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Calendar

January 13, General Membership Meeting

January 20, DFF Board Meeting

January 23, Installation Dinner

January 27, Fly of the Month

January 30, Yuba Outing

- February 10, General Membership
- February 17, DFF Board Meeting

February 24, Fly of the Month

The president says welcome to 2016!

By Gil Parker

One more Christmas has passed and the 2016 New Year promises a wet winter to start. We can only hope. I'm excited about the on coming year for several reasons, our Board of Directors are writing some new goals and 2016 Events and our Outing Schedule is filled with new waters and new approaches. Our club is healthy, we should generate an interesting fly fishing year. We begin this year as we do every year with the New Year's Mokelume River outing on the first day of the new year. The event is held on the Moke' at Van Assen Park below the Camanche Dam. This day usually has more talkers than actual waders or fishers but the turn out of the club membership is

always strong! The morning starts with club provided donuts and coffee and ends with hot dogs, chili and drinks for lunch. Our hosts are members who I've dubbed the three amigos, "Earl Summers, Jim Rich and Larry Schmidt. " They can help any new fly fisher from the club get started.

If you haven't bought your tickets for the DFF Installation Dinner, January 23 rd, please do so. They must be bought in advance since no tickets will be sold at the door on the night of the event.

The DFF Officers and Board of Directors wish you the very best of holidays and hope to see you on the water.

You want to catch big trout? Come to January's program on Pyramid Lake

Doug Ouellette owner of "Calvada Fly Fishing" and "Pyramid Lake Guide Service" has over 48 years of fly fishing experience .He has fished throughout the United States, Canada, and New Zealand. He has presented fly fishing shows and classes for over 30years. Some of his shows are:

"Pyramid Lake - Land of the Gi-

ants"TM

"Truckee River Trophy Trout"TM

"Trophy Trout of Nevada"

Doug has designed several outstanding fly patterns and is a contract fly tier for UMPQUA FLIES with four cataloged fly patterns. He is a recipient of the prestigious "Cal Bird Fly Tying Cup". John Barr author of "Barr Flies" and creator of the Copper John says of Doug, "

Doug Ouellette of Calvada

Fly Fishing is one of the best stillwater fly fisherman in the country".

On January13th Doug will be pre-



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senting his show "Pyramid Lake-Land of the Giants"TM This show is a comprehensive in-depth look at Pyramid Lake, Nevada, home of the "World's Largest Cutthroat Trout". The presentation will cover the history of the land, the people, and the fishery, including the reintroduction of the original Giant Lahontan Cutthroat Trout.

The show will also cover several angling techniques along with weather conditions, fly selection, and leader set ups.



The Installation Dinner January 23rd, at new location. We need YOU!!!

By Bruce Rollans

By now, you should have received your form for reservations for the annual dinner. It is at a whole new locations with a new caterer. It promises to be one of the best yet, both in food served and the number of raffle prizes offered. AGAIN, WE NEED YOUR PRESENCE TO MAKE IT A SUCCESS

Please follow directions on the announcement and get your meal orders in early so you can enjoy the upcoming Christmas and New Year holidays.

NOTE: Many members, including the officers and directors of DFF were extremely disappointed in the dinner provided us last year. It was not what was promised. Unfortunately, what was, was and we just have to move on.

We have done so, with a new venue and a professionally catered dinner. Your presence is extremely important at the dinner since it is the club's major fund raiser for the year. If the event is not well attended, we will have to dig into our cash reserves to provide a quality series of events and activities for 2016.

Our raffle chair, John Highsmith, is planning a super raffle and silent auction with thousands of dollars of fly fishing equipment on the tables, ready for bidding. In addition, to the dinner, raffle and auction, our president thank the retiring officers for their service and install the new officers and directors. And of course, the highlight of the evening will be the presentation of the Fly Fisher of the Year Award, the President's Award for Club Service and the Incomplete Angler Award.

Again, we NEED YOU to attend. Mark your calendar for the date, January 23 and purchase your tickets when the announcement arrives.

Let's make 2016 a great year for the Delta Fly Fishers!

January 30 is the Lower Yuba River Outing Date

By Steve Von Berg and Bob Fujimura

UC Davis has drawn Saturday January 30, 2016 as our date to fish their UC Davis Ranch section of the Lower Yuba River. Fishmeister Bob Fujimura has already made arrangements on UCD's requirements for this outing and has started a sign up list for this annual club outing. Please take time to read this announcement as there will be a \$10 event fee and only 18 spaces are reserved for club members.

For members who are not familiar

with this outing, this is a beautiful portion of the river that is closed to the general public. We have been fortunate to secure dates the past few years that have allowed our club to fish the Ranch.

Due to the requirements of our

Yuba River

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host UCD this event is limited to 18 participants and our club must pay for a use fee to the University. The first 18 members who sign up and pay the \$10 event fee will be registered to attend. Additional interested members will be put on a waiting list.

We will have a sign up list at the upcoming December 9th general meeting. Those members who cannot attend the November general meeting can sign up by contacting outing host, Bob Fujimura. He can be contacted by email at deltaflyfishers@gmail.com or in the evenings by calling him at (209) 339-0683.

The resident rainbows and the few steelhead are a challenge to catch but can also provide an angler with a fantastic fight and lasting memories. Members who have attended the previous outings always look forward to fishing the Ranch section again! More information to come in December for those who have signed up or check out our Facebook Event page for updates. Lunch will be provided as always.

Additional info on the Yuba Outing

By Bob Fujimura

For those members who are interested this event and have not completed their registration steps, I would not wait much longer to sign up and pay the \$10 event fee. Eleven of the 18 available spaces have been filled already and with the drought conditions these waters are one of the best locations for local tail-water fishing.

If you have attended before, the essential information of this year's trip is the same. For those members who haven't attend before, we will meet at the entrance gate at 7861 Scott Forbes Rd, Browns Valley, CA at 7:00 am sharp on January 30th. This property is owned by the UCD Foothill Research Center. The directions are straightforward and there will be signs to point you to entrance of the property. I will be sending detailed directions, a map, and suggested gear to those would are signed up.

Each angler will need to be preregistered with the UCD office, have a valid CA fishing license with a steelhead report card (filled out for that day) and a 2016 DFF liability waver form on file with Karen Keagy. Our big hot lunch will be provided between 12:30 - 1:30 pm probably bacon cheeseburgers or grilled chicken sandwiches and all of the side dressings.

If you are new to fly fishing or coming to the Lower Yuba River for their first time, please contact me if you wish to be paired with a more experienced fisher or receive some on the water instructions.



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Membership Report

By Bob Fujimura

Holiday greetings to all DFF members and their families. We are entering into the New Year with a great start concerning our club membership compared to previous years. With some recent new members and late renewals of current members we have 96 memberships which are slightly higher than last year. I also wanted to especially thank those members who referred or help recruit some of our newest members. Our newest members are Cliff and Linda Hoover and Amy Terra, all from Lodi. Let's give a warm welcome to the Hoovers and Amy at the next club event.

For those members who are receiving their newsletter electronically via their email addresses, you should have already received your latest members' phone directory as an email attachment. If you did not receive this document or having difficulties downloading or viewing this document, please contact me at (209) 339-0683 in the evening. If you are one of the few members who are receiving their newsletters in hardcopy form, please call me about making arrangements to receive your hardcopy directory. Due to relatively higher costs of printing and mailing printed documents we are only sending out these special publications on

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request.

The New Year is also the time for signing your 2016 club liability waiver form that should be published in this issue. If not, please contact Karen Keagy for getting a copy of this form and how to submit it to her.



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Eight DFFers and friends attend first DFF Night Out to the Stockton Heat, and best of all, the Heat WIN 3-1!

By Jerry Neuburger

No, it's not fly fishing but it does take place on a pond, abet a frozen one. With the upgrade of Stockton's hockey team to AAA status, as a feeder team to the Calgary Flames, the idea came about to have a club night out to one of their inaugural season games.

Let's face it, January 3 is not the most promising time to go fishing unless you're a diehard steelhead angler. And the matinee prices for some excellent seating including two hot dogs, two drinks, a promo hat and tickets for two at center ice for \$33 made a very attractive



package.

While the heat's first season has been off to a slow start, they were on a two game winning streak going into Sunday's game. In addition, they were scheduled to play their arch rivals, the Bakersfield Condors, the AAA team for the Edmonton Oilers. The Heat had lost its last game to the Condors, 3-5 on December 26 and wanted revenge.

It turned out to be a close game with the Heat scoring first and the Condors coming back quickly to tie. The game looked to be going into overtime but the heat scored a goal late in the third period and followed up with an open net

goal. Final score, 3-1.

While club attendance was not overwhelming, everyone had a great time. Maybe we can try for another DFF Night Out when the Stockton Ports baseball starts in the spring.

January's Fly of the Month: The Rubber Legs

Mike Nicholson has volunteered to take over the Fly of the Month responsibilities. This month's fly will be the, "Rubber Legs," a fly that's proven deadly when dead drifted for steelhead above an egg or nymph pattern. It also fishes well as a stone fly, dead drifted through pocket water on California's freestone creeks and rivers.

The class will be held at the Oak Park Nature Center, Wednesday, January 27, start time, 6pm. A \$3 fee is charged for supplies.



A brief report on the New Year's Day outing on the Mokelumne

By Bob Fujimura

Here some photos from yesterday's Lower Mokelumne River outing. Many regular and a few new members braved the cold temperatures to meet their fellow members and friends. The few members who fished said that fishing was tough with the cold temps and turbid water. Mike N. and few others did well compared to the others. Kudos and thanks to host Earl S., Larry S., and Jim R. for hosting this annual events and keeping us warm and well fed.



Don't get caught with your waders down! Buy your 2016 fishing license today!!



It's that time again...time to sign the club liability waiver

If you haven't already please sign and send to Karen Keagy your 2016 liability waiver form. This annual request is required for maintaining our liability insurance for our club activities. You either give your signed form to Karen at the next club meeting or annual dinner or mail it to: Karen Keagy, 731 Peach St., Lodi, CA, 95242"

Conservation: 2016, another year of the "Water Wars" lie in front of us. And yes, we need to step up.

Fly fishing is not an escape from life, but often a greater immersion into it.

--- Harry Middleton

Last year was a year of devastation for our fisheries. Four years of catastrophic drought and the mismanagement of our water by the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR), the Department of Water Resources (DWR), and the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) have pushed much of our state's salmon population near extinction. I hope that with a potentially wet El Nino in 2016, nature may give us a hand with the drought. Unfortunately, the SWRCB, the BOR and the DWR will not. Last April, Westlands Water District (WWD) trucked three busloads of farm laborers to the April meeting of the SWRCB. This group, with the help of translators, begged the SWRCB for water for "health, and human safety." Denying requests from environmental groups to identify how that water was to be used, the SWRCB granted over 250.000 acre feet of water for Westlands's farm workers. Despite repeated requests, neither WWD nor its farm workers have responded to questions as to who received the water for health and human safety. However, Paramount Farms planted over new 2,000 acres of new almond orchards and this year, plans to plant 4,000 acres more. All of this was occurring while the BOR and DWR claimed there was not enough water to release into the Lower Sacramento River to maintain legally required temperature standards for the salmon. As a result, we lost 95% of last year's salmon run.

This year will be pivotal in our fight to stop Gov. Brown's Twin Tunnels Water Fix and save the Delta. Just before Christmas, I got a call from Barbara Barrigan-Parrilla of Restore the Delta (RTD) asking Delta Fly Fishers to attend a meeting with over 40 different organizations opposing the Twin Tunnels. This group included cities and counties, business groups, fishing groups, elected officials, recreational users of the Delta, and farmers. Barrigan-Parrilla outlined the three issues we need focus on this year:

One) The SWRC will attempt to push through federal permitting in spite of the fact they have not completed any of the required environmental studies nor met the legal standards issues that are required. RTD and other groups will be working to ensure that the required standards and environmental issues are enforced. This will require media attention and litigation.

Two) HR2898. This bill will proceed to the next session of the congress. At this point, members of the Republican Party are working with Sen. Feinstein behind closed doors to rewrite sections of HR2898. As written, the bill will wipe out our fisheries and doom the Delta. We need to watch HR2898 closely.

Three) State Water Resources Control Board. This is the area where we need the most help from community leaders and their groups. In the past I have attended the SWRCB meetings where our fisheries have been concerned. I want to thank our members, Jerry Neuburger and Norm Walker, who have stepped forward to help make presentations to the SWRCB and represent the Delta Fly Fishers at SWRCB board meetings.

There are two major permitting issues the SWRCB is trying to push through this year. One is the point of diversion (intake) for the tunnels. To do this they must prove there will be no harm to the Delta or users of the Delta. This promises to be a major battle. The second major issue the RTD will fight is the SWRCBs non-

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DELTA FLY FISHERS

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IN WITNESS WHE	EREOF, I have hereunto set my hand	on thisday for the mon	th ofof 2016.
Read Carefully Befor	e Signing		

Participant

Parent must sign if under 18 years

Print name

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compliance with California's Water Quality Plan (WQP). The board will try to continue to lower water standards for the Delta. This will continue to hurt our fisheries and hurt drinking water standards throughout the Delta. The SWRCB is required by law to update the Water Quality every three years. They have not updated the plan as required in the last 24 plus years! This year they will continue to try to lower the Delta's water

quality once again. Again, I want to thank both Jerry and Norm for stepping forward to help. I have worked with Jerry and have known Norm for many years. They will be a great asset in representing our club before the water board.

Barbara spoke to

me privately of her concerns of not receiving help from recreational fishing clubs in the Delta in protecting the fisheries. Delta Fly fishers is the only club that has stepped forward to assist RTD. The Northern California Council of International Federation of Fly Fishers, Trout Unlimited, and Cal Trout talk a lot about environmental concerns of our fish but have done nothing to prevent the greatest potential disaster ever to face the state's fisheries. Barbara has asked me to involve local fly

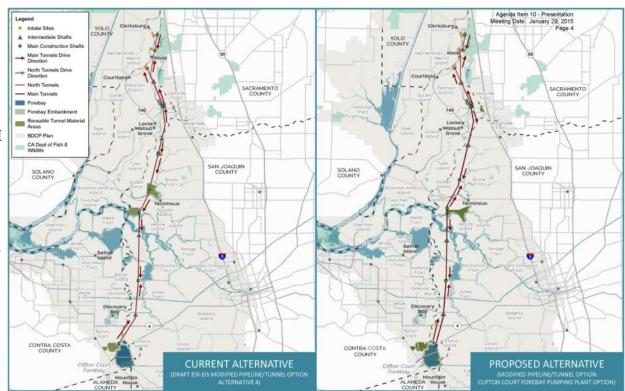
California Sportfishing Protective Alliance (CSPA)

The only major fishing group fighting to protect the State of California's fisheries is the CSPA. I first met Bill Jennings, CSPA's Executive Officer, the night RTD formed in 2007. Since I have known Bill and worked with him and his board, I have been astounded at what they have been able to accomplice with little support. The U.S. Department of Juskey decisions made about the future of the Delta and California's salmon, striped bass, and other key fisheries. These decisions on the future of the Delta will irrevocably and forever impact the fisheries from the Sierra's crest to the Golden Gate. Make no mistake, if the Governor and Southern California water agencies schemes to divest water via tunnels under the Delta are successful, the fate the estuary, its tributary rivers and

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fishing and striper clubs to step up to the plate. I have contacted the conservation chairs of California Fly Fishers United (CFFU), Keith Pfeiffer, and conservation chair of Davis Fly Fishers, Lowell Ashbaugh to help, and their response has been positive. This month I plan to contact other clubs to get the ball rolling. Anyone interested in helping with this project, please call me at 209 368 5767. Thanks. tice has recognized them as "the most prolific and effective citizens organization enforcing the Clean Water Act in the nation." Without their actions giving both technical and legal comments to agencies on their policies and their litigation against actions, our fish would be in worse condition than they are.

In CSPA's website, Bill makes the point that 2016 is going to be a "pivotal year that will see some



If you love the Delta, you owe it to that magnificent body of water to attend this fun event. Especially since we're the DELTA FLY FISHERS!

ARDI CRAS BENEFIC Help us Stop the Tunnels TUESDAY, FEB. 9, 2016 WATERLOO GIN & BOCCE 4343 N. Ashley Ln, Stockton

No Host Cocktails 5:30 PM

Dinner 6:30 PM \$45 PER PERSON (RSVP REQUIRED)

RSVP to Rogene Reynolds 209.992.8090 or Reynolds6568@Gmail.com Reservations due by January 22nd. No tickets will be sold at the door.

HOST SPONSORSHIP LEVELS + \$500 + \$1,000 + \$1,500 Make Checks to Restore the Delta, 42 N. Sutter St, Stockton, CÅ 95202. Or Reserve Spots Online at www.RestoretheDelta.org.

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For additional information please phone or email <u>Jerry Neuburger</u>, Editor 209-369-5752

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abundant fisheries are likely sealed". CSPA's workload will be overwhelming in 2016.

Check out the CSPA's website and look at the new California Fisheries blog. The blog makes fisheries issues easier to understand. An-

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other point CSPA makes is how effective they have been fighting the polluters and protecting our rivers, stream, and lakes. Over the last few years they have brought legal action against over 100 polluters and collected \$5.9 million. CSPA cannot, by law, benefit directly or indirectly from their actions. The money was distributed



to over 95 environmental groups who used the funds to protect our fisheries and water quality in both Northern and Central California. CSPA deserves Delta Fly Fishers continued support and the support of the entire fishing community if we are to have any hope of sustaining our fisheries.

Ron Forbes Conservation Chair