



Rx Fly Fishing!

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Calendar

- September 7, 2013 NCCFFF Board Meeting TBA www.nccfff.org
- September 7, 2013 DFG Free Fishing Day
- September 11, 2013 General Membership Meeting
- September 14, 2013 Mokelumne River Drift (Jerry Neuburger, Fishmiester) Cancelled
- September 15-22, 2013 Bridgeport Outing
- September 25, 2013 DFF Board Meeting
- September 26-28, 2013 FFF Fly Fishing Fair, West Yellowstone, MT www.fedflyfishers.org
- October 9, 2013 Annual Club Potluck
- October 12-13, 2013 Lower Sac at Redding
- October 16, 2013 DFF Board Meeting

President's Message by Marty Kjelson

We just had our August Board meeting which I came away from encouraged. Your Board, officers and chairs are working hard on your and the club's behalf to make it better. Remaining challenges will require all member's support and assistance.

July and August found us looking at low water conditions. I got out a few times, ie. The eastern Sierra and Trinity river. A few good fish and we learned some new things. Expect one will need to concentrate on lake fishing this fall with a few exceptions such as our outings on the Feather and lower Sacramento.

In August we had to cancel our outings at Pinecrest Lake and Santa Cruz due to low interest and the fact Labor day would make it crowded on the coast. September at Pinecrest can be good with half price boat rental. A good deal.

We continue to mourn the passing of Bill Laughlin. We will miss his nice smile, gentle way, giving spirit, faithful friendship, his willingness to try new things and his love for life and his family. We wish his dear wife, Jean, the very best always.

Gil Parker and Steve Vonberg have stepped up to co-chair the outing committee and John Highsmith will lead our raffle efforts. Thanks, guys! I and others are most grateful. They will need our help for our future success.

Also, Bruce Rollans will lead coordination of our annual dinner in January, 2014.

Again, he will need our help and chairs for specific tasks. A special thanks to Bruce!

We still need nominations for the offices of President (yes, I'm stepping down); Vice President; and Secretary; Thanks so much Sallye and John. I and the Board will be calling members to ask for volunteers to nominate. Please show your willingness to help. A lot of the same folks "have been in the saddle" for many years.

Our Bridgeport outing in mid September is a highlight for the club. It is always well attended and a great trip with good fishing, fellowship and food. New members and old can learn a lot as there is a diversity of waters in that area. Hope you will sign up.

We hope to organize fishing day trips whose goal is to mentor folks new to fly fishing. This would make our mentor program more efficient and be held at a lake, stream, the delta, and ocean. More experienced folks would be the "mentors" and it (continued on page 2)



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should be very helpful. Gil Parker, our mentor chair, heard about this approach from Ron Forbes whose understands various clubs use this successfully.

Again, Jerry Neuburger needs articles to put in the newsletters. Each of you have something to share with us that could be a recent trip, special memories of fly fishing, some new technique/location, or just something you'd like to share or suggest

that can make our club better. If you need help writing, one of us can interview you and write it up for you. Thanks.

Finally, "ones first fish on a fly". Steve VonBerg, grew up in the Sonora area but it wasn't until about 1980 when he took the family to Ranch Seco lake for a BBQ that he got the fly fishing bug. He had bought a fiberglass fly rod and had some old flies someone had given him when he decided to try his rod there at Ranch

Seco. He felt the tug on a bluegill, must have been all of 300 gms, that rocketed in the air, fought for 20 minutes, before his daughter gifted it for him. The rest is history and Steve is know for his short line nymphing expertise. He swears that you can catch more trout in a stream with 20' of line out than all of us that try those double hauls and 80' of mess on the water. I don't doubt him.

See you on the water. Marty.

September's Program: Fly Fishing at San Luis Reservoir and O'Neil Forebay

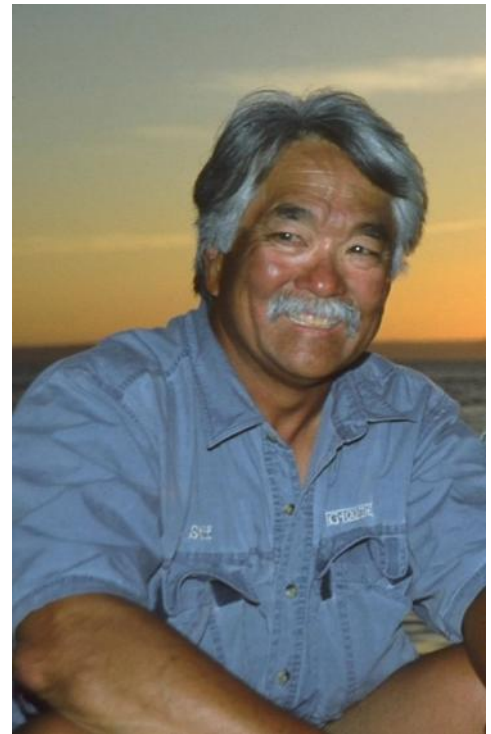
The San Luis Reservoir is an artificial lake on the San Luis Creek in the eastern slopes of the Diablo range in Merced County. Approximately 12 miles west of Los Banos on State Route 152, which crosses Pacheco Pass and runs along its north shore. Completed in 1967, the 12,700 acre reservoir is a joint use facility, being part of both the California State Water project and the Central Valley Project. The O'Neill Forebay located just below the dam is a holding area for water pumped from the canals and then pumped up and stored into San Luis Reservoir for irrigation and power generation. The Forebay has many man-made islands in which two are used for the 500kv power lines that carry electricity to much of the central valley

I have been fishing both San Luis and the O'Neill Forebay since the late 70's and have seen many large stripers taken from these waters. The main lake is known for its larger stripers that are caught every

year. But over the years, fishing for the big stripers have diminished. The Forebay is much easier to fish being that it is shallower and smaller in size, easier access for float tubes, pontoon boats, small prams, etc.... There are many different types of habitat in the Forebay to look for, like the flats and weeds beds, the shoal, rocky island structure and creek beds. In the Forebay, you will find stripers, large mouth bass, blue gill, crappie, cat fish and carp. Like any body of water, it takes time to learn where the hidden treasures are at.

In this presentation, I will discuss time of year, areas to fish, what equipment is needed, regulations, etc... I will also show you some patterns that have brought a lot of fish to hand.

This program is approximately 45 minutes in length with a Q&A session after the program.



Do You Feel Lucky... Last chance to get in the Membership dues raffle

September is the start of the new DFF membership year and the 2014 DFF membership fees are due. Prompt payment of these dues allows the club's officers to budget and implement the many club activities and services that are provided during the New Year. Membership dues make

up a significant portion of the annual budget for upcoming year. Invoices and written reminders are an additional expense to our budget.

If you renew your membership in September, you can still have a chance to win the new 3 wt fly rod

designated for early membership renewals. Although members who were able to renew their membership before August 31 have 3 times better chance to win this prize, members who renew their membership in September can have one ticket toward this raffle. You cannot win if you don't renew your membership by the end of the month – so send in your membership dues in today.

No Fly of the Month
tying session for September

The thin green line of resources agencies have big holes in their attempts to save valley fisheries

by Ron Forbes, Conservation Chair

Most fisherman swiftly learn that it's a pretty good rule never to show your favorite spot with any fisherman you wouldn't trust with your wife.

John Voelker

Who is protecting our fish?

The last week in July, the Directors of the Northern California Council Federation of Fly Fishers (NCCFFF) received an urgent press release from California Sportfishing Protection Alliance (CSPA), notifying us of a massive fish kill on the lower Sacramento River. In April, May, and June of this year, it is estimated that possibly one half of this years winter-run Chinook salmon, steelhead, and green sturgeon population have been lost. The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and California's Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) biologists are not able to put an exact number on the fish lost.

During their annual migration up the lower Sacramento River, many of these endangered and threatened fish have been drawn into streams and inlets flowing into the Colusa Basin and the Yolo Bypass and died. Over 300 fish were rescued from the Yolo Bypass, Colusa Basin, Colusa Trough, and the Delevan National Wildlife Refuge. There are no exits

from these basins. Once the fish enter, they are doomed. CDFW and NMFS biologist

also feel that the rescued fish have a poor chance of surviving and even less chance of spawning due to high water temperatures in the Sacramento River (around 72 degrees F) because of gross mismanagement the limited cold water pools in Lake Shasta this year. The rescued salmon's physiology has been degraded to the point where their ability to spawn is improbable.



According to the press release, stranded fish were also found in Willow Creek, Funks Creek, Logan Creek, Provident Main Canal, and the North East Drain. Neither our CDFW nor the NMFS tried to rescue any of the fish in these locations. They will die. The press release also pointed out that is not a new occurrence. In 2011,



200 winter-run Chinook, green sturgeon, and steelhead were saved from the Yolo and Sutter Bypass. And again, all the other trapped fish died.

Initially, I thought this was a new issue that needs a solution such as screens or barriers across the offending creeks and diversions. It isn't. CDFW and NMFS have been aware of this problem for over 18 years! To date neither CDFW or NMFS has done anything to prevent the yearly loss of these fish except



propose solutions. According to both agencies, the latest proposals "might" be in place by 2017. But neither organization will guarantee that a solution will be in place four years from now. That means 22 years after these fish losses were discovered, they will continue. Several years ago I wrote in a Delta Fly Fishers conservation article that the DFG, between 1899 and 1901, had tried to count the number of salmon



and steelhead returning through the Delta but couldn't because of the lack of adequate technology. However, they estimated the number of fish returning to be well over 1 million. The CSPA press

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release noted that in 1969 that number of fish had decreased to 117,000. In 2012 the number dropped to 2,529. That translates to the fact that now we have roughly less than 1/3 of 1 % of the salmon and steelhead we once had in the Sacramento River 100 years ago.

The fish are suffering on all fronts this year. The Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) was given the green light to increase the temperature of the Sacramento River by releasing cold water reserves that were to be held back for the spawning salmon. This water has been given to south valley farmers. Some of this water was to be cold water reserve for the salmon spawn. This spring and summer the BOR and the Department of Water Resources (DWR) knowingly violated salinity standards at several locations in the western and southern Delta. Fearing their actions also violated temperature and Delta Outflow standards on the Lower Sacramento River, both agencies asked the Delta Watermaster and the head of the State Water Quality Control Board to change the status of their required compliance and other required points of compliance upstream. Their request was granted. To add insult to already grievous injury, NMFS and CDFW had endorsed their actions. The salmon have lost two major battles this year. First they have probably lost half the returning Chinook and steelhead populations and because of BOR and DWR illegal actions, they have lost 50% of the spawning habitat for our winter-run salmon due to high water temperatures on the Sacramento River.

Bill Jennings, the Executive Director of the California Sportfishing Protection Alliance (CSPA) points out that, "This is an indefensible failure to protect species hovering on the brink of extinction. The fact that our fisheries

agencies have long been aware of this problem but have done little to correct it is appalling and borders on criminal culpability, especially when there are obvious and workable solutions."

Exacerbating the situation for our fisheries, it has been discovered that the BOR and the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) gave away almost 471,000 acre feet of water in 2011 that could have been used prevent this catastrophe. The nearly 1/2 million acre feet of water was given to the south valley farmers. Both the state and federal agency's have totally ignored and violated California's water quality standards. What they have done violates state law, but once again they have acted with impunity.

Despite these egregious actions on their behalf, the Westland Water District has had the audacity to recently to sue the Department of Interior (DOI) because DOI was to release water on the Klamath River to prevent another episode of gill rot that killed over 62,000 salmon in 2002 caused by low flows and high temperatures. Westlands claims the government's release of water was "illegal and furthered decreased what little water" was available to them. Evidentially they have forgotten the 471,000 acre feet of water that was given to them at the salmon's and Delta's expense. Unfortunately, the DOI settled the suit by asking for 2/3 less water than they think is needed. Judge Lawrence O'Neal commented, "All is being done that can reasonable occur to prevent a major fish kill." It will be interesting to see if he is correct. Or, because of Westland's greed and state and federal agencies illegal mismanagement of our water, we will have another

year of poor salmon runs on both the Klamath and Sacramento Rivers.

Almost every month, new and difficult problems concerning the Delta and our fisheries present themselves. Few can be resolved in the short-term. Most will take years to resolve. And it is easy to become discouraged and only see the negative side of the problems. But once you become involved with these issues, you begin to see more people and groups who stand up to organizations like Westlands, the corporate poster child of greed, and our state and federal agencies, who seem to have totally forgotten the concept of Public Trust. These people, and their groups, are getting better and better at protecting our environment and our fisheries. And they don't work for greed or profit. There is light on the horizon.

Ron Forbes
Conservation Chair

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Cleaning fly lines, an inexpensive alternative

By Bruce Rollans

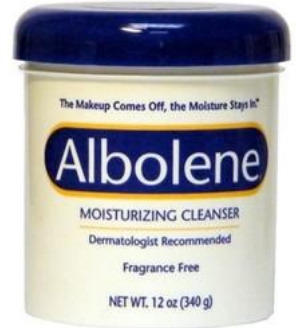
To clean and maintain the condition of your fly line you can purchase products at any fly shop or from a fly fishing catalog usually packaged in 1 ounce containers. These range in price from \$6 to \$10. Glide Line Dressing is just one such product. Scientific Angler Fly Line Dressing



is another.

An alternative is the product named Albolene Moisturizing Cleaner. It is normally sold in drug stores as a skin care product

in a 12 ounce jar for about \$6. It is pretty much the same formula as those products sold in fly shops, does the same thing and gives you 12 times the product for less money. Albolene can be transferred to a small easy to carry container just as it comes from the jar. It can also be mixed with a small amount of distilled water creating a much more fluid solution that can then be stored in a small travel size spray bottle. In solution it works well as a fly dressing. **Do not use any fly dressing on CDC material. Doing so will render the CDC useless.**



Mokelumne Float on September 14th cancelled, it's Harbor Day at Korth's Pirate's Lair

The club had scheduled the second annual float down the Mokelumne for largemouth on September 14th. However, it turns out that Korth's is holding their Harbor Day celebration the same day. The event draws over 600 people and runs from 1:00pm until 7:00pm or so. The traffic on the delta loop, lack of parking and boat traffic in the area would make for a less than satisfying fishing experience.

However should you care to do the float on your own, pick a day where the high tide falls about in the middle of your float and start anywhere from B&W Marina at the bridge if you want a long, three mile float, or move down to the Lighthouse Restaurant if you want a shorter float. Drift the river, fishing both sides in the upper section and the eastern side once you reach Willow Berm Marina, the large marina with the light house on the outer dock. Early mornings and evenings are

best for largemouth bass fishing, while the river fishes well all day long in the fall and winter for stripers.

You can float the river in your pontoon boat, small pram, canoe or kayak, just stay out of the main traffic lanes. Work the shoreline for LMB and the more open water for stripers. River depths vary from three to forty feet, with lots of 5 to 12 feet water available.

An easy way to avoid the need for a shuttle is to bring a bike with you, drop the bike off somewhere at Korths with a chain and lock and then drive back to your launch area. Once at Korths, pull your craft onto the public dock, and ride your bike back to your vehicle. Depending on the day and the harbormasters, you may have to pay launch fees for launching, takeout or both. If concerned, check first, usually you can get at least half price for pontoon boats.

Do you know someone who's always wanted to learn fly fishing? Bring them to the September meeting. Ladies and kids encouraged as well as old farts.

It's Time to Sign Your DFF Waivers

Greetings all, its summer and our DFF Board of Directors ask all members to sign our annual liability waiver. These signed forms are important for our club to continue to obtain cheap liability insurance through the National Fly Fishing Federation and allow us to continue to provide the many activities and events to our members and the public. So help out our Secretary and sign and turn your form in today.

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Bridgeport, the club's most popular outing starts early for those that can make it, or just the weekend for the worker bees

Dates and Locations: Bridgeport - Robinson Creek Campground, Sept. 15-22.

Robinson Creek Campground

Directions: To Robinson Creek Campground: From the intersection of Hwy 108 (Sonora Pass) and Hwy. 395, drive 19 miles south on Hwy. 395. Just as you enter Bridgeport, turn right on Twin Lakes Road. Drive 9 miles, staying on Twin Lakes Road to Robinson Creek Campground.

The Details: The Bridgeport Outing has been a part of the Delta Fly Fisher's outing schedule for over 20 years and has a reputation for being one of the better fish

Creek as early as you want, the Monday before, Wednesday before, Thursday, September 19, or even Saturday the 21st. Just make sure you're there for the not to be missed Saturday night pot luck.

Campground Information:

Robinson Creek Campground: (U.S. Forest Service Campground operated by concessionaire) Robinson Creek



Marty fishing Upper Twin in his well used kayak



Larry Schmidt manning the portable barbecue. Larry and Earl Summers plan to make a full week of it this year, and plan to arrive on September 15th.

South Campground is located just 9 miles from Bridgeport, California next to Robinson Creek at an elevation of 7,000 feet. Massive Jeffrey pines tower over the site, offering partial shade. Lodgepole pines, sagebrush, and summer wildflowers dot the area. The creek offers good rainbow trout fishing and can be easily accessed within the site. Numerous hiking trails are in the vicinity, including the popular Robinson Creek Trail. At a Glance

- Equipment:
- 4-5 weight rods
- Floating and sinking lines
- Flies: Streamers for lake fishing, nymphs and dries for stream fishing
- Split shot
- Tippet
- Indicators
- Waders"
- Boots
- Net
- Sun glasses
- Bug repellent
- Hat
- Float tube, skiff or pontoon boat

"catching" outings. The area around Bridgeport has a number of great fishing opportunities, Upper and Lower Twin Lakes, Robinson Creek, Kirman Lake and the East and West Walker Rivers. While those waters are fished regularly by club members, a club favorite is the Virginia Lakes, about 20 miles south on 395.

Another feature of this outing is the Saturday night potluck. Members bring their favorite cut of meat to barbecue and a pot luck side dish to be shared by the club. Of course, you may also bring your favorite beverage to wash the food down and in some cases, warm your tummy!

Arrival and departure times: The start dates and end dates for this outing are soft, meaning you can arrive at Robinson

Reservations: This site can be reserved by calling Toll Free 1-877-444-6777 or on-line at <http://www.recreation.gov>

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Jason, John Highsmith and Charlie Reames hiked the three miles to Kirmin Lake and had a fantastic day sticking very big brookies.

Eastern Sierra Focus

By CJ Webb

Fishing tip:

During the summer months on most lakes, a slump at some point will occur partly because trout have seen everything that anglers have thrown at them. Most spring insects have typically finished hatching and the water is too warm and trout become somewhat indifferent. Fishing can still be good when lakes cool and will hold more oxygen especially morning and evening when egg-laying chironomid adults and hatching pupae can be heavy. Shallows are definitely out and will be very warm. The last good hope during the doldrums will be to use a thermometer and locate what is called the "thermocline". This is the cool layer that lies directly beneath the oxygenation in a stratified summer lake. Usually it can be located around 15 to 20 feet down but can be much deeper. Trout may feed atop a thermocline even on hot summer days, or just lie there in wait for the evening feeding on insects that are around. Lastly, trout will always feed during a cooling spell when the weather turns up collars and drives anglers inside and they will feed at any time of the day.

Remember to be wary in and around desert brush and watch for rattlesnakes as they will be headed for moisture.

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In March 2013, two University of Redlands students under the direction of assistant chemistry Professor Rebecca Lyons were searching for a hidden killer; remnants of herbicides and pesticides and fertilizers and other industrial products called "endocrine disruptors"—trace elements that many scientists believe to be one of the gravest threats to life on the planet. These disruptors are the traces of various chemicals commonly found in pesticides, herbicides, detergents and other products. She came here with a group of graduate students hoping to get more information about how the disruptors move through the biological world. She states, "Over time, they have managed to make their way into tissue and water and soil and perhaps, even the air". Many scientists believe the problem is that these chemicals may pose a big risk to the very vitality of life on earth. Lyons needed a pristine lake to act as a control for her research into how endocrine disruptors affect lakes and other bodies of water, a local resident and former Redlands alumnus, Tony Taylor, suggested the Eastern Sierra and SNARL (Sierra Nevada Aquatic Research Lab). Their research was done up the Convict Lake canyon and many samples were taken

during frustrating climbs to high elevation lakes in bitter weather to discover the poisonous chemicals in a lake most assumed would be clean. It raised more questions than answers where they found endocrine disruptors at measureable levels. The only lake they did not find them was in Lake Genevieve. The group will be returning many times over the next few years to continue their research and go on to work in a laboratory that creates brand new pharmaceuticals that will help save human lives.

Weather:

August has been a mix from very hot with occasional thunderstorms late afternoon with occasional hail. We had one very cold snap in late July which triggered the aspens to start their annual change. They are just starting to turn yellow, with a few patches of orange between the two 139 dispersed camping signs along the Virginia Lakes road. This is unusually early for them to start their annual change. This might be a spectacular fall color array.

Also, "Belding's" ground squirrels started their hibernation exactly on August 20 with only a few stragglers hanging around gorging themselves for their winter nap.

It's been a bit hazy with the smoke from the fires but nothing to be concerned about.

Remember to check the regulations prior to fishing unfamiliar water concerning limits, size, and other restrictions.

Note: Always check with local tackle stores for the waters you plan to fish, and I'm not on commission for this suggestion, it's just good sense not to waste your time and "put-down" trout without the latest information.

ROCK CREEK LAKE has been a bit sporadic on the bite but catching seems to have improved. According to Jim King the evening bite has been terrific on small dries and something huge

It's in the family!



Apparently President Marty is not the only fisherperson in his family. His granddaughter Alyssa caught this giant catfish off his dock using a "bread" fly and one of those new fangled spinning rods. Maybe a couple more years and we'll see her up at Bridgeport with a fly rod in her hand, showing "the boys" how it's done.

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broke off one of his staff's Rock Creek Special. Upper stream is doing well on small dries after the air cools. The County will be planting their usual end of the month Enhancement Program. Flies working are black and gray dry patterns in the evening (small mosquitoes, Adams, black gnat, and the invincible Rock Creek Special). Think terrestrial!

CONVICT – Same as last report with streamers still doing great using dark green or brown Marvel Fly's (also known as a Pistol Pete), and Green Woolly Buggers. Other locations to try are the north shore, jetty, west shore near the outlet. Also try some standard dries around the southwest shore early and late.

HOT CREEK flow is at 6cfs and the Flume is at 38cfs and water is clear and weedy but doing alright. It's a stealth approach (as always) and Nymphing will be tough due to the low water and weeds. Very small size 20 will work best. Bring small midges and mayflies for the evening dry rise. Try cfo ant, baby boy hopper and fat Albert, cdc ant and elk hair caddis, e/c caddis missing link, Griffith's gnat and parachute ant. For nymphs try PT's, copper johns, wd40, western coachmen, rainbow warrior, rs2, micro may, Fox's poopah, sprout midge, and nitro caddis. Weeds are too high and water too low for streamers.

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CROWLEY water temp has reached 70°F on the bottom across the lake and algae is almost gone. Get there early as the bite is NOT as good when it's this warm. The lake is much lower than previous years so watch out for Pelican Point which sticks way out into the lake. Watch for white buoys and past to the east. Also, the islands just north are popping out so watch carefully if there is a good chop it covers the buoys. Fishing has been excellent with some good hatches. Lots of fish are holding in McGee Bay in about 8-13 feet of water. Trout are chasing perch fry (3/4-1") creating a lot of problems

for the tubers not being able to get their fly to the bottom. The trouble is the fry are either up on the surface or tight to the bottom so 18" off won't cut it. And, slow down, just a twitch-twitch-strip with a very occasional speed strip for 3 seconds, stop for a second or two to get back on the bottom, and then back to the twitch-twitch. Try bright red larvae patterns before 9am, red/black BH Optimidge with or without flash after then to a Shaft Emerger during high sun. Better big fish producer has been a large copper zebra and reports are that you will catch larger fish but not as many as the brighter copper tiger's would produce. Also, strip punk or perfection Perch smallest size in both colors of the Punk. NOTE: the high water temps and low oxygen are making for exhausted fish that should NOT be taken out of the water even for a photo; both small and large fish so if you need a pix of your beauty take it while it's in the net.

MAMMOTH BASIN is a bit low and fishing conditions have improved for catching Alpers. Great dry fly fishing with the DFW rainbows near the shore early am and late evenings but mid-day has also come up on the scale in poundage due to the cooler day temperature. Try everything but tugging streamers is best early and late as the air cools. Dries: Parachute Adams, royal wulffs, stimulators, callibaetis, humpy, Griffith's gnat, skittering midge and Sierra Brite Dot. Nymphs: rainbow warrior, glo bug, copper johns, birds nest, hares ear, AP emerger in olive, pheasant tail, wd40 and San Juan's. Streamers: crystal bugger, punk perch, Doc's Twin Lake specials, Hornbergs, and belly ache minnows. Basin has seen a lot of anglers.

SAN JOAQUIN is low but has risen due to the recent storms bringing the flows up allowing the fish to find better feeding areas, but if you are willing to hike down-stream to the deeper pools you will find great dry fly action.

JUNE LAKE has been fishing fairly well at the west end of the lake toward the north corner away from the marina and along the north shore. Single or two fly rigs are both showing some action, but change patterns if they don't

produce. If no takes drop your line deeper as the temperature is more comfortable for trout to feed in cooler water. Standard streamers like woolly's, Hornberg's, Light Spruce fly, leech patterns and damselfs.

GULL LAKE is doing well near the reeds with damselfs, Rickard's AP Nymphs, and Black BH woolies, dries working are Humpy's and black furry ants and hoppers. Fish early and late for a better action.

SILVER LAKE is still producing well with the DFW stocking and County Enhancement program plus their Alpers plants. Try stripping near the south side of the lake toward the grassy area with olive BH buggers, Green Guinea Hornberg, Matuka's, Spruce-abou's, and crystal leeches.

LUNDY water is holding but the ponds in the back have a good amount of water. Some areas are buggy so you just have to fish nearby to see what they have been taking. Normal flies for this time of year for the lake are Olive/black woolly buggers, and the Pistol Pete in olive and grizzly. Some dries are working on the south side near the inlet where the browns are enjoying the deli that cruises the lake every couple hours and wander into their area.

VIRGINIA LAKES catching improved even with the recent thunderstorm/lightning events and the Perseid Meteor Shower on the 12th (hope you got to see it). DFW continues to stock weekly along with Alpers. Trout have been taken on woolly worms, olive woolly bugger, and Rickard's emergers, olive guinea Hornberg and green eyed damselfs. But the best evening entertainment has been with a grey hackle yellow. Day-tuggers have been using black woolly buggers size 8, Hornbergs as a single fly or dropping a size 16 hare's Ear, a bead head pheasant tail flashback or a zug bug. Don't leave home without an assortment of standard dries as the cooler air and water has pumped their appetites, so if you're looking for a hot date on the lake then don't forget your fluffy bugs. Small grey hackle yellows, small dark midges and my favorite X-Caddis are working in the upper lakes to the Summit.

EAST WALKER flow is at **49cfs** and dropped from 112cfs on the 22nd of July, and making it difficult to fish except for the holes if you can find any. Fish early morning then quit by noon if you care about the resource. Cooler night temps are keeping the trout more comfortable early, so try hoppers, beetles, humpies, stimulators, zebra midge, wd40, top secret midge, mercury midge, buckskin caddis, rainbow warrior, 3-wire caddis, parachute Adams and e/c caddis. Remember should you catch the “fish of a lifetime” revive it slowly and take CARE, this river does not get restocked.

BRIDGEPORT RESERVOIR is very low and fish are concentrated in the bathtub which is deeper and cooler.

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Fly anglers are finding it difficult so paddle around to look for clear water where trout are holding but be sure and check with Ken's in Bridgeport prior to hitting the river for daily conditions and the fly of the hour. They know the heartbeat of the river.

WEST WALKER flow is **38cfs**. Fish the first north curve just past the bridge, but be sure and watch for snakes, it will be a dry year for the high country and they will be seeking cooler areas and have been spotted crossing the river. Also look for pools where trout will hold to keep cool and get a better menu choice. Try some two-fly rigs with bushy indicators using a



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