

January 2012

Delta Fly Fishers

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January President's Message by Marty Kjelson

Greetings to all of you and a Happy New Year. May 2012 reflect tight lines, many safe and enjoyable days on the water, and good fellowship with old and new members. I am honored to be able to serve our club further which has given me so much enjoyment these past years. I look forward to working with all of you and applaud Herman Spalinger for his continued support of our club in so many ways, including serving as interim President this fall. I also wish to thank Steve Johnson for his efforts over the past two-and-half years.



Being introduced, visually, by our past editor and new one via a rather embarrassing photo in the December issue of our newsletter made me wonder what I have gotten myself into! In this day of unsecured media conditions one must be overly diligent, particularly with close friends who often treat one worse than one's enemies! The photo did highlight, via my hat, a little locally owned NFL team called the Packers - which you've probably

heard of, i.e. 13-0 - as well as my swim trunks (gag) with lures shown, not flies. No, I do not use lures, which would disqualify me from serving as president.

We have a great group of officers, directors and chairmen to serve the club, including some new folks all of who bring new ideas, experiences, willingness to share, and a positive spirit. Each of us are open to member suggestions as to how to improve our club, including how to build our membership and having a good balance in our interests and activities and reaching out to new attendees at our meetings and outings through our mentor program.

I look forward to our annual dinner on January 14 where we will again experience a great meal, super raffle, renewed friendships and sharing of our year's fishing experiences. The

awards will enable us to honor those special folks who "went beyond the call of duty". I am sure that "The Shadow" will bring his typical humor of members that experienced the greatest "goof up" in 2011. Please make your ticket purchases and meal choices and mail them to Charlie Reames by January 9th.

I am pleased to announce we have recently filled the Program Chair position with Al Smatsky and Bob Sousa (of Woodbridge) who are already working hard to bring us some interesting speakers. If you know of speakers who would be a good choice, please let Al or Bob know. We will have Jerry Neuburger speak to us on January 11th about fly fishing in the Delta with emphasis on Discovery Bay, our outing location in February. Note: We still need to "fish" for a volunteer to be the property chair/historian as well as one for publicity. Any takers?

Finally, I'll describe a short cartoon from a favorite book called "Angler Management" by Jack Ohman. The picture shows this fly fisherman in his fly tying den with multiple fly rods filling the room (minimum of 20). His very upset wife is standing in the doorway looking at this "extreme waste" and he says, "Think of them as shoes". I expect we can all relate and are often challenged to simplify our lives!

Cheers! See you later this month, Marty

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS

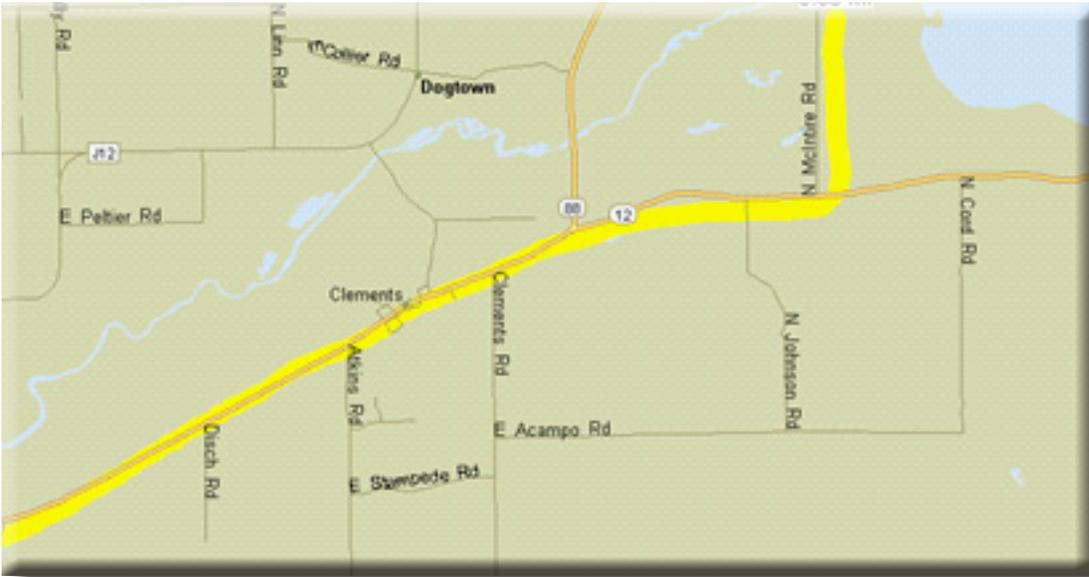
Please remember to sign our waiver of claim form at the sign-in desk when entering Eagle Lodge for our annual dinner - even if you don't think you'll attend an outing. Our insurance company insists we have waivers on file for each member who attends an outing during the year. Your signature is good for the entire year 2012 once you sign it. Thank you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 19-22 - International Sportsman's Expo. Sacramento
- January 21 - Steelhead Clinic American River
- February 8, - General Membership Meeting -
Rickey Mitchell - Kayak Fly Fishing
- February 11 - Discovery Bay Clinic and Outing
- February 15 - DFF Board Meeting
- February, 24, 25, 26 - The Fly Fishing Show Pleasanton

January 1, 2012 New Years Day Outing, Mokelumne River, Van Assen Park (See map)

7:00am Get the new year started right by standing in freezing cold water and fishing for the fish of a thousand casts, the elusive steelhead. Hot coffee and donuts in the morning, chili and tube steaks for lunch. Members and guests welcome.



DIRECTIONS: Take Hwy 99 north to Lodi and turn east at Hwy 12 crossover. Continue east to Hwy 88 then turn left at Hwy 88/Hwy 12 intersection. Or, take Hwy 88 East straight through Lockeford, through Clements, pass the intersection of Hwy 88 (north) and continue east on Hwy 12 to Mc Intire Road. Turn left at McIntire and go to the end of the road where you turn right and drive down the road to the parking lot on the left-hand side.

January 11th Program Fly Fishing Basics for Delta Stripers at Brookside Christian School by Jerry Neuburger

This month's program, "Fly Fishing Basics for Delta Stripers," will feature one of our long time club members, Jerry Neuburger. Jerry's going on his sixth year of Delta guiding for both Stripers and Largemouth bass and will be presenting a workshop-type program on the equipment and techniques needed to catch these powerful fish. Included in the night's program will be a short history of the Striper in California, their migration and spawning habits, equipment needed for both topwater and subsurface presentations on line, rod handling and retrieves.

The evening's program is intended to coincide with the club's outing to Discovery Bay on February 11th. At the outing Jerry will present a quick review seminar before the mosquito fleet of club members in pontoon boats and float tubes take to the water. Once on the water, Jerry will work with anglers to perfect their techniques from his canoe.

Jerry also authors a website, DeltaStripers.Com, connected to his guide service. The website features recommendations for equipment, fishing techniques, and a weekly fishing report with links to Delta weather, including wind speed, water temperature, and tides

Jerry recently took over as Webmaster for the club and has made some substantial changes to the website. It's his intention to make the website a "living" reference for what the club's doing, including meeting times and locations, information on upcoming classes and clinics, outing details, and daily changing updates on conservation and fisheries issues. Make sure you check it out, especially the new Gallery section.+

Jerry also helps administer the club's Facebook page, Delta Fly Fishers, Inc. The page has become a focal point for a number of members allowing a continuous exchange of information on fishing trips, conservation issues and club events. You can even RSVP as to whether you're going to attend an outing, clinic or meeting on the page.



January 14th Annual Dinner News

Be sure to have your money reservations mailed to Charlie Reames, 5547 E Morse Road, Lodi 95240, no later than January 9th. They need a head count so as to know how much food to order. The dinner is the time we introduce the new officers and hand out awards to those members who have distinguished themselves throughout the year plus a terrific raffle and visit with other members. The dinner is at the Eagle's Lodge at the end of Bourbon Street just south of the bowling alley. Our intelligent staff will be there to serve you. Look forward to seeing you there.



DINNER RAFFLE

Bill Laughlin is preparing a fantastic raffle for this year's annual dinner January 14th, 2012. He has some new equipment for all to bid on or buy, including fly boxes with flies. Please peruse the tables and pick your item or items. It's a great place for our new members to pick up some great fishing gear. Remember, this is not a shopping spree like before Christmas so there's no need to fight over an item up for bidding.



One of the raffle items for the January 14th, annual DFF dinner is a donated handmade bamboo rod by one of our newer members, Robert Ladd. He was born in Stockton, not exactly the Mecca of fly fishing, but still holding a wonderful variety of species. Robert has fished the Delta but focuses more on hiking to small local rivers for Rainbow & Brown trout, plus our State fish, the Golden, using one of his 4 wt bamboo rods.



Robert began fly fishing in 1969 after returning home from Vietnam where he bought a Fenwick 7 ft 4 wt glass rod plus about a half dozen flies then fell in love with the sport. About three-and-a-half years ago after retirement he made his first bamboo rod – actually 11 of them – for each of his eight children, one each for his two brothers and of course one for himself. They were all 7 ft 4 wts. Robert enjoyed this hobby so much he formed a small business called Raising Cane – Adventure with a Fly Rod. All of his rods are handmade. He makes them in natural and light and dark bamboo, flamed with various silk colors. He also has a web site www.raisingcanerods.com. In addition he makes walnut carrying cases made from handmade Black Walnut from 60 year old trees from the family farm in Modesto.

The bamboo rod he's donated to the raffle is a 7 ft 6 wt in natural color. After he built a few rods in this size, he wanted a rod with more power in the butt end so he added some very fine extra taper to this rod and installed a Titanium reel seat. The rod in our raffle is this tapered rod.



January 21, 2012 Steelhead Outing and Clinic American River, Riverbend Park (formerly Goethe Park), furthest east parking lot (see map)

Time 6:45 to 11:00 or so. (Yes, we know it's a half hour before sunrise but it is the weekend and liable to be crowded. Early birds get the fish.) Donuts and coffee in the morning, tube steaks, chili and drinks for lunch. Al Smatsky, Fishmiester, will provide an on the water seminar for those who are attending at 6:45am

Jerry Neuburger in charge of the food and beverages.

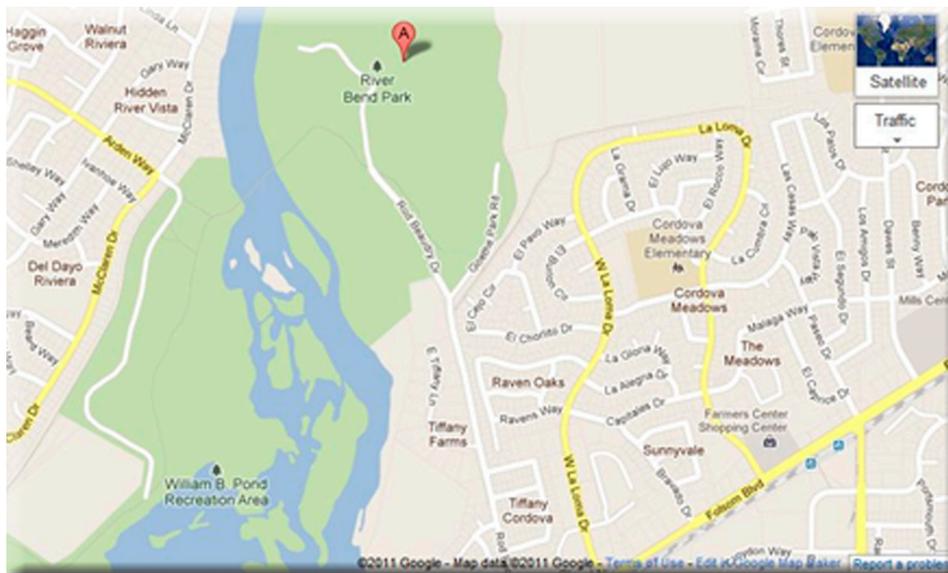
VEHICLE ENTRY FEE AREA: A \$5.00 entry is charged per vehicle. Carpool to save fees. Bring exact change and a pen, the fees are collected via a preprinted envelope drop at the park entrance.

Recommended equipment –

- Rod: 6 to 8 weight, 7 weight ideal.
- Reel: large enough arbor to hold fly line and 100 yards backing, some drag system preferred.
- Line: Weight forward floating line matched to rod, overlining by one weight may be helpful for casting an indicator.
- Leader: 9' 3x manufactured tapered or you could make your own leader quite simply by using 6' or so of 10-12 lbs mono, then finished with 6 lbs test to your flies.
- Indicator: make sure that it will hold tight once attached but is easily moved up and down your leader. You might need to move your indicator quite often to make contact with the bottom.
- Weight: Split shot of various sizes
- Flies: size 10-14 bead head nymphs, rubber legs, egg patterns or beads.

RSVP Please: Please indicate if you plan to attend using the posted event on the club's Facebook page (preferred) or call or e-mail Al (209) 601-0819 cell) or Jerry (209) 327-5993.

ATTENTION! This WINTER outing is subject to cancellation due to high water or inclement weather. If it appears that either may be a problem, please check the event on Facebook for last minute postings or e-mail or call the day before.



DIRECTIONS TO RIVERBEND PARK

Take Hwy 99 north to Hwy 50 exit (east). Take Hwy 50 east to Bradshaw Road exit. Turn left over Hwy 50 to Folsom Blvd. Turn right on Folsom and go east to West La Loma Drive. There may be a sign on the right before this intersection showing Riverbend Park with an arrow to the left which is West La Loma Drive. Follow La Loma to the entry gate where you'll pay your entry fee (\$5.00). Once in the park bear right to the easternmost parking lot.

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:

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If there is any questions or problems please contact: Bob

Fujimura at 339-0683 or e-mail at deltaflyfishers@gmail.com.



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Bob Fujimura, Membership Chair

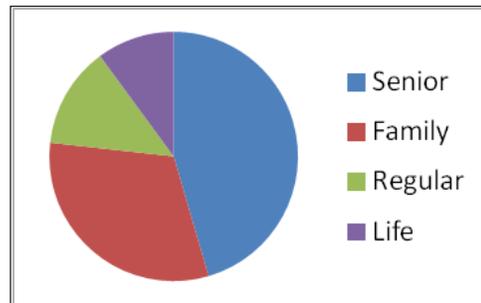
Holiday greetings to new and old members.

If the NOAA weather forecasters are correct, we should be experiencing drier and colder weather than usual for the next several months. This fair and cold weather has really dampened this angler's interest in fishing lately but there is steelhead and local stocked reservoir fishing opportunities.

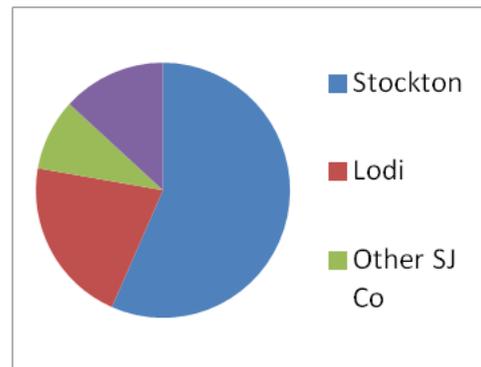
We would like to welcome our newest member, Robert Yamaguchi of Stockton.

As of early December, the Delta Fly Fishers represent 99 regular and life members.

Senior member made up the largest group in the club's membership (45%) followed by family memberships (31%) [Figure 1]



As expected most of the club's members live in Stockton (56%) and other San Joaquin county communities (30%) [Figure 2].



We wish to thank our current members for renewing their memberships and the new anglers who joined our club this year. We would also offer our best wishes to those past members who chose or who were unable to continue their relationship with our club. If you meet persons who wish to join our club, please refer them to our web site for information or to download new membership forms from our Internet web site <http://www.deltaflyfishing.com/membership.html> or contact Bob Fujimura by e-mail (deltaflyfishers@gmail.com) or by phone at 339-0683.

Hope to see you all at the next club event or out on the water.

Conservation by Ron Forbes

We have not inherited the earth from our Fathers; we are borrowing it from our children -----Native American saying

December's Newsletter Conservation page discussed the outcome of the lawsuit between the Coalition for a Sustainable Delta (CSD) and the Department of Fish and Game (DFG). DFG decided not to pursue an active defense but rather settle out of court. Basically they have given CSD what they want. CSD wants to rid the Delta of all stripers so they can more actively continue pursuing their water grab in the Delta. As reported last month, the interveners refused to sign the agreement. At the first public hearing over 350 people were in attendance and adamantly voiced their disagreement with DFG's action. The next meeting was to be held in San Diego, but because of the outrage expressed by those present, the next meeting will be held in Sacramento on Feb. 3rd. More on this later.

The interveners have asked those of us affected by DFG's action to write letters to DFG's Commissioners expressing our disagreement with the terms of DFG's settlement terms. This group includes area business people, farmers, fisherman and those in the fishing industry.

During December's Delta Fly Fishers Board of Directors Meeting, Herman Spalinger, acting president, read a draft of the letter he had composed to be sent to the DFG commissioners on behalf of the Delta Fly Fishers. The letter was discussed, and after some slight changes were made, it was voted on and passed unanimously. Enclosed is the letter that is being sent to the Commissioners of the Department of Fish and Game on behalf of our club:

On January, more material will be available so our club can become involved in this issue.

The Delta Fly Fishers, Inc.
P.O. Box 77862
Stockton, CA 95207

December 22nd, 2011

California Fish and Game Commission
P.O. Box 944209
Sacramento, CA 94244-2090



Re: The Department of Fish and Game's ill-thought recommendation for a change in sport fishing regulations for striped bass.

Dear Sirs,

The Delta Fly Fishers is a 35 year old fly fishing club of over 100 members based in Stockton, California. Its Board of Directors asks that you reject the Department of Fish and Game's recommendations for changes in the sport fishing regulations for striped bass. We ask this with a full understanding of the issues involved and believe that a change in the regulations would be bad for the Delta, bad for its fisheries, and bad for California's fishermen. In making this request we ask you to consider the following:

- 1) Stripers have successfully lived in harmony with other fish species in the Delta for over 120 years with no significant impact on any native species.
- 2) The best and most respected scientific studies have shown striped bass predation of Chinook salmon and Delta Smelt to be of no consequence in the decline of those two species.
- 3) The state's leading authority and expert on Delta fisheries, Dr. Peter Moyle, U.C. Davis, believes reducing steeper populations will most likely have a severe adverse effect on all Delta fish species.
- 4) The Delta adult striped bass population has crashed as significantly as those of the Chinook salmon, Delta Smelt, Longfin Smelt, Green Sturgeon and other Delta species.
- 5) The fish populations of the Delta started their catastrophic decline only when water exports began from the Delta and when large scale farming in the south San Joaquin Valley introduced massive amounts of toxic agricultural runoff into Delta waters. This decline has accelerated in the last ten years along with the massive increases in pumping that have taken place.

Changing the regulations as proposed by the Department of Fish and Game will decimate the striped bass fishery, put thousands of people out of work and destroy a large portion of the Delta economy while depriving California's sportsmen and women of fishing for one of the world's great game fish.

Sincerely,

Herman Spalinger, Club President, on behalf of the Delta Fly Fishers Board of Directors.

On a more positive note: Since the Mokelumne River closed to fishing on the 31st of October for the salmon run, I have spoken to Eric at the Mokelumne River Fish Hatchery several times to see how the run was going. As of the 20th of this month, Eric said the run is pretty much complete. It has been a good year with the following results:

- Salmon count 15,849 fish
- Steelhead 248 fish
- Salmon eggs harvested 7.76 million eggs harvested
- Steelhead eggs harvested over 330,000 eggs harvested

In 2009, just 69 fish returned. Last year, over 5,700 fish were harvested. This year's run of 15,849 fish has the people at Mokelumne River Hatchery pleased. East Bay MUD started restoring the gravel spawning beds and maintaining good river flows during the salmon runs several years ago. The results are evident. A number of years ago Woodbridge Irrigation District decided to repair the dam that fills Lodi Lake during the salmon run. This forced the fish to spawn on the mud river bed below the dam and the whole run was lost. Given good habitat and adequate water flow the results are evident.

In thinking of this year's salmon run, another thought came to mind. Given CSD's alleged salmon losses due to striped bass predation, how do they justify this year's salmon numbers? If the stripers are wiping out the salmon, how is it that this year there are 15,780 more salmon in the Mokelumne River than there were in 2009? According to CSD's case there should be less. The point being that if there is adequate water and proper water management, the fish will survive and thrive.

Another Delta issue: Thanks to Bob Fujimura for his note in Facebook bringing a new problem in the Delta to our attention. An article in the Contra Costa Times reports that the Delta is faced with a new invasive species that has the potential of causing a major problem. The problem is a plant called the South American Spongeplant. This plant has the potential of being more dangerous to the Delta than the water hyacinth. According to the article, the Spongeplant floats on the surface and forms a mass of weeds that can't be penetrated. The plant is smaller than the water hyacinth and spreads by seeds and because of its small size; it can be sucked deep into pumps making them inoperable. And it can make the waterways impassable. It was first found in Redding in 2003 and was found in the west Delta in 2009.

The plants have been used as an ornamental plant in backyards and have now found their way into the Delta. A legal problem is preventing their quick eradication. By state law, only certain weeds can be eradicated by state agencies. Spongeplant is not on that list. Assemblywoman Buckman (D-San Ramon) is going to introduce legislation next year to eradicate the Spongeplant which has the potential to cause a "catastrophic infestation" of the Delta.

Again Diane Feinstein helps her friends: President Obama recently signed a \$915 billion spending bill that contains controversial sections on water sales from the federal Central Valley Project (CVP). Sen. Diane Feinstein slipped in two sentences. One sentence will allow Westland Water District, Kern Water Bank, and other irrigation districts to buy more federal water irrigation districts served by the CVP. In a

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McClatchy Newspaper article, Feinstein was quoted as saying it was "sensible way to move water around the state". And Tom Birmingham, Westland's General Manager, said "The water transfer language inserted by Sen. Feinstein will add to the flexibility that we have sought, and it will certainly help us meet our need". The bill was 1,221 pages long. The second sentence inserted by Feinstein orders a study to streamline water sales, including sales from the north Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta to the south of the Delta.

It appears Feinstein snuck her addition into the "late night" bill. Pacific Advocates, the environmental group, says that Feinstein's addition is worth millions to the water merchants. Another part of the bill found objectionable is that it lifts environmental restrictions placed by the 1992 environmental laws on water transfer from the CVP. In the law, districts could only sell water that would have been "consumptively used or irretrievably lost." In 2009 both Boxer and Feinstein authored legislation waiving both of these rules. When Feinstein says her legislation would allow "water to move around California" the translation is that Westlands, Kern Water Bank, and other water districts will make millions more. The McClatchy article points out that critics of Feinstein's legislation say a group like Kern Water Bank can now buy federal water from the CVP and then sell its state water to groups like urban users and developers in the south state.

Ron Forbes

Conservation Chair

FACEBOOK

You can talk fly fishing EVERY night at the club's new Facebook page.

Six weeks ago, the club started a Facebook page so that members could stay "hooked up" with what's going on in the club on a more personal level. In the short time the page has been on line over a dozen club members have participated in discussions on inexpensive fishing supplies - how about a Sage floating line for \$28 - outings, conservation issues, and there have even been a few invitations to go fishing.

The site allows you to post pictures of your fishing expeditions, link to other sites with fishing information, post events, check on club events, outings, and even indicate whether you're going to attend a particular event. If we can get everyone on-line and using the site, it will make communication amongst club members much easier. For example, if you "sign up" for an event and there are last minute changes or the event is moved or cancelled, the event's host can contact all those attending via their e-mail addresses with a single entry using the facilities that Facebook provides.

If you're already a Facebook member, just type Delta Fly Fishers, Inc. in the search box and hit enter. Once at the DFE page, click the like button and then you can post in any of the categories.

If you're not already a Facebook member, go to the Facebook site, fill in the form and sign up. Once signed up, enter "Delta Fly Fishers, Inc." in the search box that will appear at the top of your home page. Click the "Like" box on the page and you will be able to post.

Remember that Facebook is a PUBLIC forum with over 800 million members. I suggest you make your personal profile available only to friends or not at all. You can change any or all of the settings by going to the "profile" page of your account. You also have the option of turning on or off all of the community games that are offered. Whatever you do, check into the Delta Fly Fishers page often and join in the fun.

by Jerry Neuburger, Webmaster/Facebook Administrator

Take the Delta Fly Fishing Challenge

The Delta Fly Fishing Challenge is DFF's program to promote fly fishing in the Delta and to foster appreciation of its fisheries and natural resources. Successful applicants must catch, photograph, and release 6 different sport fish (from a list of 15 species) from the Delta using fly fishing gear. The applicant will need to properly identify to species, complete the application form, submit verifying photographs of these fishes, and enclose a check for \$5.00 to cover printing and postage costs. Awardees will receive a personalized 11" x 14" color certificate suitable for framing.

The Delta Fly Fishing Challenge is a great way to learn the fastest growing segment of local fly fishing. Experienced fly fishers can demonstrate to others that they have caught the wide variety of sport fish that the Delta offers. For the wide variety of sport fish that the Delta offers. For more information, go to our web site at www.deltaflyfishers.com/deltachallenge.html or contact Bob Fujimura by email at deltaflyfishers@gmail.com.

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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.

MENTOR PROGRAM

Are you interested in joining our club and getting individualized help in learning fly fishing?

All new members are eligible to enroll into the Mentor Program; this program will assist them get acquainted with the other club members, the club's activities, and have knowledgeable members share their fly fishing skills by:

- New members will complete interest and skills survey application (link below)
- Based on this information, a mentor will be assigned to each new member
- The mentor will work with the new member to gather the skills that they requested by fishing local waters, accompanying them on club outings, help with gear purchases, teaching basis casting or fly tying skills, or sharing expertise or destination knowledge.
- The mentor will also help introduce each new member to the club officers and membership.

For more information, please contact Steve Cooper, Mentor Program Chair, call 956-1032 or e-mail: repoc3@sbcglobal.net

Correction regarding Pronghorn Lake by Grady Lee

Grady would like to make a correction regarding the price for fishing Pronghorn Lake that he talked about at our December 14th Member's Night. The price is \$170 a day for each fisherperson which includes use of the cabins or RV parking and electric hookup. Discounts begin with three persons or more. Discounts are posted on their website at PronghornLakeRanch.com. In addition there are a couple of prams with electric motors available for \$20 a day. Tight lines, Grady.

FOR SALE

1 pr. Cabela's Neoprene boot foot chest waders, size 9 Stout, Used once. \$50
1 pr. Patagonia wading boots w/felt soles & cleats, size 8 - \$25
1 pr. Patagonia flats boots, size 10 - \$22
1 pr. Redington wading boots w/felt soles and cleats, size 10 \$18

HEAVY DUTY MAGNIFYING FLORESCENT WORK LAMP - This has a 5" lens and has never been used \$25.00.

Call Doug Ridgway at (209) 617-7050 or email at doug_flyfisher@yahoo.com

Carolina in the Morning by Bruce & Sallye Rollans

Sallye and I made our first stop Savannah, Georgia. This brought back some good memories of our trip three years earlier, including a repeated excellent dinner at Elizabeth's on 37th. Unlike our prior visit, we did not fish in Georgia. Our local guide said between greedy fishermen and a lack of effective regulation, the Red fishery in that state is going to the dogs.

We fished South Carolina instead around Hilton Head Island. We used 8 wt. floating lines with weighted flies that looked a lot like large wooly buggers. We got into a lot of Reds the first day on an outgoing tide. The second day we were almost blown off the tidal marsh by 20 knot winds.

If you go, make sure you do lunch/dinner on Tybee Island at Sundae flounder open face sandwiches, and Sallye says the fried chicken and mom use to make.

We moved to Charleston, South Carolina, for two more days of Reds the Cooper River and Inter-Coastal Waterway. This was much the Hilton Head. The first day we were into Reds for six hours. The second out casting to large schools of sighted Reds in 14 knot winds and they

We did meet some great characters at the Peninsula Grill in the Charleston. One evening Gerald Curtin offered to buy our wine at the President of a commercial real estate group in Massachusetts. He sponsors an annual fly fishing event for charity on Martha's Vineyard hosted by the former Celtic great John Havelcik. Sallye was invited to participate as his guest. I can carry the luggage. We also spent about an hour talking pro football with Jeff Bostic, former offensive center for three Super Bowl wins by the Washington Redskins. We mostly listened.



Cafe; great fried collard greens are like

on tidal marshes off same experience as day we wore ourselves spooked every time.

Planter's Inn in the bar. Gerald is the

Our fishing trip ended at Beaufort, North Carolina, fishing for False Albacore. Our first day on the outside of the Outer Banks near Cape Lookout provided a rough sea and only three albies sighted. They all were moving away at about 15 mph. We were using 9 wt. gear with intermediate lines and white bunker type flies to no avail. The next day the sea was too rough to go out so we fished the tributaries of the Neuse River (the widest river in the U.S.) for speckled sea trout.



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