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New Member
Marty Kjelson
of Stockton

Old timer wants to hear
from his friends

From: Jfanu@aol.com

Date: January 20, 2004

Subject: John Fanucchi, Sr

Hi--

My Dad, John Fanucchi, moved from Stockton to Colorado to live with me last September, and he has just started receiving the newsletter again, and doing some catching up. I would like you to pass this email address along to anyone in the club that would like to drop him a line now and then. I will be happy to print the notes out for him, as well as any pictures that may come up. . .he thinks it's cold here, and hasn't warmed up to the idea of casting from a snowbank !

John

February Program
Wednesday, February 11, 7 PM
John R. Williams School

Program
Larry Metzler
and the Pyramid cutts

The Lohontan cutthroat trout in Pyramid Lake require an unusual approach to fly fishing. Larry has amassed considerable experience and skills over the years while fishing for the big ones in Pyramid. He will share his knowledge and his slides with us. Grady Lee almost won last year's Incomplete Angler Award when he bent over backwards while fishing from a ladder at Pyramid. Larry will explain how to let the fish do the swimming.

Annual dinner 2004

Speaking of the Incomplete Angler Award. This year, the prize was a rock given in the hope that it will help the recipient learn the difference between a rock and a fish.



Jim, You are holding a rock!



This is a fish!

President's Message for February

January 24th was a special day for the DFF. The morning started with a full house of eager fly tiers meeting at Oak Grove for a day of fly tying with special guest Andy Burk. Andy's sense of humor, fly tying knowledge, and ability to just plain tell a good story made four hours seam like two wags of a dog's tail. Thanks to Chef Al Smatsky for the great lunch and Bob Souza for the lining up the video cameras, TVs, and assorted other technical paraphernalia.

Saturday evening over one hundred DFF members and guest attended the annual banquet. The drinks were cold, the food was excellent and the mood was festive. Keynote speaker Andy Burk presented an outstanding program on Andy's favorite waters. Andy fishes over three hundred days a year; Andy has a lot of favorite water! This year's Incomplete Angler Award was presented to Jim Rich. I think Grady Lee said it best; this is truly a humiliating award. Too bad it was presented to such a nice guy.

This year's Don Payne Memorial Award winner was Dan McDaniel for his contributions in the fields of conservation and legal assistance. Fly Fisher of the Year for the second year in a row

was awarded to Bob Souza. Bob's many contributions through the year (years) have helped keep the DFF a club that continues to remain strong and attract new members year after year. The Life Time Membership Award (long over due) was presented to Al Smatsky. Al's many years of dedication have helped keep the DFF moving in a positive direction. Thanks again Al, for the countless hours of hard work invested into not only the DFF, but also the entire fly fishing community in general.

One more big thank you to Bob Souza and wife Veronica for organizing the banquet. The evening was another great success. First year raffle chair Earl Summers did a bang up job on the raffle. Our former long time raffle chair, Larry Schmidt, and new board member Jennifer O'Neill assisted Earl. Earl and his crew sold every raffle ticket printed. That's a hard one to top.

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Meetings & Such

Monthly Meetings: 6:30:p.m. 2nd Wednesday at the John R. Williams School, 2450 Meadow Ave, Stockton (off Hammer Lane between Pershing Ave. and I-5)

During June, July, and August, meetings are held at Oak Grove Park Nature Center.

Spring, Summer and Fall, (During Daylight Saving Time) Skilled fly casting instructors of The Delta Fly Fishers give FREE fly casting instruction at Oak Grove Park every Wed. at 6pm, (except the 2nd Wed of the month when we have a meeting), The club even furnishes the equipment. A hat and eyeglasses are required as is a release.

Oak Grove Park is located on Eight Mile Road just east of I-5. For more information call Jim Rich at 477-6404

Subscriptions

This bulletin is obtained by club membership. Dues: \$30.00/yr. \$20.00 Seniors (Age 62 or older) Add \$5.00 for first time registration
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Let's hope this team stays together. Big winner of the night was Charlie Reames, who walked away with a new Water Skeeter kick boat donated by! George Cecchetti at the Reel Fly Shop.

The New Year brings new opportunities for volunteers to get involved. Currently the DFF is in need of a Programs chair or Programs Committee. Although these are big shoes to fill, interested members should not hesitate to put their best foot forward.

Remember, the best time to plant a mighty oak tree is twenty years ago, the next best time is now... Steve

What a drag!

Last summer, down on Lake Isabella, located in the high desert, an hour east of Bakersfield, Cal. some folks, new to boating, were having a problem. No matter how hard they tried, they couldn't get their brand new 22 ft boat going. It was very sluggish in almost every maneuver, no matter how much power was applied. After about an hour of trying to make it go, they putted to a nearby marina, thinking someone there could tell them what was wrong. A thorough top side check revealed everything in perfect working condition. The engine ran fine, the out drive went up and down, and the propeller was the correct size and pitch. So, one of the marina guys jumped in the water to check underneath. He came up choking on water, he was laughing so hard. NOW REMEMBER... THIS IS TRUE. Under the boat, still strapped securely in place, was the trailer.

Editor's note

This will be my last issue. I have tried to provide an interesting and informative newsletter and hope that you have enjoyed my efforts.

Thank you all for the opportunity to serve the Delta Fly Fishers and your support and encouragement along the way

Now, on to more time for fishing!

Tom Lamb



You are invited to attend the induction of

Mr. Michael Fong

into the Northern California Council/ Federation of Fly Fishers Hall of Fame

Join local Northern California fly fishers and national celebrities at the Marin Rod and Gun Club, on February 28, 2004 starting at 5:00 p.m., for an evening of dinner and special ceremony as we celebrate Michael's contributions to the sport of fly fishing. Michael is the 25th recipient of this prestigious Hall of Fame honor.

"Michael Fong was a giant in the world of fly fishing. His tireless efforts did much to popularize and advance our sport. He has left a legacy that will benefit future generations of fly anglers, and for this the Federation of Fly Fishers will be forever grateful."

Jim Rainey, Federation of Fly Fishers Executive Director

For reservations to this special event, please visit our web site at www.nccfff.org - or - www.insideangler.com

Stop by and join us on your way home from The Fly Fishing Show. Head south on Hwy 101 take the Hwy 580 Exit towards Richmond. Get off at the last Marin Exit, go left under the freeway and left to the club. The entire event is only \$35/person. Your check to NCCFFF is your reservation. Mail To: Phil Greenlee, NCCFFF, 1911 Bechelli Lane, Redding, CA 96002-0132.
Information: John Ryzanych, john@iconproducts.net
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*****April 3: Saturday** Kelsey Ranch Lake for bass. Fishmeister: Al Smatsky 365-7079

*****April 24: Saturday**, A one fly contest at White Pines with the Calaveras Fly club.

*****May 1: Saturday**. The Lake Amador Float Tube Derby is limited to 100 tubers. Cash prizes for 1st ten places, first place, \$1000. The \$40 entry fee includes fishing and launch fees and lunch.

*****May 23: Sunday** Shad Outing. The river to be determined later depending on where the shad are running. Information: George Cecchetti 365-7335

*****June 5: Saturday** Catfish Derby Oak Grove Park. Chairman Bob Bradley 369-4048

*****June 9: Wednesday** Club Barbecue Oak Grove Park Chairman Glen Bockman 887-3970

*****June 12 & 13:** Manzanita Lake. Fishmeister Ron Petitt 931-2997

*****July 15, 16, 17, & 18:** Umpqua River Outing for small mouth bass. Fish Meister Steve Cooper 956-1032

*****July 31-Aug 1:** Truckee Outing. Fish Meister Dan McDaniels 951-7900 Guide Frank Pescota has been booked for Sat. July 31.

*****Sept. 11, 12:** Bridgeport. Fish Meister Don Gillett, 464-1240 Lunch Meister Ron Pettit 931-2997

*****Oct. 8-10:** Mammoth Lakes. Fish Meister Al Smatsky 365-7079

*****Oct. 13:** Wednesday Fall Potluck Steve Cooper 956-1032

*****Oct 30-31:** Trinity River Lewiston Lake. Fish Meister Al Smatsky 365-7079

*****November:** Fall Steelhead Clinic. Al & George

*****Nov. 13:** Trout Bout. Chairman Charlie Reames 369-6053

Conservation Notes - Bob Laubengayer And "Save The Bay"

Toxic Runoff from Central Valley Agribusiness to Continue Polluting Bay Waters

In the first major act of environmental policy by the Schwarzenegger administration, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) voted Jan. 22, to extend for another 5 years a waiver that exempts the agricultural industry from standard toxic discharge requirements that protect the region's waterways and the health of San Francisco Bay. The agricultural waiver is issued by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (CVRWQCB) and has been in effect for more than 20 years, resulting in widespread degradation of California's waterways and San Francisco Bay. It allows the agricultural industry to regularly discharge toxic pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers, which are washed every time it rains into more than 600 miles of Central Valley creeks, streams and rivers that lead into the Bay. Polluted runoff from Central Valley agribusiness is currently one of the largest sources of water pollution in the Bay

Governor Schwarzenegger Appoints Loris "Ryan" Brodrick Director of the Department of Fish & Game

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger announced today the appointment of Loris "Ryan" Brodrick to the position of Director of the Department of Fish and Game.

"Ryan's extensive background in conservation and resource management makes him an ideal candidate to lead the Department of Fish and Game," said Schwarzenegger. "During his long time service, Ryan has proven his ability to work with many diverse interests in the service of protecting California's wildlife resources."

Brodrick has worked in the Department of Fish and Game for over 20 years, beginning in 1981 as a game warden and holding a variety of positions before being appointed Chief Deputy Director in 1997. He left the department in 2001 to join the Western Regional Office of Ducks Unlimited.

February Outing

The Saturday Feb. 21 Outing (the day after a new moon) will be to Shadow Cliffs Lake in Pleasanton. Shadow Cliffs Lake is in a former rock quarry that was converted into a 143-acre lake set aside for fishing and boating (electric motors only) with a launch area, picnic area, and snack bar. The lake is heavily planted (\$6 fishing fee) with trout to five pounds. Attention ladies: according to my wife this is a prime shopping area, she especially likes the mall in Dublin. Directions: From Interstate 580 in Pleasanton take Santa Rita Road south. Drive two miles, turn left on Valley Avenue, and drive to Stanley Boulevard. Turn left and drive to the park entrance. I will do a lunch if there is enough interest in this outing so please let me know if you plan to attend. Shopping Information Sandy Lee; fishing information Grady Lee 951-3623

HENDERSON SPRINGS FABULOUS FLY FISHING

March 7 - 10 are the dates that I have reserved the lodge for Delta Fly Fishers and guests. Henderson's 4 lakes, pond and meandering stream, all loaded with huge fish are waiting for us! There are three places left for this incredible trip. Fishing, lodging, gourmet meals and tip are just \$252 a day. The entire trip is about \$752. Henderson Springs is located about 1 hour east of Redding on Hwy. 299 and backs up to the Pitt River. This is one of the premier pay-to-play locations close to home, so take advantage of this opportunity. If we get the three remaining slots booked, we will have the exquisite lodge and 400 acre ranch to ourselves. Call me if you would like further information. Ron Petitt - 209-931-2997. Last date to confirm is February 7th. See you there!



CJ Reports In

I'm dong great. Its a very mild winter. I'm already eyeballing the streams in the area, which are rising about an inch. There have been guys fishing the Rosachi, but I don't have the time, and it's awfully coooooold out there right now. I'll wait another 6 weeks, as February is always our BIG snow month...stay well...cj

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