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December's meeting is Member Night

By Al Smatsky. Let the bragging begin! On Wednesday December 9th the Delta Fly Fishers will feature the fishing trips and adventures of club members from 2015. This year's presentations will cover steelheading on the Trinity River, back-country trout, road-trip through Montana in search of the best trout streams, and bonefishing during Hurricane Joaquin. This promises to be an outstanding evening of exciting stories and fish tales---some even true!

Remember, the December monthly meeting is our annual members'

program night. This is your chance to shine! You need not fish an exotic location or catch giant fish to secure your place in history. Nor do you need to present professional quality photo's, a short talk about your past years adventure (good or bad) is all that is needed.

We still have space for other members to participate and welcome you to join in! Please call Al Smatsky 368-9261

The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM at John R. Williams School. Bring a friend !!

Calendar

December 9, General Membership meeting

December 16, DFF Board Meeting

December 25, Christmas

January 1, New Years Day Outing on the Mokelumne

January 3, Club outing to the Stockton Heat

January 13, General Membership Meeting

January 20, DFF Board Meeting

January 23, Installation Dinner

January 30, Yuba Outing

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"™

"Truckee River Trophy Trout"™

"Trophy Trout of Nevada"

Doug has designed several outstanding flypatterns and is a contract fly tier for UMPQUA FLIES with four cataloged flypatterns. 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 still-water flyfisherman in the country".

On January 13th Doug will be pre-

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senting his show “Pyramid Lake-Land of the Giants”™ 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 is coming January 23rd, we need YOU!!!

By Bruce Rollans

The Delta Fly Fishers, Inc. Annual Banquet and Installation Dinner is just around the corner. Within the next two weeks every DFF member will receive an announcement describing the event which will take place at the Elks’ Lodge on Thornton Road in Stockton and will be professional catered. It will take place January 23rd.

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

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 re-

quirements 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

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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.

First outing of the year is on January 1st. at Van Assen Park at the base of Camanche Dam.

by Jerry Neuburger

As long as I've been a member of the Delta Fly Fishers, (28 years), the club has held its first outing of the year at Van Assen Park on the Mokelumne. Some years were unseasonably warm, while others were cold, foggy and rainy. Ice in the rod guides is not that uncommon.

The event is steeped with tradition. Not the royal kind, more like those you might find at a Jesus Saves mission. The morning starts out with the setting up of the club tent and the hanging of the DFF sign, the making of hot coffee, and serving of cocoa and donuts, not just for club members but passed out freely to anyone wandering by.

Club members gather, some in full fly fishing regalia, others in heavy coats and street clothes. Some wander down to the

water and wade in, swinging a glow bug and rubber legs under an indicator at the end of their 5 or six weights. Others stand around the tent, telling stories, sipping coffee, and watching other anglers launch kayaks, rafts and drift boats into the river.

At about 10:30, the sun usually breaks through the mist and it's time for lunch. Steam comes off the ground and makes small ghosts above the grass.

Lunch is not a white table cloth affair. Chili and tube steaks (hot dogs for those who do not know the code.) served on paper plates and bowls. Of course, there are still a few donuts left to go along with the lunch, the favorites already picked. Anglers who had been on the water, wander in, telling of their success or failure. Almost always, someone has a decent catch to re-

port.

Around one, the pavilion comes down, the tables and cooking gear is put away. The anglers either go back to the water in the hopes for just one more fish or head to their pickups, pulling off their waders and stowing their gear.

Those not continuing to fish head for their cars. The inside of the car is warm after sitting out in the sun as they climb in. With all the fishing talk, the hopes for a great fishing year etched in their psyche. Another January 1st is in the books.

Start time:6:30

Directions: Drive east 3 miles on Hwy. 12 from Clements. Turn north on N. McIntire Road, Drive 1.5 miles to Van Assen Day Use Park.

Bring a folding chair. Don't forget your 2016 fishing license.



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Membership Report

By Bob Fujimura, Membership Chair

I want to offer my appreciation to all of the members who renewed their 2015-2016 membership recently. Our club currently has 93 memberships from a high of 104 on August 31. This is comparable to the 94 memberships we had in early December of 2014. Almost all of the non-renewals were relatively new members and who joined within the last three years. On a positive note, this membership year did not show an annual net decrease in membership that had been consistent over last several years.

In December I will finalize the 2016 membership roster and drop any non-paid members from our club records. Sometime afterwards I will send out the 2016 club phone directory – let me

know if you need to either update your contact information or withhold your information from this list. I am currently exploring using an email server to distribute the monthly newsletter for better looking announcements and easier viewing of the newsletter from your computer.

For those few members who still receive their monthly newsletter and other club correspondences by US mail I have a special request. The Board members and officers are currently working on how to reconcile decreasing club revenues with increasing operating costs. The cost of mailing each monthly hardcopy newsletter is over one dollar per issue for printing, handling, and postage costs. Therefore, the cost of providing a hardcopy issue is relatively high compared to the annual membership fee. If you have the ability to re-

ceive and read your newsletter by email, please let me know that you are willing to remove your name from our hardcopy subscription list. If you can't just let me know that you have barriers. We appreciate your membership – typically members who are on the mail out roster have markedly higher club retention and renewal rates compared to members who receive their subscriptions by email.

On a sad note Jerry Neuburger has announced that he plans to step down as the Newsletter Editor and Webmaster at the start 2017. If you enjoyed his work on these services, please let him know your appreciation. If you are interested in taking over either position, please contact Jerry. He said that he is willing to train his replacement in the next year.

A different kind of outing, a club outing to Stockton's new American Hockey League team, the [Stockton Heat](#)

By Jerry Neuburger

Winter is a tough time for club outings. The water's cold, the fish are dormant, the daylight short. However, we can still do things as a club that will build club fellowship and provide some support for Stockton's attempt to improve its image and entertainment venues.

The Calgary Flames have moved their triple A team, the Heat, from Adirondack New York to Stockton, and at the same time, moved the previous double A, Stockton Thunder to Adirondack as a replacement. The move is part of a NHL effort to move its AAA teams west, giving us a better class of hockey while moving the teams closer to their west coast NHL counterparts.

The Heat have set up discount Family Days tickets for Wednesday night and Sunday afternoon games. For \$33, the Heat is offering two upper premium tickets, two hot dogs, two soft drinks and a hat, total value, \$64 dollars.

The club has picked Sunday, January 3rd, as a DFF day to attend as a group. The Heat will be playing their arch rivals, the Bakersfield Condors. Those wishing to attend should contact Jerry Neuburger at the December 9th meeting with cash. He'll purchase the tickets in a block of seats and have them at will-call for members that Sunday, ready for pick up. The tickets will be the best seats in section 201, as close to center ice as possible. Tickets must be purchased in twos.

Over half the Heat's members have

some NHL time on their credits, they're

the NHL players of tomorrow, but you can see them today at bargain basement prices.

Here are the other Western Division teams and their affiliation.

Stockton Heat	Calgary Flames
San Diego Gulls	Anaheim Ducks
San Jose Barracuda	San Jose Sharks
Ontario Reign	Los Angeles Kings
Bakersfield Condors	Edmonton Oilers
Texas Stars	Dallas Stars
San Antonio Rampage	Colorado Avalanche

Date: Sunday, January 3rd. Stockton Arena
Doors open at 3:00pm, Game at 4:00pm



Remembering Sallye Rollans

By Steve vonBerg

It is with much sadness that I report the passing of long time member Sallye Rollans. She passed unexpectedly on the evening of November 7th. Sallye was our secretary and a valued contributor to the club for many years. She was a wife, fishing partner and best friend to her husband Bruce. She will be missed dearly by those who knew her. The Delta Fly Fishers offer their sincere condolences to Bruce, their son, and family.

At Sallye's request there will not be a service.



Conservation: Stolen gear and another attack on our fisheries by the big water districts

Fishing is much more than fish. It is the great occasion when you may return to the fine simplicity of our forefathers. ---
Herbet Hoover

By Ron Forbes

Last week I received an email from Ken Brunskill, president of NCCIFFF, asking for our and other fly fishing clubs for help. Over a week ago all of the fly fishing equipment from the Horseshoe Bar Preserve for veterans was stolen. The equipment loss is a huge setback for the veterans in the fly fishing program.

You can identify this equipment such as waders or wading boots if

they have the letters "HBP" marked on them, or fly rods marked with the name "Bill Carnazo". If you see this equipment being sold, do not say anything or accuse anyone. Note the people involved, car license number, location, time and the equipment. Then call Tom Bartos, the manager of Horseshoe Bar Preserve in Foresthill at 916 205 6073 and your police department. The police reference report is #15-11343. Let's hope the equipment can be found soon.

Another attempt at a water grab
Last month, Jerry Neuburger emailed me to express his con-

cerns for a bill pending in Congress that will both destroy the Delta and wipe out its' fisheries. I have been following this bill since its' inception early last year and we are now at the point where environmental and fishing groups need to actively oppose the legislation.

In the middle of July, Rep. David Valadao (R-Ca-21) was successful in passing H.R. 2898 called the Western Water and American Food Security Act of 2015. This bill is nothing more than another attempt by south San Joaquin Valley corporate farmers, the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWDLA) and southern water contractors to use the Republican-controlled, anti-environmental House of Representatives to divert water from the Delta to the MWRLA and south valley farmers. If this bill passes the Senate and is signed by the president it will destroy the Delta both economically and environmentally, and will destroy both our commercial and recreational fisheries. Rep. Valadao is being helped in his efforts by Rep.'s McCarthy and Nunes (R's-Ca-22

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and 23). H.R. 2898 contains nothing that will provide security for American food.

H.R. has XI Title's and many sections, none of which mention food security. There are too many negative parts to this bill to list them all in our newsletter so I will only list a few that will effect us. Some of the most egregious are:

. First, Jerry's and our clubs' concerns. In Title II (Sec.20) it directs the Oakdale and South San Joaquin Valley Water Districts, "to conduct a nonnative predator fish removal program to remove non-native striped bass, smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, black bass, and other nonnative predictive fish species from the Stanislaus River. It prohibits striped bass from being treated as anadromous fish for purposes of the CVP application to the program.

. Also in Title II (Sec. 204) it directs a variety of agencies and "interested parties" to eliminate or reduce invasive aquatic vegetation and predators. They define predators as striped bass, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, black bass, crappie, bluegill, white and channel catfish, and brown bullheads in the Delta!. With their recent actions that have changed water flow patterns, the state and federal government have almost completely destroyed the salmon populations. There will be no fish the Delta if these directives are carried out.

. Establishes procedures for Depts. of the Interior, Agriculture, Commerce to revise regulatory standards for water conveyance to individual, agricultural, municipal, and industrial users in the Central Valley Project (CVP) and the State Water Project (SWP). No mention of water for the environment or

fish.

. Requires "updated data" to adjust incident take levels and water export restrictions.

. Expand CVP's service areas. That means more Delta water will be exported from the Delta to the south.

. Use "expedited procedures" to consider Gov. Brown's project request for emergency drought conditions (like the Twin Tunnels Project and the Temperance Flat Dam).

. Requires Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) and the US Fish and Wildlife Service to enter into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) that biological opinion is to be operated to maximize water supply. Again, the environmental and fisheries protections are eliminated.

. In Title III (Sec. 307) it allows CVP and SWP to operate 56 consecutive days at Old and Middle River at a -7,500 cfs despite an intrusion of salt water. This can be extended if the Bureau of Reclamation (BR) deems it is okay to do so. This is the same BR that is currently being sued for continuing to use falsified data.

. Prevents, under Title IV (Sec.402), local agencies from having anything to say rejecting the building of Temperance Dam or Dept. of Interior's actions regarding San Joaquin River storage in Fresno or Madera Counties. This is in spite of the fact that neither the dam nor storage facility are economically viable. Westlands Water District expects the Temperance Flat Dam to be built at taxpayers expense for their private use.

. Title VI (Sec. 606) Allows the Dept. of Interior transfer owner-

ship, control, and operation of the CVP's New Melons Unit to interested local water and power companies. This is another major violation of the Doctrine of Public Trust.

Title VI (Sec 609) This section is particularly offensive. It expands the CVP ability the use water dedicated to fish and wildlife to now be dedicated and provided to CVP water contractors at the lowest price possible and to also expedite all CVP water transfers.

. One of the most egregious sections of this bill proposes to, with the stroke of a pen, repeal the San Joaquin River Restoration Settlement Act. This section is almost laughable. Over 30 groups battled this issue for 18 plus years before the settlement was reached and millions of dollars have been spent restoring the river. Valadao thinks he can make it all go away? Hardly! This proposed section alone guarentees major lawsuits.

H.P. 2898 is the tip of the iceberg in the Water Wars. Rep.Valadao and his cronies will go on and on trying to steal more and more water from the Delta at environmental expense. The bill is in violation of many state and federal laws, and if it passes the Senate and is signed into law, it guarantees lawsuits that will last for many years if not decades. In reading the summary of the bill it obviously violates the California's Clean Water Act, both the state and federal Environmental Protection Acts, State Water Board Acts, and many others. The battles continue and will go on long past my lifetime.

Ron Forbes

Conservation Chair

Tips to Becoming a Great Trout Fisher

By Bob Fujimura

Todd Tanner wrote an excellent article in a recent Hatch Magazine issue on what it takes to become a great trout fly fisher. I thought that his list was profound and some of the points seemed refreshing and frank. Here are a couple of excerpts from Todd's article:

"First things first. If you're a brand new fly fisherman, you might want to hold off on this piece. This is for folks who are already decent anglers, and who

are willing to do everything possible to take things to the next level. If that describes you, and if you're willing to put in the time, here's the blueprint. What you do with it is completely up to you...."

"...“C” also stands for close. Honestly, it doesn't take much talent to be a parking lot caster. I know a fair number of guys who can boom out casts on the asphalt - and most of them can't fish worth a damn. You need to get it into your head that casting close and fishing close are vital if you want to take things

to the next level. Unless you're fishing with binoculars strapped to your face, you're going to see more - and catch more fish - at 30 feet than you will at 70...."

If you are honest about improving your fly fishing you deserve to read Todd's advice. His article can be read at Hatch Magazine at this link: <http://www.hatchmag.com/articles/so-you-want-be-great-trout-fisherman/7713403>

A New Year's Resolution

As a Delta Fly Fisher, this year I promise to:

Buy my fishing license before January 1st.

Write at least one letter to my political representatives in favor of a conservation issue

Go fishing more than last year

Attend the DFF January 1st outing on the Mokelumne

Attend the annual Installation Dinner

Bring at least one friend to a DFF meeting

Volunteer to lead an outing, fly tying class, casting class, or on the water clinic

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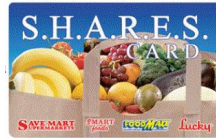
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