

Rx Flyfishing

President's Message by Marilyn Mowry

If you missed the annual dinner, you missed a really fun event. Bob Souza & Co. did a great job with the organization of it and Bill Laughlin and Co. had an outstanding raffle. We didn't have an individual worthy of the John Fanouchi Incomplete Angler Award but the other awards went to well deserving members who have done a tremendous amount of work for the club. The Don Payne Memorial Award went to our treasurer, Herm Spalinger. The Fly Fisher of The Year Award went to Steve Cooper. And the Lifetime Membership went to Ron Petitt. The other Bob Souza and Mike Souza won enough prizes in the raffle to start their own fly shop. The big prize winner was Dan McDaniel, who won the pontoon boat donated by The Reel Fly Shop. Dan then donated it back to be auctioned off. New Life Membership recipient Ron Petitt served as auctioneer and Allen Sanguinetti had the winning bid. There was an abundance of raffle prizes both purchased by the Raffle Committee and donated by members and sponsors. The awards for the ladies were provided by Devon's Fine Jewelers and were really nice. Chase Chevrolet came through, as always, with a check for \$600. Take a look at the article about the raffle and the sponsor's page for more information about our great sponsors.

We have some great events coming up. Our Membership Meeting will be on Wednesday, February 8th. The Mike Hunt Annual Sailfish Tournament at Rancho Seco will be on Saturday, February 4th. Bob Souza will hold a Striper Seminar at Oak Grove Park on the 22nd. And if anyone is interested in rod building, get in touch with Bob Souza.

We have a great year coming up with conservation projects, meetings, outings, and, of course, lot of great food! Come join us.

Marilyn

February Board Meeting

February 15th

Deadline

The deadline for the March issue is February 25th.

Free Fly Tying

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

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.

February Membership Meeting

The speaker for the Delta Fly Fishers Feb 8th 7 pm Wednesday night meeting at John R. Williams School 2450 Meadow Ave in Stockton will be Chuck Armor who is the Program Manager of the Bay/Delta Project. He is going to present a Dept. of Fish & Game power point program regarding the health of the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta. This program regarding the conservation aspect of the Bay/Delta Project should be very interesting. For more information contact DFF Program Chairman Steve Cooper @ 209-956-1032

Membership Dues Reminder

Reminder: If you haven't paid your dues they were due in Sept. Family membership is: \$30 or \$20 for those Over The Hill folks 62 or older. New members add \$5.00 for one time initiation. You can pay your dues at the next membership meeting to Bob Souza 209-478-8344. You can mail your dues to Delta Fly Fishers P. O. Box 77862, Stockton, Ca. 95207.

DFE Helps Students

By Joe Balderston

"Wow! Look at the size of that fish! Cool!" The Mokelumne river was full of salmon and the hatchery was full of steelhead for the students of Hazelton Elementary. Around 100 kids in grades 4, 5, and 6 visited on November 18 to study first hand the migration and life cycle of the anadromous fish. Members Grady Lee, Charlie Reams, and Larry Schmidt met the bus at the hatchery. The students were led by teachers and parent chaperones, split into groups and spread out. The workers were in full swing in the viewing window. Fish up to 40 pounds were hoisted up to the many oohs and aaahs of the children.

Students had been studying bird migration and fish migration as well as their life cycles and habitats. Everyone seemed to have a great time during the short stay. The unguided tour was very informative with 6 different areas to view. Back at the school the students voted on their favorite station and it turned out to be a four way tie: The window to the egg taking table, the steelhead feeding ponds, the holding tanks, and of course the river. We were lucky enough to see fish on their redds and fish trying to jump the fence in the middle of the river.

The experience hopefully made an impact on the kids making them more aware of the natural wonders available to them. With the No Child Left Behind Act and the Governor's tight budget, the school was lucky to have this type of trip approved. Three years ago we had staff from the hatchery serve as tour guides. This time there were no available workers because of cutbacks. This is very important considering the overemphasis on testing lately. The school was also lucky to have such wonderful volunteers join in. "I think I had more fun than the kids!" said Grady.

Annual Dinner Report

By Bob Souza

Our annual dinner was a great success this year with 90 plus members having a good time. The Raffle had good merchandise to bid on, with the grand prize being a Fish Cat pontoon boat that was won by Dan McDaniel and given back to the club to be auctioned off again as a donation to the club. Thanks again Dan. Allen Sanguinetti ended up with the boat after some hard bidding between members. Thanks to all the club members for making this a success this year. Look for the pictures at the February's meeting.

At this time I would like to thank the people that helped with this year's program. Without them it is hard to have a successful dinner. So here goes hope not to miss anyone. Thanks to Dean Watson, Herman Spalinger, Charlie Koliha, Earl and Nancy Summers, Bill and Jean Laughlin, Rick Greene and my wife Veronica.

I am a person of few words, so here goes. This is to the people that criticize the program every year. "It's your turn to step up and do the committee jobs in the club." As this was my final dinner as chairperson and someone will have to take it this year. It's been fun for me putting it together each year.

Respectfully

Bob Souza the one with a "z" in the last name.

Membership Chairman Report

By Bob Souza

Our club membership to date is 90 members paid for this year with 34 not paid up. Check your newsletter label to see if you are paid for this year. If you are paid up for this year your label will show "exp 08-06". If it shows "exp 8-05" you are not paid up.

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

Please support your club by sending in your dues.

Contact membership chairperson Bob Souza with any questions on your membership. At suzasbs@netzero.com or 209-607-6604.

Happy Fishing and Thank You for your support.

Bob Souza Membership Chairperson.

Rancho Seco Outing

The Delta Fly Fishers Feb. outing will be the 2nd annual Mike Hunt Sailfish Tournament to be held Sat Feb. 11 at Rancho Seco, starting at 9 am. Bring your own lunch. For more information call Fish Meister Bob Souza 478-8344.

Striper Clinic

Striper fly fishing expert and former guide, Bob Souza of the Delta Fly Fishers will be presenting a fly fishing striper seminar Wed. Feb. 22 from 7-8:30 pm at the Oak Grove Park Nature Center. Bob's seminar will include basic information regarding tackle and equipment as well as places to fish for stripers in our local area using either boats, or float tubes. Information: Bob Souza 478-8344



FISHING BUDDY REQUEST

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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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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

or

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

Raffle Chairman Report

By Bill Laughlin

The 2006 Annual Dinner drew a large number of members and guests; many left with fine prizes. It was a great time.

In last month's newsletter we listed half of the raffle prizes and said there would be many more prizes added before the event. The following list reflects all 39 prizes and in the raffle and silent auction. In addition there were 9 gifts designated especially for women.

1. 8 1/2 ft Fish Cat Pontoon Boat
2. Water Skeeter Day Tripper Float Tube
3. Fly Logic 4-5 wt Rod, Reel & Line
4. Fulcrum Wading Staff
5. BW Fly Rod & Reel Case 9 1/2 ft rod
6. BW Fly Rod Case 10 ft rod
7. Tuxedo Custom Rod 8 wt 9 ft
8. Fenwick HMG 8 wt 9 ft rod
9. Fenwick HNXF 5 wt 8 ft 6 in rod
10. BW Chest Vest
11. BW Gear Bag
12. BW Fanny Pak
13. Sage Gear Bag
14. Outcast Wading Gear Bag
15. Outcast Pontoon Boat
16. Vacuum Rod Transport System
17. Telescopic Measure Net
18. Sims Wading Boots - cleaned
19. Sims Wading Boots
20. Sima Wading Sandals
21. Korkers Wading Boots
22. Hi Speed Inflator/Deflator
23. Gary Fontaine Autographed Book
24. Bauer Fly Reel #5
25. Rodney Puchta 125 Fly Selection
26. Fly Selections by 4 Delta Fly Tyers: Bob Souza, Don Gillette, Steve Cooper and Joe Balderston
27. Leo Guitierrez Popper Flies
28. Al Smatsky Shad Trip
29. Kelsey Bass Ranch Trip
30. Kelsey Bass Ranch Trip
31. Sage 7 wt 9 ft rod
32. Tri Fork 2 wt rod & reel
33. Rainbow Trout Picture
34. Brown Trout Picture
35. Pontoon Boat Anchor

36. Abel Expedition Rod Carrier
37. Cocoon Polarized Glasses
38. Lake Margaret 3 day/2 night Fishing Trip
39. Portable Fly Tying Table & Tying Materials

We could not obtain these prizes if it were not for some very generous businesses and members. We sincerely appreciate their support and want to acknowledge their generosity. They are as follows: George Cecchetti of The Reel Fly Shop in Lodi, American Fly Fishing Company of Sacramento, Kiene's Fly Shop of Sacramento, Sierra Anglers of Modesto, Crystal Springs Fly Shop of Manteca, Al Smatsky's Excellent Adventures of Lodi, DeVon Jewelers of Stockton, and Chase Chevrolet of Stockton. These loyal contributors deserve our support; please thank them during your next visit.

Special thanks to club members Bob Souza, Larry Schmidt, and Earl Summers. They assisted in obtaining prizes and introducing me to the right people. Thank you Bruce and Sallye Rollans, Ron Pettitt, John Henkel, Doug Ridgway and Allen Sanguinetti for your contributions. Thank you fly tyers Bob Souza, Don Gillette, Steve Cooper and Joe Balderston. Thank you Rick Green, Dean Watson, Herman Spalinger, Earl and Nancy Summers, Bob Souza and Jean Laughlin for your assistance during the dinner raffle.

There were a lot of winners at the dinner: Bob and Mike Sousa topped the list. How can anyone win that many prizes at a raffle? The Delta Fly Fishers became the big winner when Dan McDaniel won the Pontoon Boat and generously donated it back to the club for an auction. Many thanks, Dan. Your generosity added to this special night.

Don't miss your chance to be a "Big Winner" at next year's Annual Dinner and with even bigger and more prizes you won't want to miss the Membership Meeting and Pot Luck Raffles, either.

More Annual Dinner Photos



Joan Cooper winning a prize in the Ladies Raffle, donated by Devon's Fine Jewelers



Mike Sousa remembering the late John Fanouchi



Mike Sousa and Bob Sousa show off their prizes including the ones donated by Sierra Anglers. Rumor has it they are now opening a fly shop because they won so many rods.



Ron Forbes speaking about conservation



2006 Fly Fisher Of The Year Steve Cooper



Lifetime Membership Recipient and auctioneer Ron Petitt



2006 Don Payne Memorial Award winner Herm Spalinger. Herm took all the photos except this one.

Rod Building Corner

What About Blanks: Rod Building 102

By Larry Lee

Fly rod blank materials have come a long way in terms of strength and weight in the last 50 years. Prior to the early 1900's, fishing rod blanks were made of green-heart wood or whatever suitable wood stick one could find. Bamboo cane and then split-bamboo were two other materials utilized for rod blank construction. Around 1950, fiberglass materialized into both solid and hollow blanks. In 1974, the Fenwick Company introduced fishing rods made of a revolutionary new material called graphite or carbon fiber. Graphite blank material has been patted, pinched, and tweaked over that past few decades to become the outstanding fly fisherman's dream it has become today. With each new generation of graphite developed, the graphite blank has become much lighter and stronger enabling the fly fisherman to cast and catch fish with greater ease.

While graphite will not solve all angling issues (such as operator error), graphite rods do possess some qualities that make them the best fishing instruments yet created (at least in the humble opinion of the author). Graphite rods are very sensitive to vibration caused by fish (or maybe a rock) striking the fly. They transmit vibration along the blank from the tip to the angler so you can feel the action. After hooking the fish, the extra sensitive graphite rod magnifies movement of the fish, while allowing the angler to experience greater joy in the fight between man and fish.

Graphite is much more responsive than wood, split bamboo, or fiberglass. Energy is stored and released more quickly, so a higher degree of control and accuracy is possible. Advantages include:

- Ability to control tighter loops for longer and more accurate casts.
- Sensitivity and responsiveness enabling a quicker hook set (which means more hookups, woohoo!)
- Dampens out more quickly at cast completion, meaning less vibration in line and higher achievable casting distance.
- Allows for more tolerable casting in a significant wind.

When comparing similar weights, graphite is four times stronger than steel and two and a half times stronger than fiberglass. This means that less material is needed to build the graphite blank as opposed to a fiberglass blank for the same strength. Smaller diameter blanks can also be made, thus cutting down air resistance resulting in even more carefree casting.

Graphite blanks do have drawbacks however. For example, graphite blanks are much more difficult to make than fiberglass. They also act as lightning rods during thunderstorms, and are more subject to breakage when hit by a hard object. There is one graphite rod, however, that is not as sensitive to impacts. This rod is called Hexagraph. It is a solid graphite rod which, when looked at in cross-section, is shaped like a hexagon and resembles a split bamboo rod. The casting of this rod is similar to the casting employed while using a split bamboo rod. This rod made its acting debut in the movie "A River Runs Through It", in which it was used to imitate a split bamboo rod. Drawbacks of this rod are it is more expensive (Up to \$1500) and heavier than hollow graphite rods.

Graphite is a wonderful material for a fly rod, however, fiberglass, or split bamboo may still produce that personal experience or feeling that you prefer. The experience of building your own rod with any material can add a certain amount of pride and enjoyment to each fly fishing expedition.

If you can't wait to get started into building your new fly rod, Delta Fly Fishers has scheduled a beginning rod clinic. Contact Bob Souza with any questions on your membership at suzasbs@netzero.com or 209-607-6604.

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
Feb 11 9:00 AM	Rancho Seco Park	Mike Hunt Annual Sailfish Tournament
Feb 22 7:00 PM	Nature Center Oak Grove Park Stockton	Bob Souza Striper Clinic 209-478-8344
March TBA	Beaver Slough	Striper Fishing Bob Souza 209-478-8344
April 8	Kelsey Bass Ranch	Bass Fishing Al Smatsky 209-368-9261
April TBA	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	TBA	Shad Clinic Bob Souza 209-478-8344
June TBA	Oak Grove Park Stockton	Catfish Derby Bob Bradley 209-369-4048
June TBA	Lake Davis	Grady Lee 209-951-9623
July	Truckee River	Dan McDaniel 209-951-7900

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Aug TBA	Clark's Fork, Stanislaus River	Doug Ridgway 209-957-0170
Aug TBA	Umpqua River	Steeve Cooper 209-957-1032
Sept 17-19	Briedgeport	Bob Bradley 209-369-4048
Oct 14	Lake Alpine	TBA
Oct 28	Feather River	Steelhead Clinic Bob Souza 209-478-8344
Nov TBA	Lake Amador	TBA

We will have dates and places finalized soon. Take a look next month at the updated calendar.

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Bead Head Minute Midge

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

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