

Rx Flyfishing

President's Message by Marilyn Mowry

January is always a busy month for the club. The year starts with the New Year's Day outing at the Mokelumne River. Check out the article by Grady Lee about that. Despite the weather, some members floated the river and the fishing was great. Joe Heartsner floated the Mokelumne on Jan 1st with Bill Smith of the Hatchery. He rowed mostly in his new raft, Bill fished and pulled in 26 over the day. It ended up awfully windy, but good fishing.

We still have fly tying every Wednesday at Oak Grove Park except the night of the membership meeting and there has been a crowd. No matter what your level of experience, you are welcome.

Have you made your reservations for the annual dinner on January 21st? Take a look at the raffle prizes listed in this newsletter. And Raffle Chairman Bill Laughlin still has half the budget to add more prizes. Contact Dinner Chairman Bob Souza for information about dinner reservations. We hope to see you there.

Outings Chairman Doug Ridgway is having a meeting on January 12th to discuss this year's outings schedule. Don't worry that there is not much in the calendar yet. Once we have the schedule finalized it will be posted in the calendar. We are going to have another year of great outings.

Club Secretary, Herman Spalinger, had some photos of a carved trout he made and I asked him so send them in for the newsletter. I hope the photos will do the carving justice. If not, have Herm show you the photos. It is fun to see the art work of our members.

We would like to welcome the new board members: Joe Balderson, Dean Watson, Steve Von Berg (past president) and Marty Kjelson. They already have contributed a lot and we are very glad to have them on the board. We are still looking for committee members and some club officers. Help us out if you can.

Marilyn

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.

January Membership Meeting

Annual Dinner and Raffle January 21st at the Stockton Inn. See the information inside the newsletter or contact Bob Souza 209-478-8344

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 John Keagy or contact Bob Souza 209-478-8344. You can mail your dues to Delta Fly Fishers P. O. Box 77862, Stockton, Ca. 95207.

December Board Meeting

December 21st

Deadline

The deadline for the February issue is January 25th.

Raffle Chairman Report

By Bill Laughlin

November & December General Meeting Raffles

We had approximately 55 members show up for the meeting and special presentation on Still Water Fishing in November. With sixteen raffle prizes up for grabs, this would average to one in every four in attendance with a chance of winning a prize. We tried something new by having two prize categories of "Fly Fishing" and "Fly Tying," giving members the opportunity to target prizes of their choice. The idea was a success so we plan to offer these categories on future drawings. A couple of the big winners were Al Hahn, winning a Folcum Wading Staff (a \$90.00 value), and Matt Kotecki, winning a fifteen pak color selection of Artic Fox along with a glue gun and color egg glue sticks.

The December General meeting had 38 members and guests present to watch the slide presentations by club members. We had fifteen raffle prizes and Herman Spalinger was the big winner. He had tickets in both categories and won twice in each.

A special thanks to these members who have donated items for prizes: Rick Green donate three foil turkey tails and a box of prime elk, moose, antelope, and bear hair. Allen Sanguinetti donated a 4-5 wt Fly Logic Rod, Reel & Line. Ron Petitt provided four color Fish Prints. John Henkel supplied Fly Tying Organizers to the DFF fly tyers: Bob Souza, Don Gillette, Steve Cooper and Joe Balderson. The tyers contribute their work to the raffles. The sale of Herman Spalinger's Reserve Golf package brought in funds to purchase two BW dual Fly Rod and Reel Cases for prizes. Herman also donated a great picture for the annual dinner. If you have items that you would like to donate for future prizes please see any board member or call Bill Laughlin (477-6644). Any contribution would be gladly appreciated.

New Year's Day Outing

By Grady Lee

There was a very good turnout for the 2006 New Years Day outing on the Mokelumne despite the high winds, actually the wind was not that bad as we were somewhat protected by Camanche Dam. If you haven't done so please thank Jim Rich jcrich1@sbcglobal.net and Earl Summers : spdsummers@aol.com for all the work they did for this outing. All that food, coffee, barbecue, propane tanks, shelters etc, just doesn't magically appear. Someone has to shop for the food, go to the Oak Grove Park and pick up all the equipment, deliver it to the outing site, set it all up, make the coffee, ice down the sodas and water cook the food, clean up the barbecue afterward and the pots etc. pack all the stuff back up deliver it back to Oak Grove Park and put it all back in the club's shed. The least you can do is send these guys an e-mail and say thanks for all their effort. Since this was last my outing as outing chairman I would like to say thanks not only to Jim and Earl but to all the many other Fish Meisters who stepped up and helped make for so many successful outings. Grady

Annual Dinner Raffle

By Bill Laughlin

Be sure to attend the annual dinner on January 21st. There will be great prizes that you won't want to miss along with a wonderful get together and enjoyable evening for all! PRIZES TO DATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Fly Rods

Sage 7 wt.
Fly Logic 4-5 wt.
Tuxedo Custom 8 wt.
Fenwick HMG 8 wt.
Fenwick HMG 6 wt.
Tri Fork 2 wt. with reel

Fly Reels

Bauer JM2 5 wt.
Orvis 4-5 wt.

Other Items

Water Skeeter Day Tripper Float Tube
BW Dual Fly Rod and Reel Case (3 piece)
BW Dual Fly Rod and Reel Case (4 piece)
BW Chest Vest
BW Dry Gear Bag
Vacu mounts Fly Rod Transport
Fulcum Wading Staff
Outcast Pontoon Gear Bar

There is more that we can add since we have only reached the halfway point of our budget. You can be assured we will double this before we are finished.

Membership Chairman Report

By Bob Souza

Our club membership to date is 60 members paid for this year with 64 not paid up. Check your newsletter label to see if you are paid for this year.

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 with out charging for them.

Please support your club by sending in your dues. If you have sent in your dues and the label does not reflect that, please call.

Contact membership chairperson Bob Souza with any questions on your membership. At susasbs@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
Jan 18th (Wed)	Oak Grove Park Stockton	Board Meeting 7:00 pm
Jan 21 (Sat)	Stockton Inn Stockton	Annual Membership Dinner

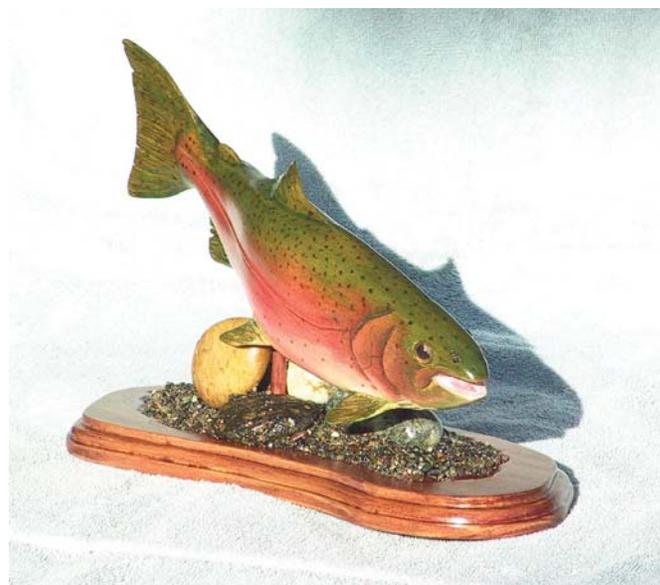
Members' Corner

Sent in By Jim Rich

I came across this nice web sight and thought our members that tie or want to tie flies might enjoy. It has detailed receipts with pictures and instructions for beginners to advanced. The address is www.flyanglersonline.com . Take a look, I think you will like it.

Sent in By Herman Spalinger

Earlier this year a friend of mine brought me a catalog from the Woodcrafters store she had visited in the Bay Area pronouncing "this is a candy store for grown-ups." I've always been interested in wanting to carve fish, and I found a book in their catalog called "The Breakthrough Fish Carving Manual" that I sent for immediately. It's a tremendous book with step-by-step instructions on carving different species of fish complete with what tools to use and cutout outlines of fish to transfer to a block of wood that will be cut with a band saw. After several trips to the Woodcrafters store in Sacramento on Folsom Blvd and a few hundred dollars in tools, I got the courage to try a rainbow trout. Woodcrafters holds classes in various techniques of wood finishing, figure carving, fish carving and use of tools, etc, and the store also has a figurine woodcarver who comes to their store every Thursday and Saturday from 1:00 to 4:00 pm to answer any questions a beginner might have. Jim Hanson has been a tremendous help in giving me ideas on how to present the finished trout - which is covered in the book as well - and pointed me to another woodcarver in Sacramento by the name of Chet Wilcox who carves and sells birds of all kinds. He does fantastic work. He also sells blocks of wood to your specifications and he's demonstrated the air brush painting techniques for me in his garage workshop as well as selling me some fish eyes and tool carving accessories. Armed with the sound advice from both



I just completed my first fish not using air-brush painting but colored dyes on the wood before applying a couple coats of shellac and two to three coats of lacquer rubbed down as the finish coat. The results even surprised me, and the rainbow carving you see below is now on display at the Woodcrafters store on Folsom Blvd for this month, which is a real boost in confidence for me to take on several more projects. There is an actual fish woodcarver teaching a five hour class in January that I've already enrolled in, and I'm anxiously awaiting any advice I may get from him. My next project is California's Golden Trout that I've already outline-cut from a block of wood and am readying for the Dremel and carving tools. I figure since it takes me a while to catch these buggers, I might be better at carving them so I can enjoy displaying them on my bookshelf at home. My family has already spoken for the first four attempts, and after that who knows.

Outings Chairman Report

By Doug Ridgeway

DFF's new Outings Chairman has scheduled a meeting to get input for this years outings, however if you can't meeting and would like to make a suggestion or two feel free to send him an e-mail: dsridgway@sbcglobal.net

2006 Delta Fly Fishers Outings

Have you ever thought I wish that the DFF would go to _____ for one of the outings; I really liked it when we went to _____ or I don't know why we waste our time going to _____? Now is your chance to get involved in setting the 2006 schedule. We will be meeting at the new Round Table Pizza, in the Spanos Park Shopping Center, from 6 - ? on January 12. I will be buying the first pizza.

Last year's schedule was:

2005 Outings

January

New Years Day Annual Mokelumne Outing Fishmeisters: Jim Rich 477-6404 & Earl Summers 957-6756

February

Trout Bout, Bob McMillen Memorial Fishing Tournament Chairman: Steve Cooper 956-1032

Outing: Pyramid Lake. Fishmeister Larry Mettler

March

Beaver Slough for stripers, Fishmeister: Bob Souza 478-8344, date to be determined.

April

Kelsey Ranch Bass Outing. Al Smatsky 368-9261

One Fly Contest @ White Pines with Calaveras Fly Club

May

Shad Clinic Al Smatsky 368-9261 & George Cecchetti 365-7335 and Crew.

June

Catfish Derby Oak Grove. Chairman: Bob Bradley 369-4048

Rogue River outing for trout. Fishmeister: Steve Cooper 957-1032

Pyramid Lake outing. Fishmeisters: Bruce and Sallye Rollans 209-274-4048

July

Truckee River Outing. Fishmeister Dan McDaniel 951-7900. Date to be determined.

August

None

September

Bridgeport. Fishmeisters Don Gillette 464-1240 and Ron Pettit 931-2997

October

Mammoth Lakes. Fishmeister: Al Smatsky 368-9261

November

Steelhead Clinic, Al Smatsky 368-9261 and George Cecchetti 365-7335

December

Midweek outing Lake Amador

Rod Building Corner

By Larry Lee

This is the first article (of what we hope becomes many) of the Rod Building Corner. The purpose of the Rod Building Corner is to help Delta Fly Fisher Members in advancing the art of their own rod building and to educate non-building members of what goes into the building of fly rods. We hope you enjoy these articles, and we welcome any thoughts and ideas these Rod Building Corner articles may generate. To share with us, you can contact Bob Souza at 209-478-8344, email: suzasbs@netzero.com or Larry Lee at 916-962-0616, email: larrylee@L3rods.com.

Why Build Your Own Fly Rod?

Such a simple question generates many answers. Some answers involve logical reasons such as saving money or building the rod that meets your specific performance standard for a specific application. Other answers may revolve around more abstract, philosophical, psychological, or emotional-based reasons such as a psychic flash into a dream of catching a huge fish on a special rod. Whatever your reasons, the satisfaction of constructing of your own rod can be immense and fulfilling. It is probably identical to the feeling one gets by tying one's own flies and catching fish on them. Those new rods, with all of their different looks and feels, can be an extension of your own creative expression, and more importantly, catch fish. It can also be worthwhile passing rod building skills on to others, and watching new rod builders enjoy themselves learning new skills that encourage their own ideas.

When building one's own rod, the builder will have to address many details regarding the type of fly rod to construct. One rod will NOT be able to fit all situations because of the huge variety of fishing conditions in which one can find oneself. Rods come in different lengths, number of segments, line weights, rod weights, material stiffness, blank colors, eye sizes (with different colors), reel seat types and colors, handle configurations types, etc. Some basic questions an anglers should ask themselves when deciding what type of rod to build are:

- What kind of fish and size do you want to catch (i.e. bass, trout, salmon, marlin, dorado, tarpon, etc.)?
- What type of water are you planning on fishing (i.e. small creeks, large rivers, lakes, ocean etc.)?
- What rod break down size for easy transport to the fishing location is needed?
- What types of flies are going to be used (i.e. how big, weighted, dry or wet)?
- How much money and time are you willing to spend on your rod?

The ultimate decision to build your own fly rod is completely yours, but once you've made it, the excitement of building something you can use from scratch, the thrill of catching the first fish, and the envy of your friends and family because they know what it takes to make one, just can't be compared. If you can't wait to get started into building your new fly rod, Delta Fly Fishers has scheduled a beginning rod clinic for DATE and Location. Each class runs from Time. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Bob Souza at 209-478-8344, email: suzasbs@netzero.com.

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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, 2004 to August 31, 2005. Please fill out then mail to: Delta Fly Fishers P.O. Box 77862, Stockton, CA 95207

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(Please check one)

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

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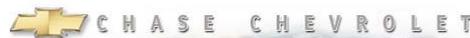
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