

Rx Flyfishing

President's Message by Marilyn Mowry

We have had some great outings and programs. Read Grady Lee's report about the Rancho Seco outing on page two. The Rollans were disappointed with the fishing at Rancho Seco but made up for it by catching some nice fish on the Yuba. Read about it on page two and see their photos on page three. Al Smatsky led another fun trip to Kelsey. (I bought the trip to Kelsey at the annual dinner and just have to find time to go). Trips with Al are always rewarding. Read about that outing on page two, also.

Our monthly meeting in March had 56 in attendance at John R. Williams School. Due to a scheduling error at the school, we ended up in a classroom. Things turned out fine but Program Chairman Steve Cooper put forth a lot of effort to have a place to meet. The presentation from guide Kevin Peterson was excellent. He had a slide show about fishing the Mammoth Area.

Fly casting lessons start at Oak Grove Park on April 20th. Take out a new rod or an old one and join the fun. Even if you don't need lessons, it is a fun night to get in some practice.

Bob Souza is starting fly tying lessons again. Give Bob a call if you are interested, although the classes are probably filled for April.

I got a call from Glenn Bockmon and he will be doing the BBQ again in June. He said if there were no complaints that he would do the steaks again. Complaints? I never heard any! Watch the May and June issues for the food assignments.

Take a look at the sample letter sent in by cj webb about Assembly Bill 7 to ensure hatchery funding. Your support is necessary if you want this bill to pass.

On a sad note, Ron Petitt lost his wife to cancer on February 22nd. Ron's number is on the Committee list page if you want to give him a call.

Marilyn

Free Fly Casting Lessons

Starting April 20 Delta Fly Fishers' Jim Rich, Rick Greene and their crew of expert fly casters will be giving **FREE FLY CASTING LESSONS** at Oak Grove Park pond from 6:30 pm until dark. Non club members are welcome. Club rods are available. Oak Grove Park is located at the corner of Eight Mile Road and I-5. 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	\$20.00	reg \$22.00
Ball Cap	\$10.00	\$11.00
Club Patch	\$5.00	
Lapel Pin	\$7.00	\$8.25
Lic. Plate Frames	\$3.00	
Official coffee mug	\$5.00	

Also club has video library Videotape Rentals \$2.00 Per Video
See Bob Souza for info on merchandise and videos at all meetings.

April Membership Meeting

Chip O'Brien will present "The Lords of Keswick" Wednesday, April 13th at John R. Williams School. His presentation will focus on stillwater fishing below Keswick Reservoir for rainbow trout up to 18 pounds. Most range in the 18" to 22" range. For information call Steve Cooper at 956-1032. Open Dinner Invitation - Anyone wishing to visit with any guest speaker before the monthly meetings, meet at Bud's Seafood restaurant in the Lincoln Center at approximately 5:30 p.m. For information call Steve Cooper (209) 956-1032.

March Board Meeting

March 20th
Oak Grove Park, 7:00 PM.

Deadline

The deadline for the May issue is April 20th.

By Grady Lee

Rancho Seco Outing

We had over forty people at the Rancho Seco outing which is the largest that I have attended since I became a club member in 1996. The weather was great, but the fish catching left a bit to be desired. Jim Rich, Greg Pettis, Bob Souza, Harvey Hamlow, Larry Schmidt and Joe Balderson (I believe Joe was top rod with 5 or 6 fish in the morning



to 5 lbs) I am sure there were others but I left before the after lunch fisherman reported. Many thanks to Earl and Nancy Summers and their friend Larry Laetari (better known as Goofy Grampa). Larry made two huge pots of chili for the outing and it was great. I am making Larry the club Chili meister. Nancy was so much help in getting everthing

set up (especially the new hand cranked blender) and heating and dishing out the chili that I am giving her the title of "meister mistress".

Tip: after Earl has had a beer or two, bet him that he can't say "meister mistress" three times in a row correctly. In addition to the chili and hot dogs the menu included potato salad, smoked Amador trout, (compliments of Jim Rich and Russel Blount) homemade olives

(compliments of my friend Doyle Owen in Manteca) Krispy Creme donuts and Honey Almond cookies. The Mississippi tri tip as well as the chitlins were hijacked by redneck terrorist before the Fed Ex truck even crossed the county line, my cousin thought they would go for the decoy truck filled with moonshine but they wanted the



chitlins (Mississippi caviar) At lunch time there were twenty three watercraft lined up on the beach, two prams a canoe and twenty pontoon boats and float tubes. The greatly coveted Mike Hunt sword fish or sailfish (whatever it is) was won by Nick Felton and his buddy George Emde. Seems Nick managed to get two hooks embedded in his foot and another in the posterior area according to George. This was even before he got his waders on! You will have



to ask Nick how this happened. Then after getting in the water with their pontoon boats these two played Keystone cops with George getting his fly line wrapped around the prop of Nick's electric motor. George blamed Nick, but Nick said George was quote "zig zagging." They opted to let George put the trophy on the wall of the Reel



Fly Shop, I can't imagine why. From the reports it seems that everyone had a good time despite the slow fishing. We may have to do this again next year. Grady

Photos clockwise from top left: Earl Summers, Joe Balderston, group photo at Rancho Seco, Nick Felton and George Emde.

By Al Smatsky

Excellent DFF Outing Kelsey Bass Ranch

The Delta Fly Fishers were out in force (17 members) at the Annual Kelsey Bass Ranch Outing. The weather was perfect; warm, overcast, gentle winds. You couldn't have asked for a better day on the lake. The water temp. 68 degrees. With the bass having moved into the shallows, top water was the key; gurglers and poppers. Those using sinking line found that dark streamers and black bunny leeches were very effective. The top rod was Bob Sousa with over 50 bass landed with Steve von Berg just behind him. New member Allen Sanguinetti caught quite a few big fish; you can get all of the details from him at the next meeting. Rick Green was cruising around the lake in his new pontoon boat; I heard there are quite a few jealous members. Great seeing Bud Heintz back in the Club and his good friend John Harty. Everyone caught fish and had a great time. Looking forward to next year!

By Bruce and Sallye Rollans

Yuba River Trip

After our dismal, no depressing, outing to Rancho Seco March 5, we really needed an emotional lift and got it on the Yuba River March 11 with guide Keith Kaneko.

We put in at Sycamore Ranch Campground at 8:45 am and had our first fish within 10 minutes; a 20" resident rainbow. By lunch we had 11 fish to the boat, four being small steelhead. That afternoon we cast dry stone flies to rising trout and ended the day with 18 fish to the boat. We lost half that many on long distance releases when the fish came directly at the boat and we could not stripe line fast enough. Most of our fish came to the fly while indicator fishing with three flies. The top fly was a heavily weighted black stone fly nymph which served primarily as our weight. The middle fly was a good imitation of sucker eggs which spawn in the Yuba this time of year and the bottom fly a red copper john. Most of the steelies went for the copper john. The resident rainbows were feeding on sucker eggs. One steelie thought he was bigger than he was and took the stone fly. The Yuba River continues to be a relaxing and fun place to float.



Sallye Rollans and Guide Keith Kaneko



The Honorable Dave Cogdill
California State Assemblyman
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assemblyman Cogdill:

I am writing to express my support for AB 7 to ensure hatchery funding.

Most anglers believe that their license dollars go to raise and plant the fish that they catch. However, with the exception of a few specialty stamps and cards, all sport fishing license sales revenue goes into the large Fish and Game Preservation Fund. The Department of Fish and Game then decides how to budget those dollars, which are used to support a wide variety of programs. However, the Hatcheries and Fish Planting Facilities Program receives progressively fewer funds each year – not because fewer licenses being purchased but because of decreased general funds.

AB 7 dedicates 33 1/3% of the sport-fishing license revenue directly to the Hatcheries and Fish Planting Facilities Program. This would provide the necessary level of funding to maintain California's existing hatcheries.

Anglers continue to pay license fees and over the years, these fees continue to increase. However, due to a budget crisis, California's hatcheries have had difficulties delivering an adequate number of fish, meaning that anglers are not receiving the service that they are paying for.

We respectfully offer our support and assistance to your laudable efforts to enact AB 7.

Sincerely,

Name: _____

Address: _____

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Every Wed (except meeting nights)	Nature Center Oak Grove Park Stockton	FREE FLY CASTING LESSONS Beginning April 20th Contact: Jim Rich 209-477-6404
Apr 13 (Wed)	John R Williams School Stockton	Membership Meeting 7:00 pm
Apr 20 (Wed)	Oak Grove Park Stockton	Board Meeting 7:00 pm
Apr TBA	White Pines	One Fly Contest with Calaveras Fly Club
May 11 (Wed)	John R Williams School Stockton	Membership Meeting 7:00 pm
May 18 (Wed)	Oak Grove Park Stockton	Board Meeting 7:00 pm
May 21 or 22	TBA	Shad Clinic Contact George Cecchetti 209-365-7335 or Al Smatsky 209-368-9261
Jun 4 (Sat)	Oak Grove Park Stockton	Catfish Derby Contact Bob Bradley 209-369-4048
Jun 8 (Sat)	Oak Grove Park Stockton	Annual Barbeque Glen Bockmon and crew 209-887-3970
Jun 11-12	Rogue River	Contact Steve Cooper 209-957-1032
Jun 15 (Wed)	Oak Grove Park Stockton	Board Meeting 7:00 pm

from cj webb:

SOMETHING VERY IMPORTANT THAT SHOULD GO IN THE NEWSLETTER IS SUPPORT FOR THE HATCHERIES BILL AB7.

AB7 is the bill for the hatcheries. CalTrout is working with Dave Cogdill our District Assemblyman and they are in the process of drafting an amendment to go with AB7 to include wild trout. Isn't that wonderful?

This bill needs support, because if the hatcheries fail, then you will have bait fishermen walking down the road with 5" brown trout on a stringer, and illegally taking fish in catch and release streams, not that they aren't doing it anyway.

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Fly Tying Classes Offered

This year will be two classes, Basic and Advanced offered.

Basic fly tying will be four lessons, introduction to basic fly tying tools and their use. Learning different tying methods needed to complete various styles of flies.

Advance class will be four lessons tying special fly's for fresh and saltwater.

All tools and materials will be furnished in the classes. Students will be able to check out tools so they can practice in between classes. (There will be a refundable deposit for tools. Note if you have your own tools feel free to use them in the classes).

Costs for classes will \$20 for club members and \$30 for nonmembers. This charge is to pay for the cost of tying materials to the club as needed and to update the club's tools.

Classes will be limited to six students. The classes will be from 6:30-8:30 pm Tuesdays and Thursdays. Location 8452 Mason Drive Stockton, Ca. at the home of Bob Souza.

Dates for classes:

April 5,7,12,14, for Basic Classes.

April 19, 21, 25, 28 for Advanced.

Information: contact Bob Souza 209-cell 607-6604

or home 478-8344. e-mail: suzasbs@netzero.com

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 FlyFishers P.O. Box 77862, Stockton, CA 95207

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