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Club BBQ this Wednesday

The club's annual potluck BBQ is just around the corner. Members should arrive around 6:00 PM, with dinner being served at 6:30. Be sure to mark the date (June 8) on your calendar, and please don't forget your plates and utensils! The chefs will be grilling NY steaks for club members, and, as in the past, you are asked to share something with the group. The Board has selected the following categories for the potluck:

A to C----bread and butter

D to G----cold drinks (sodas or water)

H to K----hot or cold veggies

L to N----salad your choice of (green, macaroni, potato, etc.)

O to R----desserts

S to Z-----side dishes

Calendar

June 8—40th Anniversary Club Barbecue, Oak Grove Park

June 22 to 26, Lake Almanor Outing

June outing is to Lake Almanor, 22 through 26

Jerry Neuburger and Cliff Hoover would like to invite members to consider attending the club's first ever outing to Lake Almanor on June 22-26. Here are some of the details if you would like to camp or stay during the outing. For more information, contact Jerry at gneuburger@yahoo.com.

Camping information for camping at Lake Almanor Outing on June 22 through June 26.

Those planning to attend the Lake Almanor Outing, Wednesday, June 22nd through Sunday, June 26th have a choice of two campgrounds and numerous RV parks as well as special rates at a full resort, Quail Lodge.

Reservations can be made at either campsite or at the lodge. Co-fishmeister Jerry Neuburger has reservations at Almanor Campground, space 17, arriving Wednesday, June 22nd, (but may select a more favorable site if some are open upon arrival). Co-fishmeister Cliff Hoover is staying at

Quail Lodge, arriving Thursday, June 23rd. Club members can arrive and depart any time within the dates listed. If enough members are present Saturday night, a club potluck and barbecue will take place at Jerry's campsite---BYOB (bring your own bottle), BYOM (bring your own meat) and another dish. **IN ORDER TO SECURE A SITE, RESERVATIONS ARE ENCOURAGED.**

The two campgrounds are:

Almanor Campground, A USFS campground, reservations available, rates \$18 per night, special rates for Senior and Interagency Passes <http://www.recreation.gov/camping/almanor/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=NRSO&parkId=70528>

Facilities:

The campground offers numerous single-family campsites, as well as a group site. Campsites are available for tent and RV camping, however, no

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No Fly of the Month for June, July and August. The program starts again in September.

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hookups are provided. Many sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Each site is equipped with a table and campfire ring with grill. Accessible vault toilets and drinking water are provided. Limited parking is available at the campground. An amphitheater is located on-site.

Nearby Attractions:

The campground is located 12 miles outside of the town of Chester, California.

Activities and Amenities

Within Facility

- Accessible Vault Toilets
- Boating
- Campfire Rings
- Drinking Water
- Fishing
- * Grills
- Boat Ramp

Rocky Point Campground, a PG&E campground, reservations available, rates \$27 per night.

Rocky Point Campground has 131 first-come-first-served sites, each with a picnic table and fire ring and some that are handicap accessible. No hookups are available but there is a sewage dump station in the campground. There are also 2 group

sites available for reservation. Reserve online or call PG&E, at 916-386-5164, for details and fees. <http://recreation.pge.com/>

Quail Lodge, \$75 per night (a ten dollar discount) for a full resort style room, see website www.Quaillodgelakealmanor.com for details. Mention Delta Fly Fishers when calling. Discount arranged thanks to new member, Cliff Hoover.

Additional RV Campgrounds including details may be found at:

<http://plumascounty.org/PlacesToCampByArea.asp?A=97D817B4-CBF5-4A38-B086-9568714787B7&P=LA&G=97D817B4-CBF5-4A38-B086-9568714787B7>

If you're a fly tyer, get started on tying those Hex flies!!! If you receive this e-mail as rich text or html, the links should be clickable including the fly patterns.

Areas to fish: Check with local fly shops for current conditions and areas to fish. Two stores in Chester are listed below. Here are some general recommendations from Steve Shalla's website, Fly Fishing the Sierra. (I recommend going to the website if possible and reading his full list of areas to fish including a map of the lake. The information on Lake Al-

manor specifically can be found at <http://stevenojai.tripod.com/almanor.htm>)

Fly fishing is generally concentrated in the western, more shallow portion of the lake and is centered from the USFS campground, west to Canyon Dam. The evening hex hatch generally occurs in this area and in Geritol Cove, just east of the dam. A green drake hatch can take place in the late afternoon in the area of Hamilton Branch Creek at the north end of the western portion of the lake.

Suggested Flies for Lake Almanor:

Hex Flies

Burk's Hexgenia Nymph #4-6

Schmidt's Hex Nymph #4-6

Milt's Hex Nymph #4-6

Milt's Hex Para-dun

Hexagenia Quigley Cripple

Hexagenia Spinner

Watters Foam Hex

Gray's Hex Nymph, 6-8

Gray's Stillborn Hex Nymph, 6-8

Mercer's Rag Hex Nymph, 6-10

Nymphs

Denny's Stillwater Nymph

Carey Special

Bird's Nest

Prince Nymph

Lightning Bug

Streamers:

Woolly Bugger, Olive or Brown, #4-10

Krystal Buggers #4-10

From the prez...

One Fly Contest, Catfish Derby, BBQ, May and June outings

After some really good outings in April, the club had Bob Fujimura and Mike Nicolson, lead us in outings in May. Bob, as he and his wife Jean have done for several years now, led our contingent of DFF One Fly fly fishing competitors on to White Pines Lake outside the mountain community of Arnold. The One Fly Contest was invented by our western neighbors

the Calaveras Fly Fishers. They have graciously invited us back every year in spite of our usual first place finishes. This year they broke the streak and took first place themselves. Well deserved by what sounds like a classy club. Every year, everyone who attends is guaranteed to eat well and have a good time. Thank you Bob, Jean and CFF, and Grady for

hanging in the bull pen just in case you were needed! I don't think it is a coincidence, that the word bull and the name Grady are often seen in the same sentence. Just an observation Grady, sorry ... thanks for being ready to help when called upon.

In addition, Mike led some DFF

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members, on to the Beardsley Reservoir Afterbay. We had two of the famous Bridgeport three amigos, Larry S. and Earl Summers, representing the club. The weather forecast scared a few people off but not DFF members, Mark D., Bill H., and Amy T. Even injured Dena Mason, DFF education Board Member drove up to see what was up? All caught fish, in a fishery that has finally seen itself get flushed and churned up. When water is high enough to run in the spillway, it is truly a good sign. Our crew got on the water with a starting temp hanging on 32 degrees and as they left in the afternoon, they were hailed on. Their reward was Rainbows and Browns in the 16 to 18 inch bracket. Oh yeah, baby! Good job, Mike, ...on an outing that is quickly becoming a traditional event for DFF. That night, we got 13 inches of new snow in the Sierra's. Halleluya! Can I get an Amen!

Contrary to popular whispers, the Presidente, me, myself, gets his fly line wet on occasion, which I did from Thursday to Thursday, last week. I had one friend join me on Hat Creek/Lassen area till Monday and then Mike N. join me the rest of the week. Took my trailer up, without my bride's supervision, a risky proposition for her, and stayed at the Hat Creek Hereford RV Resort. I recommend this place, a senior rate of \$30 a night made for a really nice stay. Pull throughs are available, while being shady and 1/4 mile off Hwy 89 off Doty Rd loop.

Fishing report:

2 visits to my secret spot produce fish both times mostly browns, in the 12 to 14 inch range. Dry fly

fishing on a Spring fed Creek, if I am lying I'm dying, and I could tell you where I was but then I would be forced to become a serial killer and Stockton really doesn't need more publicity of this kind.

2 visits to Baum Lake, which produced nice fish mostly rainbows, the largest was 18 inches, caught by Mike N. as soon as he arrived.

2 visits to the Pit River both produced fish, and with one excursion below Dam #3 at Lake Britton, also produced two broken wading staffs, a lost net, and given that it should have had, at minimum a small path or even game trail but doesn't, I will not return to that section of the Pit. It is a nasty place. It is like walking into a biker bar, and immediately, you realize this was a bad idea. This place oozes disaster. When we approach two guys the previous day, and they were much younger, easily in better shape than ourselves, and they said they both taken dips and looked exhausted. Sometimes a person just doesn't see the obvious when it's staring them in the face. But the fishing was good, you just have to equate your life and limb value to catching nice fish. If you pass on the Dam #3 and I highly recommend doing that, drive to 4 corners taking the road to Dam 4 and 5, you can find much easier access to the Pit. Still somewhat difficult but not in the same league as Dam #3.

A quick stop at the Fall River TU access point with little success.

2 stops at PH #2 and the famous Ripples also produce some very small and several nice bows. And one evening fish, mostly in the burnt areas hopping from one turn

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out to another along Hat Creek and Hwy 89. Not a lot of down time with these two friends of mine. Left alone at camp for a couple hours, I was able to take a glorious 1.5 hour mountain nap. When you got a shady place and a nice cool breeze, it is on my top ten list of all-time favorite things in life.

I am real high on this area because so much is available, we didn't get to Manzanita Lk or MacCumber Lk. Mt Lassen Park is semi closed, no camping as of last

week, Mt Lassen itself, is still very buried in snow. The road stops 10 miles in the park. Manzanita is open to fishing and de-iced.

Aside from great company, some worth while fishing, really nice place to stay, Mike and I were rewarded with an aerial spectacle, on our last night on the water by a "I got my dinner" osprey and "I want what you got" bald eagle. The big guy stayed on the little guy until he dropped his catch, then swooped up his stolen dinner, returning to his treetop, with a red hot osprey trying to pick his tail

feathers. All this entertainment, while the sun set on perfectly still Baum Lake, and against a rose colored afterglow sky! Life is pretty damn good. Some pics, below, my spot, a nice bow from PH2 and the Pit River.

June is next, we got a Club BBQ (June 8th at the Oak GP), Father's Day. Cat fish Derby at Oak GP (June 4th need help), Lake Almanor with Jerry and Cliff following the BBQ. See you hopefully on the water.

2016 One Fly Contest Results – Poor Catches and Wet Weather

Wet weather and disappointing catches were encountered at the 2016 One Fly Contest held again at White Pines Lake near the community of Arnold on May 7th. Despite forecasts for heavy rains during the competition, thirteen dedicated Delta Fly Fishers members participated in this annual event. Although earlier reports of recent CDFW plants were confirmed, this year's average trout catches were markedly low and the size of most fish seemed to be on the small size that day. The participants did experience cooler temperatures than usual and at one point heavy rainfall for a short period of time. Again, DFF did not win the prizes for most trout caught and largest fish this year but our senior member Jerry Neuburger was a close second place on the most trout caught that day. Jerry fished a custom olive subsurface fly from his one-man pram near the dam. Many thanks were deserved for the Stockton club's participants that days for helping with the Calaveras Fly Fishers fund raiser and for bring their pop-ups for the great lunch provided at the end of the contest. Our club members who participated this year were: Grady Lee (also a member of the CFF), Jerry Neuburger (thanks for leading the rest of us and for help

one of our newest members), Walter Kotecki, Harvey Harlow, Larry Schmidt, Earl Summers, Gary Tecklenburg, John Walsh, William Hogan (thank you for bring your pop-up),

Cliff Hoover (congratulations on your first stillwater trout), Amy Terra (great effort and attitude as always), Jean and Bob Fujimura.



Photo by Amy Terra

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The water wars continue and the Delta is the center of the storm

I am not against golf, since I suspect it keep millions of the unworthy from discovering trout.

Paul O'Neil

A note of appreciation

This month's newsletter will be last newsletter organized and edited by Jerry Neuburger for the Delta Fly Fishers. As editor of our newsletter, Jerry has made my life much easier in getting the monthly conservation articles out. There have been situations when I needed extra time for developing conservation issue's, personal time conflict's, or illness. Jerry has always been gracious in granting me that time. I also appreciated his headers and some of the additional photo's he added. They made our newsletter more interesting. Over the years I have been asked to send our newsletter to different groups and organizations and invariably get a reply complimenting us on the letter's quality. THANK YOU for all your hard work, Jerry!

A Death Sentence for Sport Fishing in the Delta

For the last several months I have discussed the sneaky, private, closed door meetings with Sen. Diane Feinstein (D-Ca.) and members of the House of Representatives from the South San Joaquin Valley representing corporate agriculture. They have come up with bill, S 2533, that is making it's way through senate committees and is referred to as, "The California Long-Term Provisions for Water Supply and Short-tern Provisions for Emergency Drought Relief Act". Among other things, it will send Delta water south to corporate farms, destroy all environmental protection

for the Delta, and destroy all fisheries and sport fishing in the Delta.

The Allied Fishing Groups (AFG) Conservation Director, John Beuttler, has urged Sen. Feinstein to urgently amend her bill so that funding and programs to remove and eradicate all striped bass, large and smallmouth bass, pan fish, and catfish from the Delta are removed. Beuttler correctly stated the bill will be a death sentence for all sport fishing in the Delta and speed the destruction of all the fisheries in the Delta including all salmon in the Bay-Delta estuary. Beuttler also pointed out that according to the California Dept. of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), it was estimated that the Bay-Delta fisheries generated \$500 million to the state's economy in 2013. David Ostrich, PhD., a fisheries scientist who works with AFG and has over 30 years of experience in the Delta stated, "These fish have been targeted for destruction due to their alleged predation on salmon. However, the peer reviewed science on predation in the estuary clearly demonstrates that predation does not have an impact on salmon abundance. This stands in sharp contrast to the bogus science that has not been peer reviewed but is often cited by water districts and Central Valley agriculture spokesman. Stripped bass and salmon coexisted in the estuary for more than 100 years. Both populations have collapsed since the 1960's when the State and Federal water projects began pumping from the Delta adversely altering the estuarine ecosystem. The stripped bass fisheries collapsed from an estimated 4,000,000 to less that 300,000 fish while several runs of salmon have been put on the Endangered Species list". Ostrich also pointed out that loss of income for the State and local business has been \$42 million per year since 1963. To date that is a loss of

\$2.5 billion.

Beuttler pointed out that our fisheries are owned by the public and fall under the Doctrine of Public Trust. However, none of our state or federal agencies are protecting the fisheries as they are required to by law. He also pointed out that the Calif. Dept. of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has refused to manage the striped bass fisheries due to political pressure from corporate agriculture and water districts. The CDFW has found political benefit in supporting the destruction of the striped bass fishery. He said that all attempts to contact Sen. Feinstein has, "fallen on deaf ears". The Allied Fishing Groups represents two million recreational anglers and over 40 sport fishing groups.

And the Beat Goes on...

Last month Rep. John Garamendi (D-Walnut Grove) authored a water bill (HR 5247) in the House of Representatives and asked Restore the Delta (RTD) to support his legislation. After reading the bill, RTD found the bill to be a mirror-image of Sen. Feinstein's S 2533 bill. Garamendi lives in Walnut Creek and represents the North Delta in Congress. In the past, Garamendi has supported pro-Delta issues. At this point no one seems to understand why he has turned his back on the Delta, his constituents, and supports South San Joaquin Valley corporate agriculture and southern water contractors. The existing laws protecting the Delta fisheries have been upheld in the courts and found to be "scientifically justified" by the National Academies of Science (NAS). The NAS opinions are considered to be the most valid

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and accurate scientific opinions in America, yet Garamendi has turned his back to existing court decisions, the Delta, his constituents, and the best scientific knowledge available. Former State Sen. Michael Machado commented; "I understand where John wants to be in the game, but unfortunately, what he is doing I think is compromising the preservation of the Delta and the economy of his district at the expense of his constituents". RTD's staff has been in contact with Garamendi to ask him to modify his bill. He has refused. Neither he nor his staff will respond to RTD's calls. He has turned his back on us, and those who have supported him in the past are outraged by his action. In doing research about Garamendi, I found that in the 114th Congress, there are 434 voting members and 1 vacant seat. Unfortunately, John Garamendi has been found to be among the 25 least productive members of the House of Representatives (HR). He is not productive in Congress and when he finally proposes a bill, it's to the detriment of his district's economy and will destroy the Delta. He is facing outrage from those who support the Delta. It will be interesting to see how his action affects his career.

Sacramento Superior Court Ruling on the Delta Stewardship Council's Delta Plan

In 2009, the California legislature passed the Delta Reform Act. Under this act, the state formed the Delta Stewardship Council (DSC) which was charged with two co-equal goals: 1) Protect, restore, and enhance the Delta's ecosystem and 2) provide more reliable water for California. It was of no surprise that anyone from or adjacent to the Delta with interest in the Delta's economy, environment, or restoration were totally excluded from membership on the council. The real purpose of the council was to expedite Gov. Brown's twin tunnels project. The Stewardship Councils finally issued its' results as the Delta Plan. RTD, and other plaintiff's with environmental and economic concerns for the Delta, promptly filed suit against the DSC and its' Delta Plan.

In May, Superior Court Judge Kenny, ruled against the DSC saying that the "Delta Plan failed to include quantified or otherwise measurable targets associated with achieving reduced Delta reliance, reduced environmental harm from invasive species, restoring more natural flows, and

increasing water supply reliability in accordance with the Delta Reform Act. While the DSC talks vaguely about quantifiable performance measures, the design specifically says a measurable target would therefore be a measurable goal that can be "identified". He went on to discuss reduced reliance on the Delta's water and increased water supply reliability and that California needs a through statewide water policy and not just a method to transfer our water. He commented that, "water reliability is not simply a matter of conveyance in the Delta; it is improving the water supplying local areas in order to reduce the need for water from the Delta." Judge Kenny found the first part the DSC's plan so badly flawed that it was unnecessary for him to even address the many flaws in the environmental section of the Delta Plan. The Delta Stewardship Council suffered a major set back in this loss. As Bill Jennings of California Sportfishing Protection Alliance put it, "Judge Kenny put a bullet in the heart of the Delta Plan". Now the DSC will have to totally rethink and rewrite a Delta Plan. This lawsuit is a major victory for the Delta.

Ron Forbes
Conservation Chair

After 30 years, it's time to move on and let someone else have the fun

By Jerry Neuburger

It's been a great 30 years as a member of the Delta Fly Fishers. During that time I truly enjoyed all of the many outings I went on, the fly tying classes put on by Don Gillet, the many programs and the constant expanding of my fly fishing knowledge.

I served a number of positions for the club including program director, outing director (the Bridgeport outing was one that I started), vice president, president, two stints as editor, a total of 11 years, club webmaster, representative to the Northern California Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers, program chair for

that organization, and president of that organization in 1992.

I've been the humble recipient of the Fly Fisher of the Year twice and have also suffered the ignominious (but hugely humorous) honor of accepting the Incomplete Angler award twice, both times for falling in, in full view of a large group of fly fishers.

My memories are filled with thoughts of outings past and members that have passed away. Even now, when I fish those locations, I see their ghosts and their haunting brings me feelings of warmth and friendship. While I mourn their passing, I would not have missed a moment of their company.

I've also had the joy and pleasure of introducing new people to fly fishing and watching them progress, just as my long time friend, Al Smatsky, mentored me when I was just starting.

After all of the above, I can truly say that for me, fly fishing has been a lot more than just wading a stream or fishing a lake with a fly rod. It has been an all encompassing adventure of many, many facets, club activities, outings, friends old and new and giving back to the sport that's now as much a part of me as my right arm.

The Delta Fly Fishers have been good to me. I wouldn't be the fly fisher or person I am without it.

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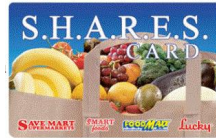
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