grove Park Stockton	FLY TYING Contact: Jim Rich 209-477-6404
Every 2nd Wed (except July & Aug) 7:00 PM	John R Williams School Stockton	Membership Meeting Contact Steve Cooper 209-956-1032
Every 3rd Wed 7:00 PM	Nature Center Oak Grove Park Stockton	Board Meeting All Members Welcome
May 13	White Pines Lake	Calaveras Fly Club One Fly Contest
May TBA	Fall River	Fall River Mid-Week Float Trip Doug Ridgway 209-957-0170
May TBA	Rogue River	Rogue River For Trout Steve Cooper 209-957-1032
May 20	Goethe Park American River	Shad Clinic Bob Souza 209-478-8344
June TBA	Oak Grove Park Stockton	Catfish Derby Bob Bradley 209-369-4048
June 10-11	Lake Davis	Grady Lee 209-951-9623
June 14	Oak Grove Park Stockton	Annual DFF BBQ Glenn Bockmon
July TBA	Truckee River	Dan McDaniel 209-951-7900
Aug TBA	Clark's Fork, Stanislaus River	Doug Ridgway 209-957-0170
Aug TBA	Umpqua River	Steve Cooper 209-957-1032
Sept 17-19	Briedgeport	Bob Bradley 209-369-4048
Oct 14	Lake Alpine	TIBA

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Oct 28	Feather River	Steelhead Clinic Bob Souza 209-478-8344
Nov TBA	Lake Amador	TBA

## One Fly Contest

Once again the Calaveras Fly Fishers have kindly invited the Delta Fly Fishers to participate in their One Fly Contest at White Pines Lake on Sat. May 13. Entry fee \$20 which includes a great tri-tip lunch. Money raised from the event is used for a scholarship for a student at Calaveras High School. Information Duke Duquette 209-795-5124 or e-mail [Duquettes@Goldrush.com](mailto:Duquettes@Goldrush.com)  
For those of you who haven't participated in this event it is a lot of fun, and for a very worth cause.

## The Annual Shad Attack is Close!!

Come to the Shad Clinic at Oak Grove Park to find out how to catch these great sport fish on fly equipment. The date is May 3rd Wednesday at 7:00pm in the Nature Center Building.

There will be a basic tackle discussion and fly tying demonstration on fly patterns for Shad in our local waters.

For more information call Bob Souza at (209) 478-8344 or e-mail at [suzasbs@netzero.com](mailto:suzasbs@netzero.com)

## DFF Annual Club Shad Outing Saturday May 20th

Delta Fly Fishers Shad outing will be held at Goethe Park on the American River. There will be fishing buddies and extra tackle for the first timers. You will be helped with the proper presentation to fish for these great sport fish on fly tackle.

Directions for this outing are, from Stockton north on hwy 99 to east hwy 50 , take Bradshaw Rd off ramp ,left at stop light, then right at Folsom Blvd to Beaudry Dr. at park entrance gate you will have to pay \$4.00 per car. Then drive to the horse area sign make a left turn at the sign follow road back to the fishing area.

Contact person, Bob Souza 607-6604 or [suzasbs@netzero.com](mailto:suzasbs@netzero.com)

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## Fly Of The Month

T.B.H. STEELHEAD STONE #2, with RUBBER LEGS

Fly type Attractor

Originator Bob Souza

Tied by Bob Souza

Hook: 2457 heavy wire size 6 – 10

Thread: Black or Fire orange size 6/0

Tail: Black or Brown round rubber leg

Ribbing: Copper wire

Body under wrap: lead wire .025

Body: Orange Lite-Brite Dubbing

Wing Case: Flashabou Gold and Pearl mixed

Thorax: Brown chenille small

Legs: Black or Brown round rubber leg material

Bead Head: Tungsten Bead in Gold

Marking pen: Brown

Misc: Zap a Gap Glue



1. Debarb hook and dress with gold bead to size of hook.
2. Add 6 – 8 tight wraps of .025 wire behind bead head, cement in place.
3. Start thread behind wire and wrap to middle of bend in hook.
4. Tie in copper wire under hook shank. This will not cause bump at tail area.
5. Tie in rubber leg material as forked split type tail.
6. Make dubbing loop, add dubbing and twist to make taper body with Lite-Brite standouts. Wrap ribbing in 4 – 5 wraps to thorax area and tie off.
7. Mark top of body with Brown marking pen.
8. Add Flashabou wingcase, tie in brown chenille for thorax, tie in one set of rubber legs at rear of thorax and one set of legs behind bead head, make large thorax and tie off.
9. Then bring wing case over top and tie off at bead head.
10. Tie off thread and coat thread with super glue to set whip finish.
11. Coat wing case top with 5-minute epoxy and let set.

Fish this fly as your lead fly under the strike indicator. Add a smaller fly about 12- 16" on a trail leader setup. I tie on at the bend of the top hook. When fishing this set up use a dead drift in holding top of water 2- 3' deep.  
Happy fishing Bob Souza.

**Membership Form** - Family Membership is: \$30.00 or \$20.00 for 62 years or older. New members please add \$5.00 one time new member initiation. Dues are for one year September 1, 2005 to August 31, 2006. Please fill out then mail to: Delta Fly Fishers P.O. Box 77862, Stockton, CA 95207

Check one: New membership \_\_\_\_\_ Renew membership \_\_\_\_\_

Membership for one year \$30.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Two year \$60.00 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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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 susasbs@netzero.com.

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