

# Delta Fly Fishers

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## President's Message

by Marty Kjelson

Greetings, Delta Flyfishers. I continue to marvel at the multitude of club service, fishing, and fellowship activities that enhance our organization. Thank you all for making our club one in which to enjoy and grow. Share your enjoyment with friends and have them come out with us and join up!

June brought us another great catfish derby with plenty of fish being caught in the early morning hours. Again, thanks to Earl Summers and our membership for helping make it a memorable event.

Our BBQ filled our bellies with good food and drink, a great raffle, and more fellowship and stories. The best to Ron Pettitt and his dear wife as they move down to the desert. I know we'll see them again at Bridgeport in September. Our club gave a gift to CSFA represented by Bill Jennings who highlighted again the challenges facing our Delta fishery resources. Thanks again to Earl, Al Smatsky, Leo Gutterres, the Rollins' and Bill Laughlin for all their work and to all for the tasty food items.

Our Mokelumne River Largemouth Bass float trip was well attended by a diverse group of members and watercraft on a hot, calm evening. The trip gave the folks experience in that part of the Delta which will help improve the catching in the future. Thanks to Jerry Neuburger for putting it on and for all his great photos and stories on the club's web site.

Our Lake Davis trip, with about eight members attending, was enjoyable even though the wind was challenging at times. I learned a lot and found that midging under a bobber still works for the 14 to 18 inch rainbows that give a great fight. I did manage to catch a few stripping but yielded to Harvey and Jim Rich on their great success using that technique. One of the hot flies was a brown/olive sparkle chenille with a short marabou tail in black or tan (size 12-14). Jim did well with a tippy special too, and Harvey with his long, thin brown-wing damsel. Surface action was very sparse even though we had the beautiful blood midge emergers that Joe Balderston taught us to tie. Herman Spalinger caught fish on the sheep creek special with bright green body that

the Grass Valley club guys put us on to last year. About five clubs were represented (Tracy, Solano, Grass Valley, Reno and us) which allowed us to meet some new folks and learn from them. There are many good fly rodders out there! One of our members gained a great and thankfully safe experience testing the Davis winds in his raft. I'll leave it at that only to say fly fishing at times "try men's souls".

As all of you hopefully know, each year we take a break and have no meeting in July. Take time to call a friend and get out on some new and old waters. Remember to please take some photos and write up your adventure.

Bob Fujimura and I will be joining Steve Cooper on the Grande Ronde River in SE Washington to fish for Small Mouth Bass and enjoy pristine waters. We plan to fish some other waters in NE Oregon as well. And this will be at least part of my talk at our member's meeting in August.

Finally, "The First Trout Caught on a Fly, by Herman Spalinger."

Herman was about 13 when his dad took him to a small stream at the top of Priest Grade going into Yosemite. Again, he was using a bamboo fly rod armed with floating line and heavy leader and a size 14 royal coachman. Herman offered the perfect cast (he always has been a natural at this) and the four-inch rainbow sucked it in. The strike was fast and definitive and the fish ended up in the trees behind him, i.e., no net needed! He undoubtedly recovered the critter and released it, following photos by a proud dad. I will call each of you to share your tales so be ready with the embellishments!



Your fellow angler, Marty

## FUTURE EVENTS SCHEDULE

**Saturday, August 25, 2012**

### **Fishing for Kelp Bass at Santa Cruz Fishmeister: Jerry Neuburger**

**Location: Santa Cruz Pier**

**Directions:** South on I-5 to I-205/580 then West on I-205/580 to I-680 then South on I-680 to Hwy 262 then West on Hwy 262 to I-880 then South on I-880 and continue south on tot Hwy 17 then left onto SR 1 at Santa Cruz. Continue on to Chestnut Street. Turn Left on Lincoln Street to Center Street then turn right on Center Street to pier area.



**Distance:** 107 miles. Estimated Driving time from Stockton 2 hours, 15 minutes. Start Time from Stockton approximately 5:00 a.m. unless you leave the day before.

Save gas, money, and the environment! Carpool! Arrange a ride with three other people. Except for the driver, the crew can sleep all the way down, and if someone else drives the morning driver can sleep all the way home.

**PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE CLUB'S FACEBOOK EVENT PAGE IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND:** If you plan to go on this outing, PLEASE sign up using the Club's Facebook Event Page. Just click on the "join" tab at the right side of the outing. It will make notifying you much easier since the fishmeister can use the Facebook facility to type messages including last minute instructions and a possible cancellation notice if high winds or other problems exist to those that have indicated they are going.

If you have signed up, you will receive an e-mail on all notifications. In addition, you can use the comment section to ask questions about the outing that will stay under the outing heading. The Facebook Event signup is the only list the club maintains regarding those planning to attend an outing.

**Boat Rental:** Capitola and Santa Cruz Boat Rental - On the Pier at Santa Cruz (831-423-1739)



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### **August Events**

**August 8 - General Membership Meeting at the NATURE CENTER in Oak Grove Park - President's fishing presentation.**

**August 15 - DFF Board Meeting**

**August 22 - Fly of the Month Tying Session  
Parachutes made easy. Instructor - Joe Balderston**

**August 25 - Monterey Bay Kelp Bass, Santa Cruz Pier**

### **September Events**

**September 1 - NCCFFF Board Meeting TBA  
www.nccfff.org**

**September 5 - Fly of the Month Tying Session  
Bridgeport flies: To be determined.  
Instructor - Joe Balderston**

**September 12 - General Membership Meeting**

**September 13-16 - NCCFFF/SWCFFF Fly Fishing Fair,  
Mammoth Lakes, CA www.nccfff.org**

**September 19 - DFF Board Meeting**

**September 19 – 23 - Bridgeport Outing!**

### **October Events**

**October 7 - Steelhead Festival, University of the Pacific**

**October 10 - General Membership Meeting  
Club potluck**

**October 17 - DFF Board Meeting**

**October 24 - Fly of the Month Tying Session  
Feather River flies: Steelhead patterns  
Instructor - Al Smatsky**

**October 27 - Feather River Outing  
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life vests, anchor, oars, gaff, a safety kit, and a ton of advice.

The price is only \$20 an hour or \$80 for the day! Boats can depart as early as 7:00am any day. Boats rented from each store must stay within rental boundaries. Boats must be back at the wharf by 3:00pm.

Call ahead and make a reservation. This is usually a good idea during holidays or whenever you want to be certain you'll get a boat. It is suggested that you make your reservations at least two weeks in advance.

**Skiff Rental University** is accepting students! Get your diploma and save time getting on the water. Tuition is free!! Take this ON-LINE test and print your Diploma to save time. **IF YOU BRING YOUR DIPLOMA, YOU WILL NOT HAVE TO TAKE THE REQUIRED BOATING OPERATIONS COURSE ON THE PIER.**

### **Fish Species:**

Kelp bass run from about a half pound to six to eight pounds with two pounders being an average fish. Olives and blues are the most prevalent but other species are present.

White sea bass can exceed 40 pounds and are excellent eating!

### **Equipment:**

- 7 to 9 weight rods
- Reel with decent drag
- A selection of lines from express to floating
- #20 six foot straight leader
- A Buddy II if you have one
- Sun block
- Sun glasses
- Light jacket or coat

### **Flies:**

Clousers, deceivers, other streamer patterns 2 to 1/0

**Details:** Although this outing is only a one-day event, it is a totally different experience for our DFF members and can be a whole lot of fun! The day starts early with a 5:00 am or earlier departure time from Stockton unless you want to drive to Santa Cruz the day before and enjoy some of the sights.

Once on the pier, bring your Skiff Rental University Diploma with you and secure the boat you reserved two weeks before. Load your stuff in, get the handout map of skiff boundaries and fire up that engine.

The outing date was selected because it features a neap tide and low water in the morning. The neap tide means that there will be very light currents throughout the bay allowing the fish to move away from the rocky structure they routinely cling to, and the low tide means that the fly fisher will be closer to the rocky pinnacles that these fish are drawn to. High tide is around 6:45 in the morning and low tide at about 11:00 am with less than one foot of water exchange. The next high tide is at 5:30 pm but is greater in volume. However, fishing should extend for at least two hours beyond low tide before the flow really starts moving.

Use the chart and your Buddy II (or follow someone else that has one) to locate the rocky pinnacles shown. Once over them, start casting. Allow your line to sink and start stripping in, using a strip similar to what you would use striper fishing but with slightly smaller strips. You should start getting strikes right away if the currents have slowed. You may even see the fish following your fly to the surface. On really calm days with little current you can sometimes even see the fish cruising right below the surface. (I don't know if it will produce a strike but I'm bringing a rod with a floating line and popper just in case!) Some days are better than others but you should expect to catch from about 15 to 50 fish per rod. You're encouraged to release these fish. While the fillets are good eating, the fish are a slow growing species and are already overfished.

While the target is kelp bass, don't expect to see any kelp. You'll be fishing in water 40 to 80 feet deep over rocky high spots. You won't have to fight casting into a maze of vegetation. If you find that the bite has fallen off, you've probably drifted away from the pinnacles, fire up that engine and get back over the fish. In addition to kelp bass, there is always the possibility that a school of white sea bass will move through. This is especially true since the smaller kelp bass have left their cover and are exposed. If you tie into one of these fish you'll have your hands full, especially on that seven weight. White sea bass are as tough as stripers and will peel line off your reel faster than a bone fish.

Given that the tidal flow will really start moving about 1:00 pm, we'll probably head for the pier to check in the boats. Once everyone is checked in, we'll pick out a restaurant order a few brewskies and a seafood lunch. Then we'll have the two hour drive home with photos and memories to keep us smiling.

**Boating and Sea Sickness in the salt:** While many people worry about sea sickness, some things can be done to prevent it. The swell at Santa Cruz where the club will be fishing is usually very gentle to non-existent. Unless you KNOW you are subject to Mal De Mer and know that using a patch or taking pills will help, I recommend that you NOT take those precautions. Plan a non-greasy breakfast. Oatmeal, cereal, waffles, pancakes are better than sausage, eggs and hash browns. Don't over-hydrate but do not deprive yourself of all liquids.

**Rig your gear while on the dock!** Mount your reel on your rod, string up the line and tie on a fly! Have your other flies and all other gear easily accessible. Do NOT spend a lot of time looking down into the boat rigging lines, gear, changing flies, etc. When tying on a new fly, hold it up at the horizon. If you feel at all queasy, STOP focusing on things near you, get your head up and look at the horizon. In the two outings our club held in the past, no one had to leave the water because of sea sickness.

Want to go on a vicarious outing and find out what the whole thing is like? read Dan Blanton's writeup of the San Jose Fly Caster's trip that he wrote up years ago. Want to know what

it's like from a member's prospective, talk to Grady Lee or Charlie Reames. They bagged some white sea bass on the last club outing.

**Suggested Reading: Fly-Rodding Monterey Bay Kelp Bass**  
by Dan Blanton

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## July 2012 Fly of the Month

**The Delta Challenger AKA the Crystal Bugger**

**Wednesday, July 25, 6:30pm, Oak Grove Park**

**Instructor: Joe Balderston**

**Fee: \$3.00 (Includes materials to tie six flies)**

**Ten tier limit. Sign up on the DFF Facebook Event Page**

Is there a fly that will work for catfish and stripers, crappie and black bass, Chinook salmon and the Sacramento Pike Minnow?

Yes. And those species are only a few of the fish that have fallen to the fly. What's more, it's one of the simplest flies to tie and usually the first one that a beginning tier puts together at the bench. Yes, it's the woolly bugger or a close spin-off to the pattern.

The fly has morphed into all types of designs, some with collars, some with wings, some with a short tail and some with no tail. In this particular incarnation the fly will have a little added sparkle compared to its original version.

Delta Challenge certificate holder Joe Balderston used this fly successfully in earning his award. Joe says, "The smaller size is great for trailing behind a popper. The big one catches the eye of bass, stripers and channel cats. The medium size catches everything!"

Joe will be the instructor at this class and plans to guide the tying of six flies, two large, two medium, and two small. He'll also discuss the use of the fly in seeking out the six species necessary to qualify for the Delta Challenge certificate.

### **Material List:**

- **Hook: #2 to #8, 3X long.**
- **Thread: To match tying materials**
- **Tail: Marabou**
- **Rib: Copper or brass wire**
- **Hackle: Saddle hackle to match tail**
- **Body: Ice Chenille**

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## Conservation

**"Let me state, clearly and finally, the Interior Department is fully and completely committed to the policy that no water that is ever needed in the Sacramento Valley will be sent out of it. There is no intent on the part of the Bureau of Reclamation ever to divert from the Sacramento Valley a single acre-foot of water that might be used in the valley now or later."**

**U.S. Secretary of the Interior Kruge,  
October, 1948**

### **Shoveling Smoke**

**Sometime in the last two weeks of July it is expected that**



**Governor Jerry Brown and Interior Secretary Ken Salazar will announce the proposed building of water conveyance tunnels (peripheral canal) around the east side of the Delta. It is expected that**

**the system will have three intakes on the Sacramento River and take 9,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) from the river with a maximum capability of taking 15,000 cfs. It's difficult for most of us to visualize just how much water that is. To put it in perspective, the Sacramento River was flowing at approximately 8,000 cfs when our club fished for shad on the river early this June. The last week in June, the Mokelumne River is flowing at 273 cfs. To visualize what Brown and Salazar propose is taking all the water we saw when we fished the Sacramento PLUS three and two-thirds Mokelumne Rivers. The idea of taking that much water from the Delta immediately brings many unanswered questions to mind. Some of these questions include the badly-flawed Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP), who gets what, what are the costs, and why has Brown strongly resisted a cost analysis for the project, etc.**

**Early June Bill Jennings of the California Sportfishing Protection Alliance (CSPA) responded to an editorial in the San Francisco Chronicle. The Chronicle concluded that while they thought a peripheral canal was a**

bad idea, it would be built anyway. Jennings disagreed and the paper published his reply. The Chronicle over-looked many things that a canal must accomplish to become a reality. According to Jennings, to build the canal the state will have to suspend the environmental review statutes, California's Clean Water Act, the Endangered Species Act, the California Water Code and go through Congress, the Legislature, the voters, and the court system. At a cost of one-quarter of a billion dollars, the BDCP has produced badly-flawed science that has been rejected by independent scientists from the National Academy of Sciences and other independent science organizations. The "science" put forth by the BDCP is what they want and not the scientific reality that exists in the Delta. Because of the overwhelming flaws exposed in the BDCP, the group is trying to move to a BDCP Plus operation which wants a canal built then claim they will "solve" the issues caused by a canal after it is built! This is the Mt. Everest of back-door thinking.

Jennings points out that the state's water problems exist because the State gave out water unfairly, wasted water, and over-promised the resource. Another side to this issue is that the State had a provision in the water contracts with water contractors that stated if there was a shortage of water the state didn't have to fulfill their part of the contract. However, in 1985 the State and contractors met illegally behind closed doors and removed that clause from the contracts without public knowledge. Another bizarre fact is that California has promised more water to contractors than has existed in the wettest year of the State's recorded history. The State has also contracted the rights to water flow that is four times the flow of the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers combined. Jennings correctly refers to this as dealing with "paper water" not in water that exists in reality.

Other issues raising their ugly heads: Who gets how much water, how much will it cost, and who pays? At this point the parties are proposing a 75-25 split. South San Joaquin Valley corporate farmers are to receive 75% while the south's metropolitan water districts will get 25% of the canal's water export. Now here is the interesting part: The corporate farming interests propose that they only pay 25% of the cost for 75% of the water; the metropolitan water districts are to pay 75% of the cost for 25% of the water. This has not even been agreed upon by either side. Another question is what will be the cost of servicing the debt of this huge project. Again who pays what

and how much will that cost be? The fact is that the South Joaquin Valley corporate farms produce only 0.5% of the State's economy yet they want 75% of all water exported and have the metropolitan water districts pay 75% of the bill, this despite the fact that Southern California has 28 million people and produces half the state's economy. Economically the south valley corporate farms' position makes no sense.

Getting an accurate cost of the proposed canal project is next to impossible. Two years ago figures from 10 to over 50 billion dollars were thrown about without specifics. Now the estimate for the canal and cost of operation is 15.7 billion dollars. This figure does not include debt service, nor does it include the cost of 42-44 miles of land and property needed plus public domain expenses, infrastructure, and environmental costs. There are so many variables in this estimate that are not accounted for that the accuracy of a 15.7 billion dollar cost is very questionable. In Marc Reisner's book Cadillac Desert, Jerry Brown's father was faced with a similar problem when he wanted to build the Central Valley Project. He was faced with opposition to the project and found the project would be twice the cost they estimated. He did what politicians do when faced with a major problem - he lied. Since Jerry Brown stopped the Legislative Analyst from doing an impartial analysis on this proposed project, you must assume Jerry is following in his father's footsteps; he is not telling the truth.

People well versed in the Delta know that a peripheral canal will destroy the Delta as we know it. Those who want a canal will examine neither the environmental issues nor the economic facts of life. The University of the Pacific's Dr. Jeffery Michael is the Director of the Business Forecasting Center (BFC). The BFC is well-known for its expertise on the economy of the Central Valley. The BFC is the only academic, non-governmental organization to do a benefit-cost analysis of a Delta peripheral canal. After the BFC's study it was found that for every \$2.50 spent in cost only \$1.00 will be generated in economic benefit. Not only will this "water conveyance" destroy the Delta, it is not economically feasible and will be an economic disaster. Despite the negatives, however, you can expect Brown-Salazar, et al, to continue to push the project forward. Given our State's economic woes, how can we survive another major economic disaster.

The first week in July, Restore the Delta (RTD) is releasing their long-awaited video, *Over Troubled Waters*. RTD wants the video released before the Brown-Salazar canal announcement. In talking with RTD and their public relations people, they want as many people as possible in both Northern and Southern California to know the real problems that would be caused by the peripheral canal. The people in Southern California are not seeing the situation as it really is. The video has a 5-minute trailer which can be seen at: <http://overtroubledwaters.org/>. Ed Begley, Jr. narrates and the video that is beautifully filmed. The video shows our side of the peripheral canal issue and the problems it will cause. Watch the trailer and the video now when it is released.

Restore the Delta has also announced a meeting in Stockton, Wednesday, July 11th at 6-8 pm at 2000 Amblers Lane. The meeting will concern current issues and where we go from here. Let's have a large showing of Delta Fly Fishers attending to show our support.

Ron Forbes  
Conservation Chair

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### The "Flying Fickle Finger of Fate Award" to the wind at Lake Davis by Jerry Neuburger

Lake Davis, June 23, 2012 -- As I drove up to Lake Davis Wednesday morning I day dreamed of big trout sipping the Martis Midge Emergers I had tied in Joe Balderston's tying class a week before. I pictured a small cove with rise rings covering the water and me sitting in the middle in my pontoon boat fly rod in hand and ready to cast a long line with a gently laid-out fly.



After a hundred and eighty mile trip from Lodi, I pulled into Sleepy Hollow RV Park and was greeted by the camp hostess. She lead me in her golf cart to my slot and I backed my little trailer in next to Harvey Hamlow's bigger fifth wheel. It was still before noon

and I decided to stick around until Herman and Marty arrived so they could show me their favorite spots on the lake. It wasn't long before they showed, Herman in his van pulling his new travel trailer and Marty following in his pickup. Herman was directed to the other side of Harvey's rig and backed in. Marty and I helped him set up so we could head up to the lake for an afternoon's fishing.

I followed the pair to Jenkin's Point on the west side of the lake, about nine miles from camp. I was surprised to see the shore lined with trucks, vans and cars and the lake covered with a small fleet of tubers, pontoon boats and prams. We took up our spots at the water's edge and began unloading and assembling our craft, Marty bringing a kayak, Herman with his Scadden frameless and me with my still new budget Creek Company pontoon boat.

As soon as I was in the water I could see the shucks of different bugs in the surface film. Most were from damsel nymphs but others were present as well as hatching callibeatis and emerging blood midges. I could also see at least one bent rod on a continuous basis from the 20 other fly fishers on the water. Although the surface was covered with insects, few fish could be seen rising so I opted for the other fly I had tied in class, Brian Chan's Baby Damsel Nymph. A few casts later and I was into my first Davis Lake trout. Before the day was over I landed two more, while Herman and Marty each more than doubled my numbers.

We met Jim Rich on the water and he told us what had been working, unweighted very small brown damsel nymphs and size 12 blood midge larva. He had stuck a number of fish on patterns close to the damsel imitation, a short bodied olive chenille fly with a small light colored hackle collar and a wisp of a tail. The three veterans caught a few more fish before all of us headed back to camp for a late dinner and some fly tying to match what was turning out to be the day's hot flies.

Thursday morning we were joined at the lake's edge by Harvey, Jim, and Charlie Reames. The lake was flat, flat, flat. In addition the number of vehicles lining the shore was even greater with club members arriving from Gold Country Fly Fishers out of Grass Valley/ Nevada City and even more from Tracy Fly Fishers. It wasn't long before all of us were in the water. I kicked over to a less inhabited spot where I could see fish taking something on the surface. I spent the next three hours of the morning throwing most of the dries in my

fly box with no results while Harvey and the rest of the crew worked the deeper water with good success, Harvey putting at least 15 fish in the net and the rest of the crew coming close to that number.

Most of the "crew" took time out for lunch while I stayed at the lake, dug out my tying supplies and tied what I thought the rest of the guys were using. The "crew" returned at 5:00 pm, about the same time as the wind, not a gale but just enough to make fishing a little more effort, especially for those who chose not to anchor. I managed to get a few bumps on my new creations while the rest of the group did much better with three to six fish each. The constant wind brought an earlier end to the day's fishing than the previous day and we headed back to our camps for dinner and more fly tying.

With the late night tying session, I was sure I had the right flies for Friday and decided to get an early start. I was at the lake's edge at 6:30 and found Jim Rich and Harvey Hamlow sitting in Jim's van. As I walked over to ask what was going on, I noticed the parking lot was practically vacant compared to the previous two days. When I asked why the two weren't on the water, they told me that only few minutes before the lake had been covered with whitecaps and that some extra early arrivers had already left. After a 20-minute wait, the weather seemed to subside and we decided to launch.

Marty and Herman arrived as well and we were soon all on the water. It wasn't long before the wind returned. While Jim, Harvey and Herman had all caught fish, they were tired from kicking and pulled their craft out before noon. Marty and I had anchored and were more comfortable and continued fishing. Marty landed about six fish with two more for me. The wind really started to blow and white caps were forming. Although I hadn't noticed, Marty had seen Ed Smith, a recent club member, launch an inflatable raft with an electric motor. Marty pointed him out cruising the lake. As the wind speed increased, we could see Ed off in the distance and he appeared to be rowing. Marty was beginning to take on water from the chop and we decided to head in, being the last two on the water with the exception of Ed who we could no longer see.

Marty loaded up and thought he should drive to the east side of the lake to look for Ed. I was still packing up for a final pack since I planned to leave for home Saturday morning. Marty

started to leave but returned a few minutes later saying that Ed had called him on his cell phone and was stranded on the east side of the lake and would be waiting for him on the road. Marty took off to find Ed and I finished packing and headed to the metropolis of Portola to fill my gas tank so I'd be topped off before heading for home the next day.

Back at camp I found Harvey and Herman and told them of Ed's dilemma. I had decided that if Marty didn't show up I'd set out to see if the two needed help with the raft. However, before long Marty arrived and gave an account of Ed's stranding. Ed had run out of juice and could make no headway in the wind rowing. He was carried to the lee shore of the lake where he pulled the raft ashore and walked to the road and phoned Marty. When Marty arrived they decided to leave the boat for the next morning when Ed could carry down a fresh battery and power the boat back to a launch ramp nearby. (I'm sure that Ed's escapade will cause his nomination for the 2013 version of the Incomplete Angler Award.)

The wind had taken much of the energy out of the crowd and everyone retired to their camps for the evening. I was up early on Saturday morning and hooked up my trailer for the drive home; Harvey had already left for the water. I walked over and said goodbye to Herm and Marty. Herman had planned to stay through Monday while Marty was to fish the morning and then drive home. Whether the morning fishing worked out is still in question. The weather reports were calling for rain, the sky was dark and the clouds were racing across the horizon with the wind still blowing.

It had been twenty years since I had last been to Davis but this year's fishing, while not what I expected, whetted my interest for another shot at those big trout. Before the wind blew us off the water on Friday afternoon, I had put the hook into two good-sized trout using a brown damsel fly imitation. The bigger fish streaked off close to 50 feet of line before being checked up. It made a few more powerful - if short - runs before ending up in my net. I plan to be back next year if not before for another shot at Lake Davis.

After Jerry left on Saturday, we got in a fair day of fishing after 6:00 pm. Sunday the fickle wind came up again and we were again relegated to the evening fishing, which turned out pretty good for me (Herman) as I caught

more fish than Harvey that night. I must say there's some pretty nice fish in the lake now that put up a good fight since I heard during the outing dates of members complaining of break-off's. (Make sure you tie that tippet knot correctly or you'll lose a lot of fish, as I can attest). Monday was the same wind situation. After fighting the wind for four days my legs were more than tired and I lasted only an hour on the water before I came in. Harvey even returned to camp as I was buttoning up to come home. He didn't seem to have any luck either.

Thus endeth a very nice outing with great camaraderie between members. For those of you who haven't experienced Lake Davis, it's worth the drive. There are a few places where the lake can be fished from shore by wading out in the sticky mud. Early morning and late evening are the best bet for that, and June/July and October are the better months from shore or floating craft into the fickle winded lake.

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### Summer Membership Savings

*Bob Fujimura, Membership Chair*

If you know someone who is interested in joining our club, this summer is the best time to encourage them to join. Not only do they have some best upcoming events and fishing trips to look forward to, please they can save on their new membership. Start in June, any new member will receive the remainder of this membership year (Sept 1 to August 31) AND the full 2013 membership year. They can get 14 months of club membership for the price of 12 months if they join now.

So help a friend to join our club and save them money at the same time. Information and enrollment forms are available on our web site: [deltaflyfishers.com](http://deltaflyfishers.com) or call Bob Fujimura at (209) 339-0683 (evenings) or at [deltaflyfishers@gmail.com](mailto:deltaflyfishers@gmail.com)

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### July is Delta Challenge Month

Is the high Sierra a little too windy or too far to drive with the higher prices? Consider working toward your Delta Fly Fishing Challenge certificate. With the recent moderate temperatures, Delta fishing is still good for largemouth and smallmouth bass, bluegill, redear sunfish, carp, and other lesser targeted but game worthy species. Even if you regularly fish the Delta, it is a lot of fun focusing of these other fishes if you have never tried it with fly gear.




For fishing tips contact our DFFC certificate holders Jim Rich or Joe Balderston. General information on this fun program can be found at the Delta Fly Fishers web site.



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