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John Sherman to present, "Fly Fishing the California Delta," at the September Meeting

John is the Simms Fishing Products and Hatch Outdoors Sales Representative for California, Arizona, and Nevada and HI. John was born and raised in Visalia, CA where he learned how to fly fish through Buz's, the local fly shop, at the age of 8. Since then fly-fishing has been a passion that has evolved into a career. John graduated from California State University Chico, in Northern California with a degree in Business Administration, Marketing in 1999. That fall he spent two months fishing British Columbia's famed Steelhead



Rivers. While attending Chico State John worked at Powell Fly Shop and guided on the Feather and Sacramento Rivers for Steelhead and Salmon.

John has fished the West Coast from Alaska to the Baja Peninsula for steelhead, salmon, stripers, black bass, trout and numerous blue water species. He has also hosted numerous trips all over the globe including Australia, Russia, Iceland, Mexico, Canada, the Bahamas, Belize, Russia, Argentina and Indonesia to name a few. John is also an Out-

door Photographer who has had his work published in Field and Stream, Fly Fisherman, Fly Rod and Reel, Fly Fishing in Saltwaters, The Drake, Cal Fly Fisher, North West and South West Fly Fishing to name a few. He has been documenting his expeditions with a camera since the age of 10.

John teamed up with Captain Mike Costello to produce the first and only Fly Fishing book dedicated to the California Delta, "Fly Fishing the CA Delta," has been one of the top selling Fly Fishing books in 2010. John lives in Discovery Bay, Ca on the

San Joaquin Sacramento River Delta with his wife Natih, daughter Kalum, son Kasix and dog Portis. His favorite species to take on a fly are steelhead, stripers and any salt water flats fish. He will be presenting his slide show "Fly Fishing the Ca Delta" which will visually take you through this amazing fishery from Smallmouth and Large-mouth Bass to Carp and of course Stripers.

John R. Williams School, 9/10/14, 7:30pm. Public welcome.

Calendar

September 10—DFF General Membersip Meeting

September 16-21 Bridgeport Outing

September 24 DFF Board Meeting

October 8—DFF membership meeting

October 15—DFF Board Meeting

October 17-19 Lower Sac Outing



A message from Steve VonBerg, filling in for the office of club president

As we ready to turn the calendar to September, some important information needs to be passed on. Unfortunately, the outing for September 6 has been cancelled. The board felt it was too close to the Bridgeport outing. With that being said, the Bridgeport outing is a go. Leader Don Gillett will be leaving on Sept 14 and will set camp at Robinson Creek Camp Ground. The outing will last until the 21st--so come anytime! Don reports that local streams are low but the lakes are fishing well. For more detailed information about the outing feel free to contact Don at redrider-fly@aol.com. Don will be at the September 10 meeting.

On September 10 the club will be hosting John Sherman as our guest speaker. John is an expert guide, photographer, and published author. His slide show will focus on fishing the delta for LMB, Carp, and Stripers. The meeting will begin at 7:00pm at John R. Williams School. Al Smatsky says this should be an excellent chance to learn more about our local fishery.

As a club dedicated to preserving our fisheries, we have an opportunity on September 20 to participate in the annual Mokelumne River Cleanup. Volunteers are needed for this event. Bruce Rollans reports that volunteers are asked to gather at the first parking lot off McIntire Road at 8:30am. The parking lot is

part of the Mokelumne Day Use Area, located 15 miles east of Lodi off Hwy 12. It is requested that you bring drinking water, sun screen and a good sun blocking hat. If you plan on attending, please contact Bill Ferrero at info@mokefishing.com. Bill, a local guide on the Moke, is heading this year's cleanup and needs a head count.

Finally, don't forget it is time to renew your club membership for 2015. Contact Bob Fujimura by **Aug. 31** and you will be eligible for a drawing to win a Ross rod with your renewal. The winner will be announced at the September 10 meeting. Bob can be reached evenings at 209-339-0683 or at deltaflyfishers@gmail.com

September is Time for Renewing Your DFF Membership

If you haven't already it is time to renew your 2015 Delta Fly Fishers membership. If you received this newsletter then you know the benefits that club membership can bring you. Fishing outings, social activities, environmental support, informal instruction, and public outreach are just start of the diverse ways your membership dues are used for. So please take the time to make out your check to: Delta Fly Fishers and mail it to my attention at: PO Box 1562, Lodi, CA 95241. Annual dues are \$30

regular, \$25 seniors (individuals 62 yr old or older), or \$35 family. If your contact information is still the same then no need to submit a renewal form.

If you were among the many members who sent in your 2015 renewal check before the end of August, thank you very much for your prompt payment and appreciate your continued support. You are also eligible for the drawing for a new fly rod. Any letter containing your full annual dues post-

marked before September 1 will qualify for the drawing. I will announce the winner before or at the October general meeting. You do not need to be present at this meeting to win this prize.

I would also like recognize our newest club member, Bill Hogan. Bill lives in Manteca; let's welcome Bill

Sincerely,

Bob Fujimura, Membership Chair,
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Fall is the Season for Brook Trout

.Brook trout are actually a char and native to the East Coast. Populations in its native waters are declining but they are doing well in western high elevation streams and lakes. Its breeding coloration is quite striking...orange bellies and red ventral paired fins



with white leading markings. They

typically spawn in streams and springs in late summer or early fall. In some locations they are an invasive species that can out-compete native cutthroat or other salmonids. Because of these concerns, CA has generous or "bonus" bag limits for the take of the species in some locations.

The Water Bond, the EPA review of the BDCP and California's water policies

Calling Fly Fishing a hobby is like calling Brain Surgery a job.

- - Paul Schullery

The Water Bond

California's legislature has twice delayed putting a water bond on the ballot for fear of failure. The initial bond would have cost us almost 12 billion dollars and was loaded with self-

serving pork for the legislature. It was a regressive measure that would not solve California's ongoing water issues. Unfortunately, two years later, we have been presented another bond that is again regressive and will in not solve our state's water crises. The bond (Prop.1) will continue to use the failed policies of the last 100 years and not add one drop of new water

for the state. Prop 1 will exacerbate the state's current water crises. Gov. Brown realizes that a \$12 billion pork-filled bond would have no possibility of passing in California so he proposed a \$6 billion bond only to have the legislature again add pork to the bond. Now the bond stands to cost taxpayers \$9 billion.

To garner support for the proposition, Brown refers to the bond as "tunnel neutral". Not only is the bond NOT tunnel neutral, it will provide massive, taxpayer-supported funds for water that can and would be used for the tunnels. Nowhere in the bond is water for the proposed twin tunnels project specifically excluded.

Another major flaw with the water bond is that it provides \$2.7 billion

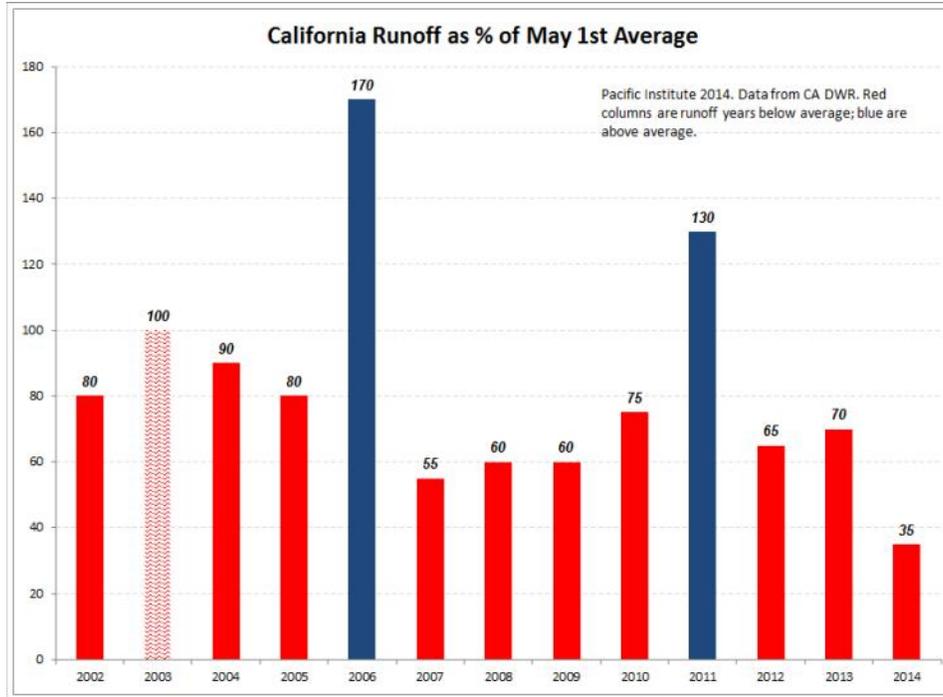
for construction of new dams. We have over 1400 dams in California with the prime sites for dams already taken. The sites left are marginal at best, will be prohibitively expensive to build, and provide marginal amounts of water. The dam construction cost/acre feet ratios are poor. We will spend much more to get less water under the bond. California Sport-

ately. Water from the proposed dams would require months if not years of study before building could begin. Sites will have to be found, the land acquired, long detailed geological studies performed. Dams will require decades of time to yield even marginal amounts of water. We need water immediately, not in the distance future. Building minimally productive

dams at high cost is not the answer for a drought.

State water contractors, Westlands Water District, the Kern County Water District, and others who will benefit from twin tunnels are insisting on millions of dollars of public money to buy water to add to the water they take from the Delta. Why should taxpayers continue to subsidize their profits? This bond

will continue their subsidies. The drought has shown that the south valley is not sustainable for permanent agriculture. Why should we continue to make them more wealthy by grow-



fishing Protective Alliance (CSPA) points out that recycling water for "new" water not only will cost less but make water available rapidly and at less cost than a dam. And recycling will create new jobs immedi-

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ing water-intensive crops at the public's expense.

Bill Jennings, the Executive Director of CSPA, sums Prop. 1 well by saying, "Legislative sausage-making is always messy but last minute sausage making ends up making baloney and this bond is a subsidized truckload of pork baloney. The Governor inexplicably continues to turn his back in the 21st century demand side strategies to embrace 19th Century supply side approaches that have brought us to our present crisis. California deserves better."

We have just come out of our state's biggest financial disaster. Now Gov. Brown seems intent on putting us in deeper financial disasters. The twin tunnels project will cost a minimum of \$69 billion (principal plus interest). The Water Bond will add another \$9 billion to our debt. Every man, woman, and child of our state's 38 million population already carries a debt \$8,500 per person. Prop. 1 will do nothing to solve our drought crises. But it will serve the interest of our special interest groups. I WILL VOTE NO ON THE WATER BOND !

A major nail in the Bay Delta Conservation Plan's coffin

When the public comment period for the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) ended, many of us wondered about the next step and how rapidly the state would try to push the BDCP down our collective throats. Earlier this week, the Dept. of Water Resources (DWR) sent out a letter to address the issues of the responses to the public comment period on the BDCP. The letter advised us there will be a revised BDCP Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) submitted "early in 2015" with another pub-

lic comment period to follow. In our Delta Fly Fishing Newsletter, I have pointed out the many flaws in the BDCP and how it would destroy the Delta not restore it would and decimate our fisheries, infrastructure, agriculture, and economy. Evidentially, many other groups from many diverse backgrounds agreed. In a press release from CSPA released August 29, over 4,500 pages from counties, cities, and water agencies were strongly negative of the BDCP. They felt the BDCP would adversely affect their interest. This followed close to 2,000 pages of criticism from environmental

Agency (EPA). The EPA condemns the BDCP in a 43 page letter to the DWR and others. In their press release, CSPA noted 3 major legal and environmental issues the BDCP violates.

"It would contribute to increased and persistent violations of water quality standards in the Delta, set under the Clean Water Act."

The twin tunnels "would not protect beneficial uses for aquatic life, thereby violating the Clean Water Act.

The EIR/EIS assumes a 100% success

rate for habitat restoration which is not consistent with our experience, or supported restoration ecology and conservation biology academic literature and scientific investigation" and detailed the the likelihood that proposed restoration would exacerbate the production and transport of methylmercury.

The EPA is also very critical of the failure of the BDCP to discuss or

analyze up or downstream impacts the plan will cause. One of the most serious and critical flaws among many, the EPA finds that existing water flow in the Delta is "insufficient" to protect either the ecosystem or the species of fish in the Delta. They find that both aquatic habitat restoration and increased fresh water are needed to restore the Delta and its 750 species of flora and fauna. In other words the EPA totally disagrees with the BDCP to add 100,000 acres of prime farmland for habitat restoration and continue to pump 1000's of acre feet of freshwater out of the Delta. The EPA letter to DWR is a very caustic rebuttal of everything the 40,000 plus page BDCP advocated.

The south valley corporate agriculture groups, state water contractors, and



Lake Oroville this August

and fishing groups. There were hundreds of pages of sharp criticism from variety independent scientific groups.

Bill Jennings never seems to be at a loss for colorful descriptions of situations. In his press release, Bill describes the BDCP as a patient who is on life support and suffers a poor prognosis. He feels the the DWR delays are "unlikely to enable the BDCP to recover from congenital terminal illness." Bill continues by explaining that, "The BDCP was doomed from the beginning because it was conceived on the fatal premise that you can restore an estuary hemorrhaging from lack of flow by depriving it of another 2.5 million acre-feet of flow."

The major nail in the BDCP's coffin is from the Environmental Protection

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the Metropolitan Water District of Los Angeles have spent over a quarter of a billion dollars financing their people to write the BDCP only to have the EPA shred the document. Basically the EPA said the plan not only violates the law but is scientifically indefensible. The EPA's letter to DWR is a major nail in the BDCP's coffin.

Sometimes a picture is worth a thousand words

For the last several years I have been reading articles published by the Pacific Institute (PI) of Oakland. They write excellent, progressive articles about our state's water issues and the continuing failure of California's water policies. Water has, of course a direct 1:1 correlation to our fisheries. Recently PI published an article on California Runoff as of May 1st for the last 13 years. When you look at the graph, the first impression is of the number of red columns as opposed to the blue columns. The graph shows our water runoff between 2002 to present. Only in the year 2003 did we have had a "normal" or "average" runoff year. Both in 2006 and 2011 were above average years that gave us the amount of water we would ex-

pect in 3 normal years. Also the salmon/steelhead run in the Mokelumne was over 19,500 fish as opposed to much lower numbers in the the red column years. In the last 13 years we have had less water than normal averaging from between 10% to 65% less than normal. Despite impending drought, over 230,00 acre feet of water was sent to the south valley early last spring. Our current critical drought situation is not only caused by nature but made far worse by the Bureau of Reclamation (BR) and the DWR.

The LA Times just published an article on the 50 % possibility of a 30 year drought in the Southwest with a 80% chance of a 10year drought. Recent pictures of Lake Mead show it to be at its lowest level since Hoover Dam was built. It is felt that California will continue the drought especially in the south state. If these predictions will occur is uncertain, but the risk is high. Early this year an El Nino was predicted with an 87% chance we would have a wet winter. However, recently the prediction has been down-graded with much less rain/snow expected.

Ron Forbes

Adventure in the Land of the Midnight Sun

By Steve von Berg

This is just a brief overview of my two week trip to Alaska in mid August 2014. I was joined by club member Randy Viglienzone, friends Argust Smith, Mike Manassero, and guides John Squires and Joe Hauner.

After spending two days in Anchorage, we arrived at Lake Iliamna. Our float plane took us to the Koktuli Pond drop off point. This was the beginning of our 10 day river float and adventure.

We unloaded the plane and began a three hour portage to the Koktuli River. All of our gear and rafts had to be carried nearly ¾ of a mile--- this was a tiring way to begin our adventure.

After blowing up and loading the two rafts, we began our float at 6:00 pm,

arriving at our first campsite at 9:00 pm--sunssets around 11:00 pm. DFF member and Against the Flow Adventures owner, John Squires, was our guide. John immediately set up his kitchen as we set up our tents and collected wood for a much needed fire. John provided excellent meals for the entire trip. This camp routine of set up and breakdown would be done six times as we spent only two nights twice on our 60 mile float down the Koktuli and Mulchatna Rivers to our final destination at the mouth of the Stuyahok River.

At its headwaters, the Koktuli was quite small, flowing through tundra and willows; in the midsection it reminded me of the Moke, though it had a gravel bot-

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tom and undercut banks with willows, spruce and alders; and in its lower reaches, it was a much broader river, lined with willows and spruce trees. We had two days of very heavy rains that caused the river to rise and become very off colored. This pretty much shut down fishing for two days. Unfortunately, this happened during our two day camp stay.

Most days were overcast with drizzle. The last four days had beautiful and fairly warm weather, a welcomed relief from the drizzle and rain of the first half of the trip. Alaskan weather is very changeable---glad John provided a gear list to follow to meet these changes.

As for the fishing, it was a mixed bag. The upper reaches of the river provided non stop action for Grayling, Char, Dollies, a few Rainbows, and even two Silvers. Fishing was so crazy I used foam bass poppers and caught many fish on top---quite an exciting experience! In the midsection we had the off colored water. We caught fish but it made us appreciate the previous three days even

more.

The lower river provided good fishing for Silvers, Char and Dollies. At one point, Argust caught 7 char on 7casts. Rainbows were caught but not very big--Randy was the Rainbow guru. The Silvers were found in slack water and back eddies. We used 6- 8wt rods, with 2X-0X leaders of 7-9ft. For my subsurface fishing, I used a type 4 sink tip line with great success.

Most fish were caught on stimulators, humpies, and foam flies, beads, glow-bugs, and various leech patterns. I caught all my Silvers on a purple bead-head with a pink plastic overlay bead that I tie.

The Mulchatna is a very large river and fishing opportunities were limited as we had to float 15 miles to our final destination---the mouth of the Stuyahok River.

After arriving from our long float, we immediately began fishing and catching large Silvers. We had a great salmon dinner that night. Thoughts of a great day of fishing on our last full day were on all our minds as we went to bed that

night. However, the ease of catching the night before became a distant memory. Fish were caught but not with regular frequency. Apparently, the run had moved up river that night. The fish were big, bright, and fought ferociously. Many jumps were followed by numerous runs. These fish were really hot and required a net to land---only wish there had been more.

Our trip ended with the float plane arriving on the morning of our 10th day. We were flown back to Lake Iliamna. By 4:00 pm we were back in Anchorage and taking our first showers in 10 days. Our two nights in Anchorage, at trip's end, allowed us to eat at several great restaurants

and visit the downtown area for gifts. A good time with good friends will be a memory for a lifetime. A great experience was had by all!

Alaska is a great place. Hope to visit and fish again.

DFF October 2014 Outing: A Drift down the Lower Sac

by Bruce Rollans

This October outing is again to the Lower Sacramento River in the Redding area, Saturday, October 18 and Sunday, October 19, 2014. Some general information follows.

Typically, the most effective way to fish this river between Redding and Red Bluff has been from a drift boat using egg and bug patterns weighted beneath an indicator. If you want to float the river I recommend using a guide.

The source of most drift boat guides is The Fly Shop at 4140 Churn Creek Road, Redding, (530) 222-3555, The current rate is \$400 per full day for one or two persons, including lunch, water and flies.

If you want to walk and wade the river I recommend you read a good description of wadeable waters from

Keswick Reservoir to Red Bluff by Bob Madgic that has appeared in the California Fly Fisher. I have copies available at your request.



Click on the photo for a great video of fishing the lower Sac

There are a variety of motels available for overnight lodging mostly in or near Redding. Sallye and I have used the following: Best Western Plus Hilltop (530) 221-6100, Best Western Plus Twin View Inn and Suites (530) 241-5500, Hampton Inn

and Suites (530) 224-1001 and Holiday Inn (530) 221-7500. If you have access to AAA Tour Book for Northern California, there are a number of other locations. The internet is another source of lodging options.

If you plan to be there the evening of Saturday, October 18 I will make group reservations for dinner, probably at the Olive Garden. Just let me know so I can get an accurate count for the reservation.

I will do my best to give you updates on water conditions. Sallye and I will be floating the river out of Redding September 24 and 35 then again October 17 and 18. Email me at

mbrsmr36@gmail.com or call my landline, (209) 274-0448. For those who let me know they will be making this outing I will provide cell phone numbers that will in service starting October 16.

A float in the Florida sun (but watch out for the mosquitoes!)

By Bruce Rollans

Sallye and I planned this Florida trip late 2013. Four days off West Palm Beach targeting False Albacore. First two days we hooked and landed about 16 to the boat each day up to 17 lb. Had a few we shared with sharks such as Great Hammerhead, Black Fin, Bull and Tiger. Each day was cut short due to electrical storms.

Third day was fishing high grass mats for Dolphin Fish, aka Dorado. Lots of small fish. Learned how to avoid the very big fish and very small fish. Enjoyed this as the water was flat and clear. Could easily see fish and move flies to avoid unwanted fish.

Fourth day was for Snook. We first fished a shore line along the Indian River estuary. There had been Tarpon up to 100 lb. along here every day for the prior two weeks. Not this day. Did cast to going away Snook several times to no avail. We were scheduled to fish for Snook this night under the lights of various bridges and docks, but the Captain's boat broke down (fuel pump).

Went down to the tip of Florida's mainland and then 41 miles into the Everglades at Flamingo Marina for the next three days looking for Tarpon, Snook and Redfish. Saw many small Tarpon and landed a few. Saw

a few Snook up in the mangroves, but they would not come out. Saw a few Reds only when we spooked them from where they were resting. Also saw the Keys about 30 miles away. Finally, we know why there are very few people in the Everglades in the summer. Mosquitos are in great abundance. Even with Deet on before you leave the vehicle they are on you in a big hurry, attacking through shirts and pants. Only got away from them once we left the marina.

Plan to go back, but only fish for Snook at night under the lights.



Eastern Sierra Focus

By CJ Webb

Fishing Tip: *Casting into the wind with control*

Casting into the wind has not been my favorite part of fly fishing and I've always avoided fishing when it's too windy. Over time I've found that being tall and/or short has nothing to do with casting into the wind and it's all about being properly equipped.

When I was trying to improve my casting skills I was taught how to cast into the wind, but could not grasp the "power push" of the wrist to project the rod moving in a forward motion, it just went up overhead and back without any control.

Being properly equipped means not a time to use a soft rod and double-taper line. Modern graphite rods have the stiffness to beat the wind if they match a weight-forward line, shorter leader and more suitable aerodynamic fly (less wind resistance). Also your clothing is critical in the wind, a hat, sunglasses and a jacket that will absorb any impalement by felonious flies. There are many ways to learn to cast into the wind, left side wind, right side wind, forward wind, back cast wind, and so forth. But what I'm referring to is front wind with a fairly standard 5wt. 9 foot rod taking a fly about 40-70 feet forward. The only thing I have found that works for me is a power backcast and a soft forward cast. If you look at the internet and read about "Deeter", you will see his method. He has a saying "rugged man...soft cast" Hard on the backcast, and easy on the forward cast. This is all I can tell you to practice, and it works perfectly regardless of the angle of the wind or the angle of your body. Do it and see the results! It's the best.

Fishing News and Updates:

Mono County Trophy program will continue into spring of 2015 for the current contract with Desert Springs Trout Farm in Oregon.

Conway Ranch is going under the preliminary 30-day public comments for the Conservation Easement under Eastern Sierra Land Trust which was requested by CalTrans through one of the two grants under which the ranch was pur-

chased for an alleged violation of one grant which the County denies. Latest news is that CalTrans granted an extension for the MOU until December 1st.

East Walker River bathrooms are still undergoing scrutiny and more red-tape as new information from DFW and an on-site inspection with the new person in charge and she seems receptive but it is more complex process than originally thought. Hopefully CalTrout and DFW will have a meeting of the minds and this can proceed.

Nothing current on the big news coming soon is the Department of Fish and Wildlife's request to simplify regulations due to be implemented in 2016. Currently it is being researched at the Department level and will go to business and public discussion at a later date. Updates will be reported through the winter if necessary.

DFW reported they are moving forward with using Little Walker for the brood stock for the Kamloops Rainbow Trout, if I reported this previously, disregard.

ESFGA will be moving forward with installation of the disabled fishing access.

Weather – *I've made an appointment with my physician to do a psyche evaluation on "Mother". She has been more temperamental than I can remember in 41 summers here on the mountain. Maybe a bit of Xanax on a regular schedule for a few weeks might put her in a better mood to provide some much needed moisture starting around mid October and going right through mid-March that way the Ground-hog can have a nice winter's nap.*

Fishing Report:

Remember to check the regulations prior to fishing unfamiliar water as to limits, size, and gear.

ROCK CREEK has been doing well using terrestrials as they are getting washed into the water during the storms. Take a lunch and hike in to Chickenfoot or Long lake, you can even go to upper Morgan and fish the inlet/outlet for some fun action. I hiked to Golden Lake and caught some nice fish on a nymph under

the notch. Stream is low and very clear so stay away from the edge or you'll be just exercising your arm. I tried black fur ants with good results but they are spooky. Dries working are Para-Adams #6-18, BWO (very thin body) #16-18, elk hair caddis #18, parachute kicking hoppers and large foam ants. Nymphs working: Crystal baetis #18-22, Tungsten Psycho #18-20, Split Wingcase BWO #16-20, Zebra midges #18-20, pheasant tails 18-22 and Hare's Ear #16-18.

HOT CREEK flow is at 32cfs and clear. Weeds are still a struggle and water temps are stable in the mid to upper 60's. Fish in the deepest water you can find and between the weeds. Hatches are good early am on midges, and caddis pupa/larvae/adults in the afternoon. Streamers are not on the menu. Dries working are extended body blue winged olive 18-22, CDC Caddis 18-22, Hot Creek caddis 18-20, Parachute Caddis 18-20, Parachute Adams 16-20, and Elk Hair Caddis 16-20. Nymphs: Fox's Caddis Poopah in olive size 20, Nori's Caddis pupa olive #20, Anderson's Bird of Prey in Olive size #18 and a buckskin caddis #20. Also try some Zebra midges 18-22, WD-40 18-22, Micro Mayfly 18-22 and Scuds 14-16. With normal breezy afternoons try #20-22 midges. Warm weather will induce some hatches despite the cooler temps at night. *Please stay out of the water to and help prevent the spread of New Zealand mud snails.*

CROWLEY LAKE is still going down a few more inches than last week and Sitting at 6760 feet and the islands are getting close to popping out just near the marina. Water temperature has dropped from 68° to 64° on the bottom uniformly around the lake. Water is almost crystal clear with zero algae. Great reports for Big and Little Hilton, stormy flats, windy beach and in McGee Bay from inside on the west in about 9 ft. of water to outside and to the east 200 yards in 12 feet. Multiple 18" trout were common-place for most anglers. Recommended fly and the go-to fly for the past week under an indicator, has been the Albino Baron, and it is being fished up against the weed line. Also try stripping using a Perch fry imitation - Hornberg's, Perfection Perch and Punk Perch, but check with the Crowley

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Lake Marina for more info.

UPPER OWENS flows are at 49cfs above the Hot Creek Confluence (8/22), and clear but rust colored below. Fishing seems to be getting better everyday and some Crowley fish are very hungry. Nymphing under the indicator or stripping with a sink tip is the best way. Top water flies: EC Caddis 16-20, Elk Hair caddis 16-18, Parachute Adams, and Stimulator 14-18. Nymphs: Copper Johns 14-18, Hare's Ear 14-18, flashback PT #16, Zebra Midges 18-20 and red San Juan Worms 12. Streamers working are perfection Perch, and red or wine leeches.

CONVICT LAKE stocked the lake with 400 pounds of trophy trout on August 26th, and stocked with DFW bows again, and it should be wide open. Dry Flies: Adams, Female Adams, Cutter's Caddis, Elk Hair Caddis, Stimulators, Black/Red Ants, Sierra Bright Dot, Royal Coachman and Hoppers. Streamers: Woolly Bugger (black, brown, olive, or green), Mutukas (black, brown, olive, or green), Hornbergs, and Muddler Minnows. Wet Flies (Nymphs): Prince Nymph, Flashback Pheasant Tail, Hare's Ear, Zebra Midge (red and black), Copper John (red and copper) and San Juan Worm (brown or red).

MAMMOTH BASIN - Water is clear and cool with temps in the 40's at night and has greatly improved the fishing with reports of large fish on the bite. Fish a full sink line and get it down there. Also try fishing under an indicator or try some dries late in the evening. Flies working are Griffith Gnat 16-22, Parachute Adams 16-20, Stimulator and Yellow Humpy #16-18. Nymphs working are Zebra midges 18-22, tan/olive Bird's nests 14-16, Pheasant tails, Hare's Ear, Callibaetis and copper zebras. Streamers working are olive and black Twin Lakes Specials 10-12, olive and black wooly buggers 10-12 and flashabou buggers in black.

SAN JOAQUIN - Water is clear and flows are down to 13cfs. Fishing is not red hot so look for deeper pools and any section of the river that has cover to provide protection and a good feeding zone. Early morning and late in the evening when the water is the coolest will always be better. Small dries on a #3 or 4 wt. is a lot of fun. Beautiful browns below Rainbow Falls and the hike is always worth it.

JUNE LAKE is still doing fairly well

due to the number of trout in the holding pens from Desert Springs that are being released into the lake.. Reports state that dries working are Para Adams, large ants, yellow Stimulators, and hoppers along the weedy areas of the shoreline. Streamers working are Wooly Buggers in black, brown, olive or green, Matuka's in same colors, also a Loebergs # 10. Nymphs that saw action were Prince, Zebra, Copper John, Flashback Pheasant Tail and red or brown San Juan worm.

GULL LAKE - Trophy trout are arriving every month, so get up here and wet a line, anything goes that you've used here before, so sharpen up those hooks and dust off the marabou and hit the water with good hatches in the weeds. Stop in at the store to see what flies are working the best they have a better up to date report.

SILVER LAKE - Berkley Mice Tails! They have been the hottest ticket most of the summer. The "tails" could be trimmed to fit on the back end of a fly hook with a frilly hackle of sorts and it could be a nice fly. Just when I think I've actually had a new idea I saw a new pattern the latest FLY TYER magazine using the kibosh ball tentacles. Fishing has been incredibly steady this past week with plenty planters by DFW and an enormous amount of nice 2 to 5 pounders brought in every day. We are expecting to receive a DFW weekly 800 pound plant and another 400 pounds from Desert Springs of Oregon before the holiday weekend. With the holiday weekend coming up, don't forget that Silver Lake Resort will have its annual Chris Jones Memorial Scholarship Horseshoe Tournament and BBQ on Saturday August 30th starting at 11 am and live music by "Good Living" on the grass by the lake on Sunday August 31st at 5pm! Come on out and enjoy the last part of summer and enjoy some great fishing and entertainment.

RUSH CREEK flows are at a trickle and trout will spook if they see a shadow. Try an Elk Hair Caddis #14-18 or Stimulator 14-18. Nymphs: Copper Johns 14-18, Prince nymphs 14-18, Micro Mayfly 16-20, Micro Stone 10-16, Zebra Midge 18-20, PT 14-20, and Hare's ear 14-19. Streamers working are BH Carey Bugger, Crystal Bugger, Rickard's emerging bugger, Matuka, and BH Pop's Bugger

GRANT LAKE - Water is cold and clear, and a little down from last month

but with good reports on fishing. DFW continues to stock. Fishing was good throughout the month and if you want a current report check with the marina.

LUNDY LAKE - The Lake is down and dropping in small increments which won't affect the fishing. They are scheduled to get the County Enhancement last week so fish it like you would June Lake with same flies.

VIRGINIA LAKES - Sunrise 6:23am-Sunset 7:33. County Enhancement dumped in 400 pounds of trophies *on the 21st and Big Virginia got 400 pounds on the 27th and over 600 pounds from DFW in both lakes including 450 pounds in Trumbull*. Some were a bit on the small size but will fit into a skillet should you decide not to release them. Best fly for the last couple weeks is still the "dirty Doc" size 10-12, it's a real catcher and everyone is having great fun. Some danger midges, copper head midges, hare's ear and olive bird's nests are working depending on the air temperature. Dries working in the early morning if there's a good ripple like a black caddis.

EAST WALKER flow as of this writing was 43cfs and fishing is better below the bridge and into Nevada. Nights are colder and days are very nice so try dries like Parachute Adams #16-18, Elk Hair Caddis and Stimulators #16-18 will be a lot of fun early and late, but nymphing will be your best producer. Streamers working are, black or olive wooly buggers #8-12, Punk Perch 10-14 in olive or olive/pink, and Hornbergs. Nymphs: Micro Mayfly, zebra midge Barr's flashback BWO 18-29, Nori's Caddis Pupa 18-20,

Z-Caddis 16-20, Buckskin caddis 14-20, rainbow warrior 18-22, tungsten psycho, JuJu Baetis 18-29 and two-bit hooker 18-20. Remember water is low and if you hook into something substantial take care in releasing and save the resource. Be sure and call Ken's at 932.7707 and get the latest report, things change rapidly with low warm water.

BRIDGEPORT RESERVOIR is low and the "bathtub" is the best spot for hooking fish. Fishing has been surprising in the deeper with mayfly patterns later in the day if the temperature rises. Callibaetis by the inlets and try zebra midges, shaft emerger, olive Bird's Nest, Jensen's Callibaetis, and Rickards AP emerger.

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Streamers working are Hornbergs #10, Matuka's 10-12, olive and brown buggers, Hale Bopp Leech 10-12 and Punk Perch 10-14. Don't forget to call Ken's and talk to Rick or Jim for the best flies for the day, as conditions and water change constantly and they will put you onto the

right fly.

WEST WALKER flow is 30cfs. Water is low due to the rains and my recommendation is to try the flat water near the bridge down to Chris Flat. Also try below the first bridge as you enter Walker. It has warmed up nicely once again so try

some foam attractors over Bird's nest, pheasant tail or San Juan worms. It had been fishing well prior to the drop in temperature with some nice trophy's showing a dorsal to olive woolly buggers or even large ant patterns along the calm edges.

See you on the water, CJ 14.7

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