



# Rx Fly Fishing!

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## Calendar

**October 9, 2013 Annual Club Potluck**

**October 12-13, 2013 Lower Sac at Redding**

**October 16, 2013 DFF Board Meeting**

**November 2, 2013 Striper-fest**

**November 13, 2013 General Membership Meeting**

**November 16, 2013 Trout Bout (Date needs to be verified)**

**November 23, 2013 Discovery Bay (Jerry Neuburger, Fishmiester)**

## President's Message by Marty Kjelson

Greetings Delta fly fishers. We have entered the fall season which should provide us with some good fishing conditions. I was pleased to hear our annual Bridgeport outing over on the east Sierra was successful once again. Details of the trip follow in a separate article. I only regret I was not able to make it this year. Will plan on next year. I am gearing up for the fall striper season in the Delta and down at O'Neil Forebay. Seems the bass are still out toward the western delta as the central delta water temps are still warm but are coming down. Jerry Neuburger reports plenty of dinks throughout the system so that is a good sign for future seasons. Also I am looking forward to fishing the North Carolina coast this month as we head out there to visit grandkids. That area has some great fly fishing for bluefish, drum, and false albacore.

We have some good club outings this month to include the lower Sacramento at Redding and O'Neil forebay. I encourage you to go and read up on the details so as to be prepared or ask our fishmeisters (Bruce Rollans and Mark Delabarre respectively) any questions.

Please be ready to sign up to go on these outings at the meeting of October 9th. Outings are a great opportunity to learn from experienced members. The foothill reservoirs as well as the Alpine lakes can be great in the fall. So call a friend and have a nice day trip on our diverse still waters. Our smaller streams are quite low so that makes for tough fishing/catching.

We are beginning to plan our 2014 outings and Gil Parker and Steve VonBerg have some good ideas to make 2014 special. We do need member input on the type of outings you will attend, new locations we should try, any that you could lead/coordinate, or any other ideas to make these events better.

Our October member meeting will be our potluck. We are asking the follow-



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ing to bring the listed food/beverage items. A-C; bread/butter; D-G: main dish; H-K: cold drinks; L-N: hot/cold vegs; O-R: dessert ; S-Z: salad.

Thanks! We plan to have some fly fishing gear from Bill Laughlin's collection that his widow, Jean, wishes to sell. Some of these items will be used for future raffles.

Your Board is working diligently on a number of key issues in preparation for 2014. These include seeking nominations for two vacant officer positions, the annual dinner and raffle, outing schedule, monthly speakers, and conservation projects. The Board meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at Oak Grove Park, 7pm. Come on out and see how things work and give us your ideas on how to make our club

better. We are greatly in need of suggestions as to how to interest the younger generations to become members and involved actively. If you have friends or acquaintances that may have an interest in fly fishing, invite them out to a meeting or take them out fishing yourself.

Finally, "Ones first fish on a fly" starting member Sam Thompson : Sam just got into fly fishing a few years ago and has been turned on ever since! He had purchased a rod and reel and took some casting lessons from Jim and Rick out at the park two summers ago. In addition, Joe Balderston had given Sam a copy of the "Curtis Creek Manifesto" which he devoured. Well that set him up well and having heard that the Mokelumne River fished well in the spring, he was ready in early May

to tackle those young steelhead near the dam. He was rigged up with a two fly setup, wow, brave fellow! I don't even mess with that unless midging. Anyway, the #14 Elk hair Caddis and #12 hare's ear did the job as he got multiple hits at the end of the swing as the fly came up. Wow again, the classic fly fisherman taking his first trout on a fly. By the end of the morning he had caught six plus of the 8-10 " fish. That experience set him up for three straight weekends of fly fishing where he caught over 20 trout. Great story and a super way to get hooked in our sport and passion.

Thanks, Marty

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## Club's annual potluck will happen October 9th

by Steve VonBerg

The club's annual potluck dinner meeting will be Wednesday October 9th at John R Williams School. In addition to the dinner, there will be a selection of fly fishing items from Bill Laughlin's collection that his widow, Jean, would like to sell.

For the potluck, Marty has established the following list for food/beverage items:

A-C bread/butter

D-G main dishes

H-K cold drinks

L--N hot/cold veggie dishes

O-R desserts

S-Z salads

Have a great day and nice weekend. Hope to see you at the potluck.

### No Fly of the Month tying session for September

# The Pebble Mine: On the ropes but not knocked out

by Ron Forbes, Conservation Chair

**Men and fish are alike. They both get into trouble when they open their mouths.**

Jimmy D Moore

In 2008, Delta Fly Fishers hosted Northern California Council Federation of Fly Fishers Festival of Fly Fishing. One of the vendor's booths was hosted by an environmental group advocating the prevention the Pebble Mine project on Bristol Bay in Alaska. I was unaware of the project and didn't know where Bristol Bay was located. After reading their literature and the pro mining group's information, I was opposed to the Pebble Mine project also. The basic issue is possible economic benefits to Alaska in the form of potential jobs and tax revenues v.s. the destruction of the Bristol Bay watershed with all that entails.

Bristol Bay is located in remote Southwestern Alaska about 200 miles from Anchorage. It is a complex, pristine watershed near lakes Clark and Lliamna and hosts a myriad of wild species that are basically untouched by civilization. Bristol Bay also host the wealthiest salmon fishery and the largest salmon run in the world. Alaska produces 42% of the world's commercial salmon and Bristol Bay produces 80% of that number. Directly and indirectly, this fishery accounts for \$450 million annually for the state and provides 75% of its jobs.

Mineral exploration started in the Bristol Bay area in the late 1980's. A large deposit of copper, gold, and mo-

lybdenum were found. Two sites were located, with the west site being closest to the surface and easiest to mine. This site is now



the proposed Pebble Mine.

Massive is the only word to adequately describe the Pebble Mine. It will be one of the largest open-pit mines in the world. The mine is to be over two miles in length and 2,000 ft deep. Earthen dams, about 50 stories high, will have to be constructed to hold back the toxic waste. The dams will be

some of the largest in the world. The waste products for the mining operations will include arsenic, cyanide, and sulfuric acid along with other toxic materials.

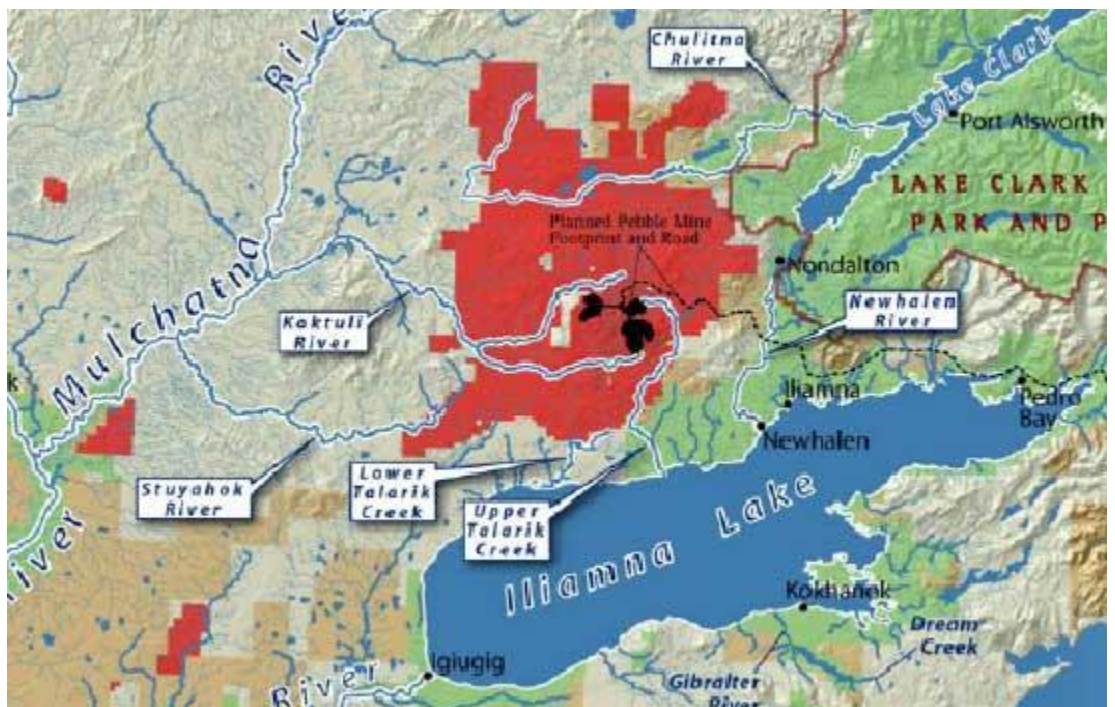
It's estimated that the waste material will be approximately 10 billion tons. That amounts to a ton and a half of waste for every man, woman, and child on earth today.

In researching this project, it was noted that earth dams are notorious for leaking. The Pebble Mine operation also requires the building of a deep-water port to allow the passage of ocean going, deep-draft ships. Another major negative issue is the proposed mine sits on top of the active Lake Clark earthquake fault.

This is the fault that caused the biggest earthquake in North American history in 1964.

The initial corporations wanting to build this mine are not American. These corporations are from England, Japan, Australia, and Canada. They are:

- . Mitsubishi



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- . Anglo-American
- . Rio Trino
- . Northern Dynasty

Two years ago, Mitsubishi decided to leave the project and sold its 20% interest to Anglo-American, a British-Australian corporation. Anglo-American controls 50% of this project. On September 16th, Mark Cutifani, CEO of Anglo-American, announced that they are pulling out of the project in spite of \$540 million spent to date. They decided the project "doesn't fit into their business plans".

This is considered a major blow against the Pebble Mine and is a cause for celebration. However, it is not a necessarily a death blow to the project. In several weeks the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will decide if it will use its authority and implement the Clean Water Act section 404C to stop the Pebble Mine. Section 404C would "prohibit, restrict, or deny the discharge of dredged or

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filled material at defined sites of water of the United States (including wetlands) whenever it determines that the use of such sites for disposal would have an unacceptable adverse impact on one or more of various resources, including fisheries, wildlife, municipal water supplies, or recreational areas."

Opposition to the Pebble mine has been major. Recent polls show

that a large majority of the people in Alaska oppose this mine. The Natural Resource Defense Council (NRDC) and other groups claim to have 900,000 signatures opposing this project nation-wide. The 2012 census showed Alaska's population to be 731,000 people. Members of congress from Oregon and Washington, environmental groups, fisheries groups (both commercial and recreational) and people in Alaska and other states, have asked President Obama and the EPA to oppose the Pebble Mine.

If the EPA states that the Pebble Mine violates Section 404C of the Clean Water Act, a death blow will have been delivered. We should know the answer in several weeks.

Ron Forbes  
Conservation Chair

## Lower Sacramento River Outing October 12-13 Final Instructions

By Bruce Rollans

For those planning to walk and wade the river there are a number of locations above and below the Sundial Bridge for access and fishing. You should check water flows which are currently about 6,000 cfs. The river does not go over its banks until this reaches 30,000 cfs. One web site for this information is the State's Department of Water Resources, daily hydrologic summary for Central Valley Rivers, Sacramento Basin.

If you plan to float the river using a pontoon boat or kayak, be very careful to avoid overhanging branches in the big, sweeping river bends. As usual, the best places to hook fish are where the fast, shallow runs drop off ledges into deeper water and just outside the seams. If possible avoid casting over salmon now in

the river on their redds. Snagging one usually means you end up re-rigging.

If you do not already have a river map put out by The Fly Shop, pick one up at the shop location, 4140 Churn Creek Rd. or contact Fishmeister Bruce by [email-mbrsmr36@gmail.com](mailto:mbrsmr36@gmail.com). This map shows walk and wade locations as well as put in and take out spots.

If you plan to hire a guide and have not already done so, Bruce suggests you do so asap by contacting The Fly Shop at (530) 222-3555. Those using guides will usually serve at their own shuttle service.

If you need shuttle service, again, contact The Fly Shop for a referral. Bruce, with his wife Sallye, will be available to do

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this service only the morning of Sunday, October 13.

You can contact him at his email address shown above, calling his land line, (209) 274-0448 or his cells, (209) 986-2267 or (209) 781-5154.

This is an ideal nymph fishery using multiple flies beneath an indicator. One option is to use a mono leader of 1x/2x about 7 feet long. Beneath this use a tippet that will total about 3 feet long. A good top fly would be a Bennett's Rubberlegs, size 10. Tie in the tippet at the eye of this top hook. About 1 foot down the tippet tie in a "Troutbeads" egg. Suggested color is Mottled Tangerine, size 8mm or 10mm. Tie the hook for this bead using an Alaskan Rig. Below this, about 2 feet, tie

in something such as an amber Prince Nymph, size 16. Use shot sizes BB or AAA depending on flows and depth. Remember you are not casting a dry fly. Go slow and use a big, open cast upstream.

There are any number of lodgings available in or near Redding. If you have an AAA Tour Book for NorCal, use it. Bruce has stayed in several locations over the past 10 years, but currently uses the Best Western Plus Twin View Inn and Suites, 1080 Twin View Blvd., (530) 241-5500.

**Bruce proposes meeting for dinner, dutch treat, Saturday night, October 12 at 7:30 p.m., Olive Garden Restaurant, 1025 Dana Drive.**

**Membership Update... Raffle for early renewals and dues reminder for those that still need to pay**

By Bob Fujimura

We will have the drawing for those members who renewed their annual DFF memberships by September 30<sup>th</sup> at the October general membership meeting. A new 3 weight fly rod will be the prize and the winner will be selected at random. The winner need not be present to win.

Those members who have not paid their 2013-2014 membership should send in their annual dues so that the club's officers can receive the funds to plan their activities

and programs for 2014. These members will also receive their final notices and invoice within next 30 days. Any member who has not paid by November will be removed from the club's roster.

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# Bridgeport 2013, windy and wet but still fun

by Don Gillett and Bob Fujimura

Sunday – Fishmeister Don Gillett arrived Sunday around 2 PM. Don was greeted by Earl, Larry, Jim and Harvey. After Don set up camp he took it easy for the rest of the day.

Monday - Earl, Larry, Jim and Don went up to Virginia Lake Lodge to have breakfast and check with CJ Webb. She was glad to see us and gifted us with some flies. She suggested either the Lower or Upper Virginia Lake would be ok. Most of the anglers are catching small fish. Don fished Upper Virginia for four hours and got all small fish. Don next went to Lower Virginia and got the same results.

Tuesday - We all woke up to high winds with gusts up to 45 miles an hour. No fishing for me today. Earl, Larry and Jim fished Robinson Creek. Earl landed two fish. One weighed 2.5 pounds and the other weighed in at 1 pound. He was high-sticking. Jerry arrived that day.

Wednesday and Thursday - Earl, Larry, Jim, Harvey, Jerry and Don fished Upper Twin and we netted all small fish. Harvey landed a 16" fish. Overall fishing was slow. Ron, Bob, Jean, John H., Jason, Sam, John and Karen K. also arrived on these days. Bob and Jean F. had a great day of fishing on Thursday at Upper Virginia on Thursday – over 50 fish caught between the two of them. Jean caught one Alpers over 20".

Friday - Nine of us went for breakfast

at Virginia Lake Lodge. CJ again gifted up with some advice and flies. She suggested fishing Upper Virginia because it was just stocked. Everyone netted fish. The amounts of landings were from 10 to the late teens. A few fishers landed over 20. Charlie R. joined the group on this day and Jerry left early on this day.

Saturday - We woke up to high

ways. Samantha and Don were very appreciative of the great job done by all with the cleanup. Sam stayed in Jim's spare tent. John and Karen chose to stay in a motel in Bridgeport.

Sunday - John and Jason awoke to a frozen tent. They had to defrost their tent in order to break camp. Don said that in last twenty-five years he has

been going to Bridgeport it has never rained on the potluck. Another first is awakening to the wonder of snow on the mountain tops. Don also wanted to thank CJ for all the flies she has given us and treating us like family. Don's neighbor was delighted with the trophy-sized fish that CJ gave him. Most of the group left the campground happy and with many stories to tell.



What smart fly fishers do when it's raining outside. Sit in a tent and tell fishing lies.. Earl Summers (hand) Jean Fujimura, Sam Thompson, (future club president?) , John Highsmith., Karen Keagy

winds and clouds with the possibility of rain in the afternoon. Stan fished Upper Virginia and landed four fish and quit before he was blown over in his float tube. Around 2 PM it looked as if the potluck might have to be cancelled.

With the help of Mike, Kevin, John and Karen and their canopies we braved the rain and held the potluck anyway. Charlie brought three bundles of firewood to keep up warm and Earl, Larry and Jim supplied pinecones. We all felt resourceful and congratulated ourselves for our pioneer spirit and team work. All of the participants helped in a multitude of

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# Bridgeport, 2013



Another sunny day in the Eastern Sierra



Is that steam or smoke coming off those barbecues?



Upper Virginia Lake, at the top of the Sierra Nevada.



Larry Schmidt, "Fish on!"



A beautiful little brook trout, too pretty to eat!



The gang and C.J. Webb

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