

Delta Fly Fishers

March 2012

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President's Message by Marty Kjelson



Greetings, Delta Flyfishers. We had another great month of events and outings. I thank the many members that pitched in to help. Steve Cooper led our annual Bob McMillan Trout Bout on the 4th where over a thousand kids and parents enjoyed a fun day including some good trout caught by young

anglers. Our Discovery Bay outing was well attended by about 20 members. Special thanks to Earl Summers, Bruce and Sallye Rollins and Jerry Neuburger for great food and tips on how to fish for Stripers. We got some good experience casting shooting heads, though the catching was slow. New member Mike Okazaki was the most diligent and caught three Striped Bass and a Largemouth Bass later in the afternoon.

Our February speaker, Rickey Mitchell, kindly gave us his book on fly fishing from a Kayak and also a half price guide trip for LMB on some private ponds which should be good. I look forward to the Pleasanton show at the end of February. Herman Spalinger and I will look for some new videos to upgrade our club rental library. Make some calls to enjoy car pooling to the show.

Ron Forbes, our conservation chairperson, continues to do a great job keeping us informed on the key issues. He's looking for ideas for club involvement in local water/habitat improvement projects. Give him a call with your thoughts. He's also raised concern of a recent Congressional Bill (HR 1837) that has high potential to hurt fish habitat in the Valley. Read his comments in this month's newsletter. We, as a club, will likely join others in opposition to this Bill.

Finally, I recently read an article in The Record on the many challenges to anadromous fish in the Calaveras River. It would be helpful to educate all members on this local issue so that we can support realistic goals for those populations and the

watershed itself. I've always believed that sufficient flows for out-migrant salmon and steelhead are the most restrictive to those fish. I wonder if meeting that need will ever be possible. I look forward to being encouraged on that concern.

Your Board of Directors and Officers have completed the 2012 Budget and found we are in sound financial shape. We have funded some new activities and continued old ones that should make our club even stronger. Give thanks to the Officers and Committee Chairs as they do a lot of behind-the-scenes work for our 100 plus membership.

While on that topic, we still need volunteers to fill the Publicity, Property, and Historian positions. Please consider stepping up to help. You'll be rewarded in numerous ways. Also we need someone to greet our members new and old and guests at our monthly meetings. First appearances really count and a friendly handshake and sincere chat and followup with a guest can be our most effective means to increase our membership.

Jerry Neuburger has offered to head up fly tying classes in March, April and June. The subject of flies will be specific to our spring outings to fish for Shad, Cutthroats, and Largemouth Bass. We'll be able to handle about ten people at a small charge. He will need some help to do this effectively. I again applaud Jerry for our new website filled with a lot of good, useful information.

I look forward to fishing with you this year, learning more about how to fool our scaled critters and your own experiences on the water and in life.

Cheers, Marty

Do you fish on Fridays?

John Keagy doesn't fish on Fridays but shared time a couple went to a marriage counselor. She told the counselor that he never talks to me, asks about my day nor says thanks for all I do. The counselor asks the man for his response who said, "I'm home every night; go to work; cut the lawn, etc." The counselor then got up and passionately kissed the wife and gave her a big hug and said "She'll need that every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday". The husband responded, "I can bring her in Mondays and Wednesdays, but I fly fish on Fridays".

We'll not schedule any outings on Fridays!

FUTURE EVENTS SUMMARY

March 22 – Modesto State Theater – Film Tour
(See details below)

March 31 - Lower Yuba River - UCD Station
(See details below)

April 7 - Kelsey Bass Ranch – Snelling
(See details next page)

April 26-29 - Pyramid Lake

May 12 - White Pine One Fly Contest

June 22-24 - Lake Davis

August 25 - Monterey Bay Kelp Bass - Santa Cruz Pier

September 19- 23 - Bridgeport

October 27 - Feather River

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MARCH 22nd - Thursday - A different kind of outing:
Let's go to the movies!

The Stanislaus Fly Fishers and Sierra Anglers are sponsoring a showing of the Fly Fishing Film Tour (F3T) in Modesto at the State Theater on March 22nd. F3T is a compilation of approximately six brand new extremely high quality featurettes focused on some exciting fishing from the tropics to Alaska. The filming is stunning, the scenery spectacular, and the fishing the stuff that dreams are made of. This is the third year of the tour's history with the films of the previous two years a huge success. The evening's events are a fundraiser for Casting for Recovery.

The theater opens at 5:30pm with the evening's events starting at 6:15 including a giant raffle. Food is available at the theater in the form of a tri-tip sandwich dinner and drinks. Or, if you choose and arrive early, numerous restaurants are in the area. Members who are familiar with fly fishers from the south of us will enjoy socializing before the meeting.

Delta Fly Fishers is offering members the opportunity to carpool to the event with the rendezvous location the Home Depot parking lot on Hammer Lane. Departure time is 5:00pm sharp. President Marty will ask for a show of hands of those planning to attend and for volunteer drivers with large capacity vehicles.

Admission to the theater is \$15, again a portion going to Casting for Recovery. For more information, go to www.stanislausflyfishers.org/FlyFishingFilmTour.html or call Bob Nakagawa at Sierra Anglers.

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MARCH 31 - Lower Yuba River UCD Station

Meeting Time: 7:30 AM

Lower Yuba River UCD Field Station (private access)
Sign-ups mandatory for this outing. Only 20 anglers will be allowed on the water. Do not forget to bring a wading staff!

Those wishing to attend may sign up either using the club's Facebook event page or by contacting the outing Fishmeister, Herman Spalinger 209-477-3412.

The Yuba River is a wild rainbow trout fishery, with some fish over 20 inches. These fish are some of the strongest, fastest trout you'll catch anywhere. It's not uncommon for a 16 inch fish to take you into the backing. The Yuba River is about the same size as the lower American; a water flow rate of 1000 -2000 CFS is ideal. A few hints for success on the Yuba: keep moving – if 2 or 3 good drifts or a few fly changes don't produce, move on to another spot. Also, the fish can be close to shore, so work the shoreline before you get in the river. It's possible you'll catch 50% of your fish while standing on dry land. The usual mayfly and stonefly nymphs will catch fish. Dry flies include PMD and blue wing olive mayflies.

**Meeting Location: Exit off of Hwy 20
14 miles east of Marysville on Peoria Road**

Directions: Hwy 65 North to Marysville then Hwy 20 East 14 miles to Peoria Road exit. Exit left on Peoria Road & wait there for "the Group." After we're all together, we'll all follow the signs to the meeting point at the gate where one of the UC staff will meet us at the gate with a key, visitor passes for our members, and instructions on where to return the key when we all leave. There are several locked gates, so **DON'T BE LATE!**

The compound is approximately 105 miles from Stockton to the rendezvous location. Please plan accordingly.

Equipment: 4-6 weight rods. Floating line.

Flies - Nymphs: Mayfly, stone fly, caddis - lava and pupae.

Dries - PMD and blue wing olive mayflies, stoneflies. Elk hair caddis and yellow stimulator.

DFF Fishmeister Herman Spalinger will BBQ hamburgers & hot dogs. Bring your own drinks, but sodas will be provided as well as chips, etc. Plan to meet at the picnic tables at 1:00 P.M. Once at the location, the river is fishable in both directions until you reach signs that say no trespassing.

This outing is now full so PLEASE contact Herman @ 209-477-3412 if you can't make it at the last minute. We have a waiting list to attend. I will have a satellite map of the area available at our March 14th meeting.

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Program for March 14th, 2012 North Tahoe and Truckee Area

Frank R. Pisciotta is one of the most veteran fly fishing guides in California. He is the acknowledged “Dean of Guides” in the Tahoe region and established his Thy Rod & Staff guide service in Truckee in 1984; having guided & instructed there exclusively since. In 1991 he founded the Reel School of Fly Fishing, the only fly fishing school based in Truckee.



The Lake Tahoe area has always been known as a world-renowned recreational paradise in the High Sierra. In 1979 Frank built his first home there, specifically in Truckee, the historic and increasingly up-scale ski town. At the time there were

few fly anglers on the area’s waters. During the ‘80’s, the “north shore” waters of Martis Lake and the Truckee River progressively attracted more fly casters because of their “Wild Trout” angling regulations. Currently there are eight (8) state-mandated “catch & release” waters within one hour’s drive of Truckee. Now, unbelievably, the region has arguably become a destination fly angling venue, with the big Truckee and the Little Truckee being the crown-jewels.

The presentation will provide an overview of the fly fishing waters within the aforementioned one hour’s drive from the town of Truckee. There will be no precise diagrams of suggested riggings, preferred techniques, close-up images of bugs or flies. Frank will provide a free-flowing commentary of all the areas imaged relative to their uniqueness, most productive techniques, bugs, seasons and flies...and whatever else that may be pertinent from a fly fishing perspective. The intent is to inform the members of what is available in the Truckee area and how to improve one’s success in some of the areas challenging waters.

Frank is fond of making a couple of comments about the area’s featured waters. “If you can consistently catch trout on the Truckee River; you will be very successful fly fishing in any other freestone stream.” He once started an article on the Truckee River with “If you’re looking for easy fly fishing, don’t come here!” As for the Little Truckee; “If you prefer challenging angling to very selective, surface-feeding trout, then the LT is the place...bring your spring-creek-type A-game.”

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APRIL 7th - KELSEY BASS RANCH TRIP

Our Annual Kelsey Bass Ranch Outing will be held Saturday, April 7th, 2012. Kelsey Bass Ranch is located about 28 miles east of Turlock, and 5 miles east of Snelling, CA. Kelsey Lake is a 125 acre impoundment stocked with trophy size Florida Black Bass.

Past outings: Last year we had good weather and pretty good fishing. A few anglers reported catching a fair amount of bass but no one had a big number day. Typically, the spring can turn cold, putting the fish down until mid day. Some good top water action can be had when the water warms up. You will want to fish the heavy cover along the shoreline, whether you are in a floating craft or walking the shoreline. A good choice is a dragonfly nymph or weedless popper. For those of you fishing further out in the lake, an effective pattern is a woolly bugger or something similar.

You may sign up any time by emailing algofish@softcom.net or calling Al Smatsky at (209) 368-9261, or you can sign up at the March meeting. The cost for this year’s outing is \$85 per person. This outing is by reservation only. A map with directions and a combination to the front gate will be sent upon receiving your reservation.

A barbeque lunch prepared by Al is included in your entry fee.



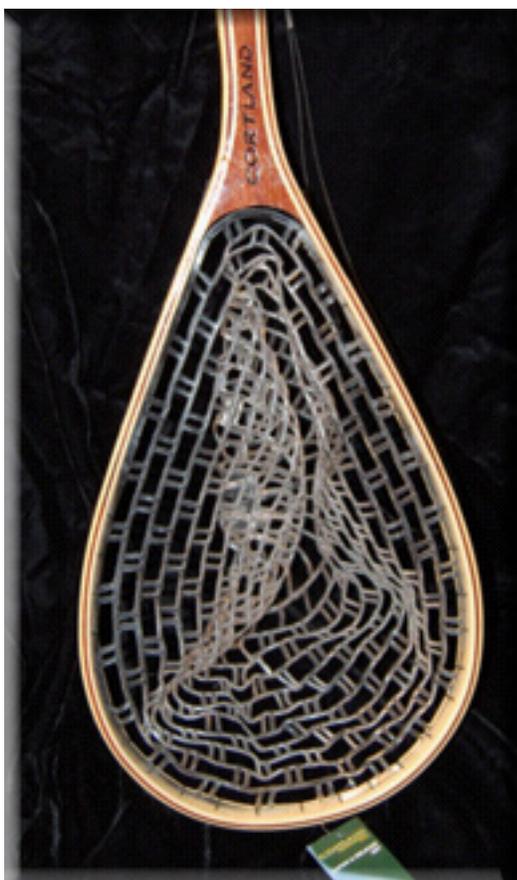
Inexpensive Landing Net Reviewed

By Bob Fujimura, Membership Chairman

Ron Forbes told me about a great deal at our local Walmart; an inexpensive catch-and-release net with a clear rubber net. Clear rubber mesh is least abrasive to the fish's slime coat and doesn't alarm the fish during landing. The Cortland "Catch & Release" net is a copy of the more expensive (\$110-130 retail) Brodin Ghost landing nets. At \$20, I thought that it was worth purchasing since I was in need of a medium size floating net for small stream fishing.

The clear rubber net design is similar to the Brodin except that the net material was not as supple as the softer net material used on the Brodin. The Cortland's net material has a fair amount of "memory" and its bag isn't go completely "limp" and fails to open fully when held. The bag is relatively deep so this stiffness should not affect its use in restraining landed fish. Its bamboo frame and handle look laminated and appears nicer than its actual cost. The net had I purchased a small flaw in the polyurethane finish. The included lanyard was smaller in diameter and less stretchable than I would have preferred but it would be easy to replace it with larger diameter stretch cord.

So if you want the highest quality landing tool, the Brodin is still the standard for this type of net. The Cortland net seems to have some compromises but none distracts from the value of this product; an affordable low-injury net for the frugal or novice fly fisher.



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"The fun comes, I think, as it does with just about any other act of skill, when you are properly challenged, when you are fascinated by what's difficult. I guess I fish not because it's easy, but because it's not." ----- Nick Lyons

A Major Victory for the Stripers

On February 2nd Jerry Neuburger and I went to Sacramento to attend the California Fish and Game Commissioner's meeting regarding the Department of Fish and Game's (DFG) proposed regulation changes that would have eradicated the striped bass population in the Delta. We were representing the Delta Fly Fishers.

As you will remember, the Coalition for a Sustainable Delta had sued DFG to increase the number of Stripers that could be caught and eliminate the existing size limit. The suit was settled out of court with the Commissioners of DFG's decision to be accepted by both sides as the final judgment,



and there is to be no appeal of the Commission's decision. The hearing could have two possible outcomes: The Commissioners could decide that they needed more information and hold three more meetings for input from all sources, or they could make a final decision that day.

The Commission's meeting followed the same format used by the State Legislature. The issue is presented, one side speaks, then the opposing side makes its presentation, which is followed by comments from the Commissioners if they have opinions or questions. Next there is time allotted for public input.

Just as in the first DFG's public meeting in Rio Vista, there was a standing room only crowd present. First, the Coalition's attorneys and their "expert witness" presented their case. They were to be followed by DFG, but their presenter was late. As it turned out, he was over an hour late but still allowed to speak by the Commissioners. Then the US Fish and Wildlife made its presentation. Our side was represented by John Beuttler and Mike McKenzie of the California Sportfishing Alliance (CSPA), and Dave Hurley representing the Allied Fishing Groups which is made up of over forty organizations that were in total opposition to the DFG's proposed regulation changes.

Next, those wanting to express their opinions were to speak. Thirty-nine made short presentations. Given the number wanting to address the Commission, they were allowed only three minutes each. Only 3 or 4 spoke in favor of DFG's proposal, the rest were in adamant disapproval of DFG's proposed regulation changes. Mark Rockwell, Vice President

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of the Northern California Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers, Lowell Ashbaugh of the Davis Fly Fishers, and I, representing Delta Fly Fishers, were only three speaking on behalf of the fly fishing clubs. The California Striped Bass Association was very outspoken in their objections to the regulation changes and made excellence points for our position.

After the public input, several Commissioners spoke of their concerns, and I felt they were going to ask for more meetings. However, a motion was made and seconded not to approve DFG's regulation changes and was passed Four-Zero. The audience stood and gave the Commission a standing ovation. After the vote, Jim Kellogg, President of the Commission, noted that Stripers and salmon have co-existed for 130 years in the Delta and what this issue was about is really more about water pumping and salt intrusion than Striper predation. He then said that since Stripers have lived here so long that they are now a native fish. He was also given a standing ovation.

There are several things we can take away for this situation. A major point is that those of us who live near the Delta but have different interests can successfully work together for a positive outcome. The Fisherman's Friend (the sport fishing store in Lodi) gathered over 200 signatures to support our position. They also have posted our Delta Challenge poster and NCCFFF's Festival poster and have actively supported the fly fishing community "since we are all fisherman." They have a very positive attitude in supporting our fisheries.

The downside: To the best of my knowledge only NCCFFF, CSPA, and four fly fishing clubs showed at the meeting. The fly fishing clubs need to actively support one another for the betterment of our fisheries and the sport. What helps one club will help all clubs. Also, this will not be the last we will hear from the Coalition. The Coalition was started by 3 executive officers of Stewart Resnick's Paramount Farms. Since Resnick is a billionaire, he via the Coalition will continue his efforts toward the Delta.

Another bright spot is that this action has cost our side about \$79,000. The Coalition for a SustainableDelta spent over \$5 million in their loss.

He's At It Again.

House Representative Devin Nunes, R-Tulare, never ceases to amaze those of us interested in the Delta with his continued water-grabbing efforts. This time he has authored a bill called the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Water Reliability Act (HR1837). This bill has been also co-sponsored by House Majority Whip Kevin McCarthy (R) from Bakersfield and Rep. Jeff Denham (R) from Modesto. To quote Mr. Nunes: " This legislation is a comprehensive regional solution to water shortages caused by failed government policies, not actual shortages of water. We have crafted a good bill that not only restores the flow of water but will ultimately make unnecessary the construction of a \$12 billion canal to bypass the Bay-Delta." He also says his bill will end 20 years of failed government water policies, "restore water rights,

cut cost, and pave the way for measurable environmental improvements."

However, what Nunes claims for HR1837 and what the truth is are two different things. First, HR1837 is a direct violation of the public trust in our states constitution and California Water Law. What Nunes' bill will actually do is provide water for his south Delta agribusiness concerns such as Westlands Water District and Paramount Farms at the expense of the Delta farmers. The south Delta corporations do not have primary water rights, but this bill would effectively make that occur.

This bill is typical of what is going on in California water issues. It is not a bipartisan agreement but one put together by special interests, behind closed doors, at the expense of all others. Initially water laws had to be in agreement with the state's Environmental Protection Act (EPA). In the last several years, however, there has been a strong push from the south Delta corporations and the Department of Water Resources and others, to make water use and the EPA co-equal in importance. However, this push is always at the expense of the Delta's environment. Nunes' HR1837 is just another step in this direction.

Rep. Jerry McNerney (D) Pleasanton has said that, "This bill is deeply flawed and will rob the Delta of clean water and reduce the quality of water that remains. To steal water from one community and give it to benefit another is unconscionable and would have disastrous consequences for the Delta Communities." This fact has never concerned Mr. Nunes nor will it in the future. One of Nunes' comments in trying to justify HR1837 is that it will "pave the way for measurable environmental improvements." His statement is ludicrous. He has yet to explain how this is to occur.

The Environmental Water Caucus (EWC) has asked Delta Fly Fishers and other NGO's to send letters of opposition and attach their logos. Their comment that "six pages of logos attached to our letter would be an attention getter" is certainly true. They hope to have over 200 groups in support of their position. Delta Fly Fishers will be sending a letter of opposition to HR1837 with our logo included. Late last night I received a call from Restore the Delta asking for basically the same thing. As soon as I get their information, I will forward it our Board.

Proposed Suction Dredging Revised

The Department of Fish and Game (DFG) has open its proposed regulation changes on suction dredging for public comment and will be accepting comment till March 5th 2012. Last year fishermen and ecologists were successful in having suction dredging halted because the damage it causes to the aquatic environment and to the fisheries. However, now DFG has come up with new regulations which aren't any better and propose that dredging start after the new regulations are adopted. The new rule changes can be view at www.dfg.ca.gov/suctiondredge.

In the first part of this draft there is an interesting statement. The one-sentence statement is that DFG has not found suction

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dredging to be harmful to fish. There is no reference as to how DFG has come to that conclusion. Reading drafts of proposed rule changes is not the most interesting reading but can be reveling as to how it will effect our fisheries. For example, on nozzle restrictions the new regulations say, " No suction dredge intake nozzle larger than 4 may be used unless DFG has an onsite inspection and approves a larger nozzle with an inside diameter of 6" to 8" where allowable." Suction dredges of up to 8 inches may be permitted at DFG's discretion on the following rivers:

- 1) The American River
- 2) The Consumnes River
- 3) The Klamath River
- 4) The Feather River
- 5) The Merced River
- 6) The Mokelumne River
- 7) The Trinity River
- 8) The Yuba River

The idea of an 8-inch suction dredge sucking up the bottoms for these prime fishing rivers and not harming the aquatic environment and our fisheries seems less than logical on most of us. It will be interesting to see how DFG will justify the proposed rule changes in the Environmental Impact Report. More on this issue later as it unfolds.

Ron Forbes
Conservation Chair

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SAVE MART MARKETS – S.H.A.R.E.S

As a reminder, DFF has joined with Save Mart Markets via the S.H.A.R.E.S. program. DFF earns 3% of most purchases made by customers using the card provided to DFF by Save Mart.

Since the last report about our SHARES participation, the membership has responded to the need. The donations from SHARES for the past two quarters totaled approximately \$484.00. Thank you membership. We have an additional 50 SHARES cards coming that will be distributed to new members, family and friends. Continue to shop Save Mart Markets! There is no additional cost to you. It merely gives 3% to DFF that otherwise would go to market profit.

Membership Form

Regular membership – \$30 *
Family membership – \$35*
Senior (individuals 62 years or older) – \$25.00*
*Add \$10 to receive a printed newsletter by U.S. mail

Dues are for one year, from September 1 to August 31. Please fill out then mail to:

Bob Fujimura, Membership Chairman
PO Box 1562
Lodi, CA 95241-1562

Check one:

New membership _____ Renew membership _____
Regular Membership _____
Senior Membership (62+) _____
Family Membership _____

Name _____ Spouse _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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**For receiving monthly e-mail attached newsletters and club notices

I would like to be on the _____ committee

Please enclose any dues as a check made to Delta Fly Fishers. If there is any questions or problems please contact: Bob Fujimura at 339-0683 or e-mail at deltaflyfishers@gmail.com.

Fishing Mentor Request

NAME _____

DATE _____

PHONE CONTACTS: (1) _____

(2) _____

The best time to contact me is _____

My E-mail address is: _____

I WOULD LIKE A FISHING MENTOR TO HELP ME WITH ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Casting Fly Tying Attending Outings Equipment
- Knot Tying Float Tubing Pontoon Boating
- Stream Fishing Lake Fishing Trout Fishing
- Steelhead Fishing Shad Fishing Bass Fishing
- Striper Fishing Salt Water Fishing Private Water Fishing
- Rod Building Selecting a Guide Travel
- Entomology Other _____

Please describe what you would like help with _____

If you need further information, please contact the Fishing Mentor Chairman:

Steve Cooper, 956-1032 or e-mail @ repooc3@sbcglobal.net
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(February)

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Using the EVENTS function on Facebook as a DFF member

By Jerry Neuburger

I'm sure most of you know by now that DFF has a revamped website and an active Facebook page. Many of you have yet to sign up for Facebook, probably believing it is just a means of "chatting" about fly fishing and in some ways, just a time burner. However, while Facebook is the world's most popular social media with over 800 million members - 350 million of which log on at least once a day - it is a lot more, especially for a club such as ours. Of particular interest this month is the ability to use the site for planning and indicating attendance at events.

To sign up for an event, you must be a Facebook member. Joining is easy. After all, 800 million people have figured it out. However, if you have problems, write me or call 209-369-5752

Let's take the upcoming March 31, DFF Outing: U.C. Property, Yuba River as an example. Signing up in advance for this outing is MANDATORY since only 20 anglers are allowed on the property at one time. To sign up, all you have to do is click on the Events link on left-hand side of the page. Doing so will open a list of upcoming events. Scroll down to the DFF Outing: U.C. Property, Yuba River, and click on the word "join" at the right-hand side of the event listing. That's it! You're done!

Not only are you signed up but should there be a change in the outing plans, the outing host can contact all those signed up with a single message that will be posted on their Facebook page and even better sent as an E-mail message to whatever E-mail address you signed up with. You can also cancel your attendance if necessary. Go to the event list via the event tab on the right side of the DFF Facebook page and once there click on the event itself. It will open up and you will be able to change your attendance with a tab in the upper right hand corner of the page.

You can also create your own "Events": A car pool to the ISE, the Fly Show, or a casual outing? It's fairly easy to do. Just follow the on-line instructions. If you can't figure it out, just give me a call, Jerry, 369-5752 or gneuburger@yahoo.com.

Our club's Facebook page is in many ways like the club itself. It needs your participation to be all that it can be. If it's nothing more than a series of posts by the club's webmaster, it will die a slow death. If a central focus point of exchange throughout the month beyond the meetings and outings, it along with the club will flourish. 800 million people can't be all wrong.

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Used Items For Sale

1 pr Cabela's Neoprene boot foot chest waders,
size 9 stout - \$50

1 pr Patagonia wading boots w/felt soles & cleats, size 8 - \$25

1 pr Patagonia flats boots, size 10 - \$22

1 pr Reddington wading boots w/felt soles & cleats,
size 10 - \$18

Contact Bruce Rollans @ 209-274-0448

June 3rd & June 9th Sacramento River Jet Boat Shad Trip

As you may or may not know by now, Jerry Neuburger sent out a flyer via the Internet recently to see if any of you members would be interested in a shad fishing trip, and the response was overwhelming. He had contacted the Orland Outfitters regarding the details on filling the jet boats that take you to the fishing grounds. In fact, he's now booked a second trip for June 9th after the June 3rd trip filled up. Here's his information:

We filled the four boats for the Sacramento River Jet Boat Shad trip for June 3rd so fast that I'm pretty sure some people from the club have been left out. In fact, I'll bet that some of you are just finding out about the trip. I contacted Wayne Sim of Orland Outfitters, and he has two boats available for Saturday, June 9th with exactly the same deal - four guys to a jet boat - fishing from noon to sunset with a big barbecue at the end. The same cost, \$140 per angler.

We already have our first June 9th sign-up, Leo Gutterres, and we're open for seven more. If you want to sign up, I need your commitment right away since Wayne can't be expected to hold these boats on a promise when people with cash in hand are ready to book.



Here's the details for the June 9th trip:

Call (209-369-5752) or e-mail (jneuburger@yahoo.com) and give me a firm commitment that you are going ASAP.

Bring \$70 to the regular meeting on February 8th or mail it to me if you're not going to attend: 5 North California Street, Lodi, CA 95240

Bring the balance with you (\$70) on the day of the outing. I suggest including a \$20 tip each as well.

Arrange a carpool with your fellow anglers to save gas and have fun there and back.

I will be handing out printed recommendations for lines, flies, etc. by mid March.

If we don't fill up by February 8th, the second trip will be cancelled. If Wayne sells the two boats before I get commitments from eight guys, the trip will be cancelled.

Note: If any of the people that signed up for the first trip want to go on the second trip as well, feel free to sign up again.

Thanks. Jerry Neuburger

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Fly of the Month Tying Sessions are starting in March

A series of five fly tying sessions featuring flies recommended for each month's outing will start on March 28th. For a fee of \$3.00, club members and their guests will be furnished with the supplies to tie one to two patterns with materials for from six to eight flies and provided with instruction on how the flies are tied. Members may either use their own tying equipment or the one of the dozen or so club's kits. All classes will start at 6:30pm at the Oak Grove Park Nature Center on either the first or fourth Wednesday of the month. The sessions are expected to last about an hour and a half.

Material packets will be available for 15 tiers. To assure a seat at the session, those wishing to attend are ENCOURAGED to use the club's FACEBOOK event feature to sign up. Simply click on the events link on the left side of the Delta Fly Fishers, Inc. Facebook page (easiest reached from the Facebook link on the right side of the address bar on the club's website) and once the list of events appears click on "join" at the right side of the proper event. A second method of RSVPing is to contact the instructor for the particular session you plan to attend. Since the number of packets available is limited to 15, priority will be given to those who first have signed up for the session.

The list of session dates, flies and instructors are:

March 28th – Gurgler and Dragon Fly Nymph –
Instructor: Jerry Neuburger

April 4th – Building line systems with served loops
Pyramid Lake Woolly Worm – Instructor:
Jerry Neuburger

April 25th – Pyramid Lake Beetle, Pyramid Lake Tadpole
Instructor: Jerry Neuburger

May 2nd – Shad Fly Session One – Instructor:
Al Smatsky or Jerry Neuburger

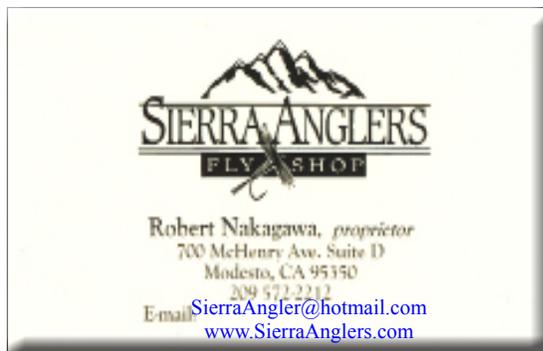
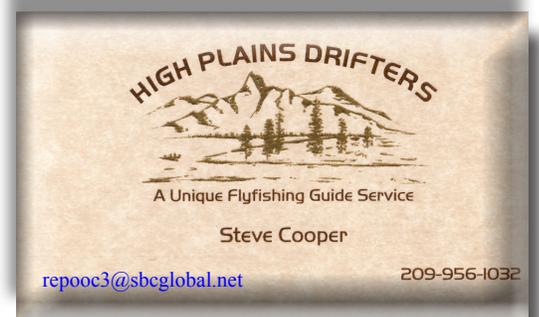
May 23rd – Shad Fly Session Two – Instructor:
Al Smatsky or Jerry Neuburger

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