

Delta Fly Fishers

April 2011

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Flyfishing

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BY STEPHEN JOHNSON (THE TOP DOG IN CAMP)

May, 2011

Ok, so who has not got the news? In case you have been asleep all spring, it has been a very wet and late spring, actually had a measurable amount in the rain gauge this morning and opening weekend for California's general trout season is this weekend... anybody want to play golf or go see the Giant's play?

This will be the first opener I have not fished the lower McCloud River in 9 years...waaa. OK I can act my age just of a little while, but seriously the flows on the upper Sac today 2,000 to 3,000 cfs, Lower McCloud 1600+cfs and even if March Brown mayflies have been spotted in the last week how are you going to fish with all that water? So maybe the Klamath @ 2600 to 3025 cfs this morning ...good river levels but every guide worth his salt has the same information...now what?

Fall River and Hat creek are in prime shape, if you're up to combat fishing with 2 to 3 thousands others.

So thank goodness for my son, (step-son actually) but who's counting...Joey always has a plan...and this year's plan is a great one, he is getting married Saturday so forget going fishing all week, so you my fellow feather flingers are in charge of stories and photos for the next meeting...oh yea Kate wants to know if anyone would have room in their camp...weddings just aren't her cup of tea.

Folks, a little serious business here. It is May, summer is creeping up quick and before you now it the year is over...we need members to start thinking of the change of guard for next year...several positions will be in need of young energetic folks, the Treasure chair, my seat at the head of the table (hell I've been around for three years) a couple of committees need new leaders.

A very new and seriously committed gentleman from the Southern Oregon Fly tiers group asked me last month a good question, "What is your go to fly fishing out fit for your favorite type of fly fishing"? Lakes, reservoirs, small creeks, streams and rivers (wading or drifting). Think about it and bring your answer to the next general meeting May 11th.

Oh yea this is for Marty and anyone else interested, the first carp were seen making spawning beds at Modesto Reservoir this week...game on.

Have a safe opener (if you're going), water is high, fast and very cold...use your wading staff and leave your trip itinerary with the family and friends...better yet, go with friends.

Off to pay for the rehearsal dinner, hope to see ya on the water next week.

Steve and Kate (the four footed fish finder)

DDF's May Speaker

John Squires has been a fly fisher for 40 years, is a past president of DFF, and has planned and participated in wilderness fishing trips in California, Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Canada and Alaska.

In this presentation John will explain how to go about planning and carrying out your own affordable Alaska wilderness fishing adventure. Topics covered will range from where to go, timing your trip to coincide with different fishing opportunities, "the team concept," mandatory and optional gear, packing, meal planning, available fish species, appropriate fishing gear and fly patterns, photographic gear, how to deal with "the 3 Bs" (bears, bugs and the barometer), costs and how to keep them down, reliable service providers, a typical trip schedule, and reference materials.

There will be photographs from some of John's prior trips to Alaska, a preview of his upcoming trip, and hopefully time for a question-and-answer session.

Opening Season Tips

By Bob Fujimura

Most of you have probably waited most of the winter and are wondering where to go now. If you are mostly a flowing-water trout angler, your choices are more limited this season with a record snow-pack in the Sierra and greater-than-usual runoff expected. Most experts recommend fishing regulated streams below reservoirs and streams that have their drainages below 5,000 feet. If you do take this advice, check out the recent flow measurements for their consistency of flow and the basic water conditions such as water temperature and turbidity (e.g. water clarity). Usually, tail-waters that fluctuate greatly within days or hours of your visit fish poorly compared to streams that have more consistent flows. Water temperature and clarity will also allow you select the most productive fishing methods. Colder and turbid conditions tend to favor larger subsurface patterns drifted through the slower and deepest pools were trout hold and conserve their energy. Under these conditions, trout also avoid swimming to feed so anglers must get their flies "in front of the faces" of each trout.

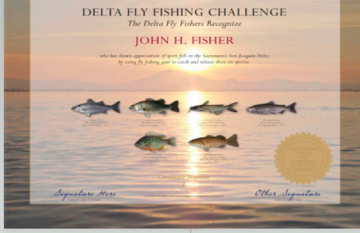
If you are a still-water trout angler, this is probably as good of time to begin your trout fishing season as any other. The middle elevation lakes have recently or begun their "ice-out" period and fishing should be excellent for big trout using streamer type patterns. The lower elevation lakes have already received their winter allotments of hatchery fish and should be still a good choice for fly fishers until these lakes start stratifying by temperature. Middle elevation small lakes are especially good candidates for fishers in personal watercrafts.

If you are able to water for warmer water species, this month should be the right time for black (largemouth) bass and sunfish (e.g. bluegill) in lower elevations ponds and lakes or for striped bass in the Delta. Freshly-submerged shallow areas of larger reservoirs should ideal spawning or feeding habitat for bass or other game fish.

Regardless of the location that you fish, safety is especially important during this early season. High stream flows, water hazards, and cold water temperatures are most dangerous this time of year. Use extremely caution when wading flowing waters or floating in cold waters. Always fish with others and never fish under the influence of alcohol.

Delta Fly Fishing Challenge

Explore the greatest inland fishery on the West Coast



DELTA FLY FISHING CHALLENGE
The Delta Fly Fishers' Fairground
JOHN H. FISHER
with the Delta Fly Fishers' Fairground

The Delta Fly Fishing Challenge is an angler recognition program to promote knowledge and appreciation of sport fish that reside in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, encourage local fly fishing, and increase awareness of the Delta and its natural resources.

RULES

Submit a completed application form (download from the Delta Fly Fishers Delta Fly Fishing Challenge webpage) with clear photographs of 6 different species from the list of 15. All fish must be legally caught from the statute Delta using fly fishing gear and released alive. There is no time limit to complete the challenge and applicants may only earn one certificate per year. Please include a check for \$5.00 addressed to Delta Fly Fishers, which covers printing and shipping costs.

Each award will be a color 11"x14" personalized certificate suitable for framing

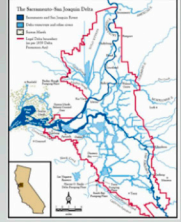
ELIGIBLE SPORT FISH

- Striped bass
- Largemouth bass
- Spotted bass
- Smallmouth bass
- Steelhead trout
- Sacramento pikeminnow
- Chinook salmon
- American shad
- Channel catfish
- White crappie
- Black crappie
- Bluegill
- Redfin sunfish
- Common carp
- Tule perch

WHO WE ARE

Delta Fly Fishers is a community organization whose members are dedicated to the furtherance of the art of fly fishing. To accomplish this, we actively participate in educational programs to teach anglers the techniques of fly fishing, fly tying, fishing ethics and the practice of "catch and release."


We place great emphasis on conservation issues as they relate to the



Map of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (provided by the Public Policy Institute of California)

MORE INFORMATION

More information can be found at our website: deltaflyfishers.com, references on fly fishing methods and information on Delta sport fish can be found there and you can download a PDF application form. You may mail us at: Delta Fly Fishers, Delta Fly Fishing Challenge Program, P.O. Box 77862, Stockton, CA 95207-7862 or email Bob Fujimura at deltaflyfishes@gmail.com.



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DDF SPONSORS THE DELTA FLY FISHING CHALLENGE

This month Delta Fly Fishers launches its angler recognition program to promote fly fishing for sport fish in the Delta and to foster appreciation of its fisheries and natural resources. Successful applicants must catch, photograph, and release six different sport fish (out of a list of 15 species) from the Delta using fly fishing gear. After receiving a completed application form, supporting photographs, and a \$5 application fee, Delta Fly Fishers will mail a personalized 11" x 14" color certificate suitable for framing.

For more information on this new award program, go to our web site at: www.deltaflyfishers.com/deltachallenge.html (web page in progress) or contact Bob Fujimura at: deltaflyfishers@gmail.com

On a lighter note, CJ Webb has pointed out that some DFG fishing license vendors in rural areas have ceased offering these sales due to the new computerized license system. If you are planning to travel to the Eastern Sierras, please check ahead of time where you can purchase your fish license to save yourself a long unplanned side-trip.

DFF MENTOR PROGRAM

The Delta Fly Fishers Board of Directors, intent upon enhancing the existing Fishing Buddy Program, is proposing DFF adopt a Mentor Program which is proactive and broadly inclusive. The primary objective is, by sharing fly fishing skills and knowledge of existing DFF members with new members, this will assist new members in getting acquainted with existing members, with club activities and, generally speed the transition from new member to old friend.

The Board of Directors recognizes this will take considerable commitment from the existing membership and does encourage the active participation of current members. The following broad guidelines are thought to be necessary for this program.

- Every existing member willing to serve, as a Mentor will be asked to complete a skills/knowledge list that they will share with new members as requested. The Mentor Program Chairperson will maintain these documents.
- Every new member will be asked to complete a skills/knowledge request form, which the Mentor Program Chair will also maintain.
- The Mentor Program Chair will introduce any and all new members before the General Program begins and will make an effort to introduce the new members to DFF Officers and Board Members.
- Under consideration is the additional incentive for new members of some free raffle tickets.
- The Mentor Program Chair will follow up on matching a Mentor with a new member based on skills/knowledge sought and skills/knowledge available. The mentor and new member will work out a compatible schedule by which to transfer skills/knowledge. The Mentor Program Chair as needed can make reassignments.
- Examples of mentoring include such things as guiding a new member on local waters within a few months of assignment, accompany the new member to a local fly shop to assist with gear purchases, contact the new member a few days before each monthly meeting to remind the new member of the meeting and program, assisting with casting skills, how to tie useful knots and/or fly tying, sharing information regarding fly fishing destinations including basic travel tips and promoting new members to join DFF in its outings

Over time the Mentor Program may be extended to include existing members who want to learn new skills/knowledge.

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.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Rod Building	<input type="checkbox"/> Selecting a Guide
<input type="checkbox"/> Travel	<input type="checkbox"/> Entomology
<input type="checkbox"/> 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 Mail the form to: Delta Fly Fishers P.O. Box 77862 Stockton, CA 95207	

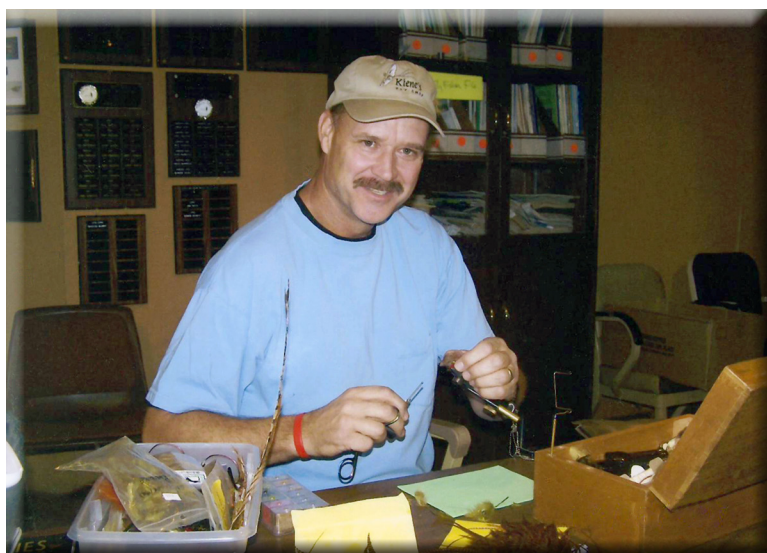
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WEDNESDAY NIGHT FLY CASTING AND TYING



The weekly Wednesday evening fly casting sessions have resumed this Spring. But not all is lost. Meet Jim Rich and Joe Balderston in the Nature Center, at Oak Grove Park, at 6:30 and do some fly casting and/or tying. The exception is the 2nd Wednesday night when DFF has its monthly meeting.

Whether you are a novice and want tips on how to tie or cast or an expert that wants an excuse to get out of the house, then come out for the camaraderie of other members. This is an excellent chance improve your fly casting, tying and/or BS abilities. For more information contact Joe Balderston at 649-0291 or Jim Rich at 477-6404.

MEMBERSHIP

BOB FUJIMURA, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

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

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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

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Trout season has officially opened and it marked the annual start of the fly fishing season. Although liberal new fishing regulations and alternative fish species allow fishing year-round, our preferences and weather has side-lined most of us until now. New fly fishers are especially hesitant to take advantage of the early fishing season due to their lack of experience in fly fishing and locations suitable for this method of angling.

One of the best means to get started is to join the club's scheduled fishing outings – they are usually scheduled at the best seasons for fly fishing. They usually have a dedicated host who can help new members on what equipment to bring and can answer questions concerning angling techniques suitable for the specific watercourse. This issue should list the upcoming hosted fishing outings under the Activities table.

Another reminder that any NEW members will pay an extra \$10.00/yr to printed newsletter through the U.S. Postal Service to defray the costs of printing and postage. We encourage all members to receive their newsletter by e-mail attachment that is free of charge.

We are encouraging all members to receive their newsletters by e-mail attachment or downloading them from our website to speed delivery and reduce circulation costs. If wish to receive your newsletters electronically, please contact Bob Fujimura by e-mail (deltaflyfishers@gmail.com) or phone 339-0683.

If you need new or renewing membership forms, please download them from the DFF Membership website page at <http://www.deltaflyfishers.com/membership.html> or contact Bob Fujimura by e-mail (deltaflyfishers@gmail.com) or by phone (339-0683).

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CONSERVATION

BY RON FORBES

Beginners may ask why one fishes if he is to release the catch. They fail to see the trout, sucking in the fly and fighting the rod is the entire point in our sport. Dead trout are just so much lifeless meat.

----- Earnest G. Schwiebert Jr.

We won a big one for the Mokelumne River!

Two years ago, East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) released the district's 2040 water plans and planned three public input meetings to discuss their options. The plans included the raising the height of Pardee Dam, a water conservation option and a desalinization option. Steve Johnson and I attended the first meeting in Lodi. The meeting was attended by approximately 30-40 people. A member of EBMUD's board presented and discussed all three options and commented on their board's leaning toward raising the height of Pardee Dam. Their intent was obvious. Their prime intent was to raise the dam and the other two plans were merely "window dressing". Johnson pulled the rug out from them by commenting he had read the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) on raising the dam, but couldn't find the EIR's for either the water conservation plan or for the desalinization plan. They assured us it was there so Steve as them to find it. They scurried around their computers but could not come up with either plan. EBMUD was at it again. The plans, of course, don't exist.

EBMUD was to have another public meeting in Jackson three days later. However, this time over 300 hundred people attended and it was standing room only. Those attending were furious with the plan. By expanding the Pardee Reservoir, EBMUD would have major negative effects on the Mokelumne River. Some of the negative effects would:

- Flood 2 miles of the river wiping out the Middle Bar Run
- Destroy historical resources
- Destroy cultural resources
- Cause the removal for the Middle Bar Bridge which is the only major fire/emergency evacuation route for the local population
- Loss of the rivers recreational value for the city of Jackson
- Loss of business income generated by the river for the city of Jackson

The Foothill Conservancy, under Chris Wright and Randy Berg, organized opposition against EBMUD. Some of us in Delta Fly Fishers attended 5 of these meeting and helped in gathering signatures opposing the water district. It was interesting to see the groups who opposed their plan. The groups represented a wide diversity of interest. Some of the major groups were East Bay customers, foothill residents, tribal groups, local governments, local business, federal agencies, recreational groups, historical groups, conservation groups, and even PG&E, according to Chris Wright of the Foothill Conservancy.

Finally, the Foothill Conservancy, California Sportfishing Protection Alliance (CSPA), and Friends of the River took

EBMUD to court. On April 11 , 2011, Superior Court Judge Timothy M. Frawley, of Sacramento, gave his judgment against EBMUD. In his judgment, Frawley found fault with the water district in that it:

- Did not analyze impacts on the river's recreational resources.
- Did not consider the rivers historical resources
- Did not consider the river's cultural resources
- Did not consider the safety issues involved in removing the Middle Bar Bridge
- Did not describe or mitigate the impact on Miwok ancestral sites or gathering places
- Did not consider other water sources of water supply already in existences such as Los Vaqueros Reservoir

In my research on the issues we were dealing with, I looked at East Bay's maps to find other possible water resource locations EBMUD could use. In talks with Randy Berg of the Foot Hill Conservancy he was upset EBMUD was not even considering Los Vaqueros as a possible future water source. The reservoir is under the control of the Contra Costa Water District (CCWD) near Brentwood and has the capacity of holding 100,000 acre feet of high quality water. And it's near the East Bays users. So why not look at the source instead of going through the issues of raising a dam? And how had I missed its location in my research? The answers were at best childish. A managing Director of EBMUD and his opposite number at CCWD, dislike each other to the point that they will not deal with one other. And the reason I could not find Los Vaqueros Reservoir on the map was because East Bay left it off. This is childishness to the point of audacity.

The next step in protection of the Mokelumne River is to have it declared a Wild and Scenic River. If we can secure Wild and Scenic status, we will not have to fight anymore misguided attempts by EBMUD to alter the Mokelumne. Delta Fly Fishers will be involved with these efforts. As these plans go forward the newsletter will keep you informed.

Pending Issues

Two other important issues are still pending and should be resolved in the next two months. The first is the extension of waivers for agribusiness in complying with California's Clean Water Act. The 33,000 to 35,000 farm operations in California is the major unregulated source of water pollution in the state. The state's Water Quality Control Board's decision will have a direct effect on the Delta and California's groundwater quality.

The second issue is the suit against the Department of Fish and Game (DFG) by the Coalition for a Sustainable Delta. This is a major loss for our fisheries and we have been seriously betrayed by DFG who fail to protect the striped bass fisheries. The issue now must go before the DFG Commission and the back to court for final approval by the judge. In the next months we will examine both issues.

Ron Forbes
Conservation Chairman

Eastern Sierra Focus

By CJ Webb

Fishing Conditions:

“We could all learn something from Mother Nature, she doesn’t care about criticism no matter how much she gets.” Gratitude is something I’ve acquired for the magnitude of snow that will keep the lakes filled toward summers’ end. If it’s stable weather you were hoping for, the Eastern Sierra is not located at the southern tip of Baja. Our famous saying is “if you don’t like the weather, wait ten minutes”.

Snow surveys for the end of the last 4 months, as recorded by LADWP, state that the waters into Mammoth Creek were at 171% of normal for the week ending March 10th, meaning we already have 71% more snow than we normally have on March 10. Mammoth Basin has 149% of the normal amount of snow it would have by April 1st meaning that something between 20 and 40 feet of snow has fallen in the Mammoth Basin since winter began. Sierra south of Mammoth is at 139% of normal for that same week and Sierra north is at 115% as of March 1st. The numbers are based on 50-year averages. Water, water everywhere!

The No-see-ums are still on spring break in Cancun chasing Chiquita’s with margaritas and mosquitoes are patiently awaiting the “Supply” to arrive.

Be safe if you cross streams and remember the water is exceedingly cold this time of year. Don’t take unnecessary chances, keep a solar blanket in your fly/tackle vest and be realistic about your physical ability to handle high water flows. A wading staff should be a consideration.

News – Automated License Data System operational (ALDS) Purchase Fishing Licenses ON-LINE – Most tackle shops will be humming so please avoid the rush during opening weekend. Check DFG web-site for locations of terminals if you did not purchase on-line. In 2010 there were 1600 License Agents and approximately 300 opted-out as agents for the Department in 2011. Next Report: DFG stocking update.

Legislation

Assembly Bill 2376 which was approved in the 2010 legislative session and signed into law will create a blue-ribbon citizen commission and stakeholder group to reform the DFG and the Fish and Game Commission. Assembly Member Jared Huffman of San Rafael stated the “Department is dysfunctional” and “it’s a mile wide and an inch deep and is structured in a way that makes it vulnerable to political influences.” Clark Blanchard, CA Resources Agency Associate Director of communications, and former environmentalist, will be overseeing the reform effort and has placed it on high priority for the State’s new Resource Secretary, John Laird.

Fishing Report: All waters above 8100’ still frozen. Remember to check the regulations prior to fishing unfamiliar water as to limits, size, and gear.

Rock Creek road is almost open with ice fishing the main activity and very little water showing. Resort plans to open Memorial weekend.

Hot Creek – The road is mostly dry with limited access along the river. Breezy afternoons so try #20-22 midges early, then go

to baetis patterns mid-day in #18-22. Warmer weather should induce some great hatches. Please stay out of the water to and help prevent the spread of New Zealand mud snails.

Crowley was ice free as of the 7th of April and water is cold and fish are spread out with no weeds. Lake is almost full and normal crowds are anticipated for the opener. Last fall saw a large number of fish planted for the 2011 spring.

Upper Owens is cold, so get those nymphs and streamers down at eyeball level with the trout. Dry action has been good midday during warm afternoons, and use nymph techniques along with baetis mid-day.

Convict was also stocked with brutes at the end of last season, again last Friday and should be a hot spot over opening.

Mammoth Basin is still under a lot of ice, but may have some open water at Twin Lakes in a couple weeks.

San Joaquin Rd plowing will not start until May 10th as usual, due to the number of skiers taking advantage of the added snow on the Mountain. Reports state they stay open into July so toss in those boards and skis. Check with Forest Service in Mammoth Lakes for an exact opening date.

June Lake loop road opened April 18th. June iced out early this spring and fishing will be terrific as those Cutthroats are seriously in need of a meal. Oh Ridge campground will open April 27th.

Gull Lake is ice free and looks great for opener.

Silver Lake is open. The resort is in full operation and RV camping is available, campground will open Apr 27th. Rush Creek is in good shape but a bit high. Federation of Fly Fishers Southwest Council (FFSWC) is holding their annual Rush Creek cleanup on June 25th. If you want to help, email me (vlr@qnet.com) and I’ll get you the info.

Grant Lake is ice free and has been stocked.

Lundy Lake road will be open to the resort on the 29th. The lake is 90% ice free but low which is normal for this time of year, and the Resort plans to open Memorial weekend. The first campground will be open the 28th, and possibly the 2nd.

Virginia Lakes the road is NOT plowed to Big Virginia as yet, they are approximately 1.8 miles away. The resort plans to open May 27th. The ice on Little Virginia is 55” and Big Virginia is approx 60” but has started to liquefy from the bottom.

East Walker flow as of this writing is 337cfs and fishing has been very good according to Jim Reed of Ken’s in Bridgeport. He also stated that there have been some 6 to 20-fish days, mostly browns in the 14 to 18” range and larger. Try small nymphs, Zebra midges, San Juan worms and surface dries later in the day. Fish from the “big hole” down 2 miles.

Bridgeport Reservoir is off-color and very full. DFG stocked a lot fish last fall.

West Walker flow is 491cfs. Water is off-color and running high so try the flat water near the bridge down to Chris Flat. Try some nice attractors over Bird’s nest, pheasant tail or Juan worms in the flat area ONLY.

Tioga Pass – CalTrans plowing begun which included the County approved assistance of manpower and equipment on April 19 and no projected date for opening as yet.

Sonora Pass road crew is at the pack station and still subject to storm closure if conditions worsen. CalTrans reports 22 feet.

Monitor Pass scheduled to open April 28, and also subject to storm closure.

See you on the water, CJ 11.4.26

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STOCKTON STEELHEAD DAY AND THE RIVER SYMPOSIUM

On Sunday May 1, 2011 Delta Fly fishers is helping Friends of the Lower Calaveras (FLCR) present its first Stockton Steelhead Festival. The festival will be a day of art, live music, food booths and a Conservation Court. The purpose of the event is to raise the awareness of the people of Stockton to conserve and restore the Calaveras River's threatened salmon and steelhead populations. Delta Fly Fishers two "home" rivers are the Mokelumne and the Calaveras.

The day will kick off with parade of children wearing steelhead hats matching from UOP to the Tuxedo Court and Pacific Ave. The booths will be on Pacific Avenue and the Conservation Court will be located on Tuxedo Court. There will also be a fishing tank for kids with 150 trout available. Jeremy Terhune of FLCR has asked me to be in charge of the Conservation Court for Delta Fly Fishers.

Our members of our club have stepped up to the plate and there has been a good response to the request for help. Both Jim Rich and Rick Greene will be giving fly casting instruction. We will have two tables and will exhibit fly tying, a video loop representing our club, Herm Spalinger's fish carving, our professional guides and information about us as a club (who we are, what we are about, and how to join). Information on our Delta Challenge will be presented. FLCR hopes 1,500 to 2,000 people will attend. For those of you, who can attend, wear any clothing that id's you as a Delta Fly Fisher (hats shirts etc.). This will be a great chance for our club to be seen in Stockton.

So far we have a good line up of groups in the Conservation Court. These groups include:

- Delta Fly Fishers
- US Army Corp of Engineers (Hogan Dam)
- The Sierra Club
- Restore the Delta
- The Audubon Society
- The Fisheries Foundation
- US Fish and Wildlife Service
- The Foothill Conservancy
- California Dept. of Fish and Game
- Fish Bio
- Cramer Fish Science
- Recreation Equipment Inc.

It looks like a great day and a great chance for Delta Fly Fishers to be seen in the community.

The FLCR is also sponsoring The State of our Rivers Symposium, May 2, 2011 at:

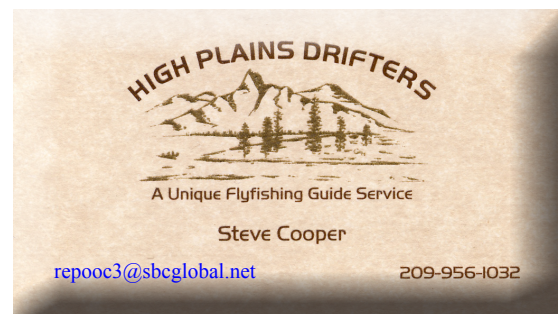
The San Joaquin Council of Governments Regional Building
555 E. Weber Ave
Stockton, CA

The meeting will be from 9:00am -12:00 pm

The purpose of the symposium is to consider the health, management, and conservation of the four rivers that supply water to residents of San Joaquin County. These rivers include the Mokelumne, the Calaveras, the Stanislaus, and the San Joaquin. The "State of Our Rivers" symposium will be hosted by FLCR, NPO's, government agencies, and policy - making agencies. CSPA will also make a Statement.

The public and all interested groups are invited to attend.

There will be no charge to attend the symposium.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Every Wed (except meeting nights)	Nature Center Oak Grove Park Stockton	WEDNESDAY EVENING TYING Contact: Joe Balderston 649-0291 or Jim Rich 477-6404
Every 2nd Wed (Except July & Aug) 7:00 PM	John R Williams School Stockton	Membership Meeting Contact Marty Kjelson 477-9618 John Keagy 369-5690
Every 3rd Wed (Except July) 7:00 PM	Nature Center Oak Grove Park, Stockton	Board Meeting All Members Welcome
Saturday May 1	Various Locations Stockton, CA	1st Annual Stockton Steelhead Day and River Symposium
Wednesday May 11	John R Williams School Stockton	Affordable Alaska Wilderness Fishing Adventures John Squires
Saturday May 14	White Pines Lake Arnold, CA	One Fly contest at White Pines Lake Grady Lee - 951 3623 - Gmississippikid@aol.com
Wednesday May 18	Nature Center Oak Grove Park, Stockton	Board Meeting All Members Welcome
Saturday May 28	American River Sacramento, CA	Shad Fishing on the American River Depending on River Conditions
Saturday June 4	Nature Center Oak Grove Park, Stockton	June Catfish Derby Oak Grove Park Jason Stapleton 209-334-9201
Wednesday June 8	Nature Center Oak Grove Park, Stockton	DFF Annual Club Bar-B-Que Oak Grove Park
Saturday June 18	Davis Lake, Portola, CA	DFF June Outing Earl Summers 957 6756 - nancysummers@att.net
July TBA	Blue Lakes	DFF July Outing Earl Summers 957 6756 - nancysummers@att.net
August 24-27	Spicer Reservoir	DFF August Outing Earl Summers 957 6756 - nancysummers@att.net
September 18-24	Bridgeport, CA	DFF September Outing Earl Summers 957 6756 - nancysummers@att.net
October 15-16	Alpine Lake, CA	DFF October Outing Earl Summers 957 6756 - nancysummers@att.net
November 19	Oak Grove Park, Stockton CA	Trout Bout Charlie Reames - 369-6053

DELTA FLY FISHERS' DVD RENTALS

The Basics

1. Fly Fishing Basics - A Beginner's Guide
2. Why Fly Fishing? - The American Museum of Fly Fishing
3. Fly Fishing Made Easy - Brian & Judith O'Keefe
3a Underworld Water of Trout - (Discovery Series)
with Ozzie Ozefovich

Casting

4. Practical Fly Casting - Barry & Cathy Beck
5. Fly Casting with Lefty Kreh
6. Advanced Fly Casting with Doug Swisher
7. The Essence of Fly Casting by Mel Krieger
8. The Essence of Spey Casting by Mel Krieger - VOL I
9. The Essence of Spey Casting by Mel Krieger - VOL 2
10. Stillwater Presentations with Denny Rickards
11. Fly Fishing Stillwaters with Denny Rickards

Fly Fishing Strategies

12. Successful Fly Fishing Strategies with Gary LaFontaine & Dick Shanon
13. The Wet Fly - Nymph - Hal Janseen's Fly Fishing Secrets
14. The May Fly - Hal Janseen's Fly Fishing Secrets
15. The Dry Fly - Hal Janseen's Fly Fishing Secrets
16. 15a - Dry Fly - (Emphasis on Norway, England & Sweden) - Johan Klingberg
17. Chironomid Techniques - Brian Chan & Don Freschi
18. Secrets of Steelheading - Jim Teeny
19. Fly Fishing for Trophy Steelhead - Lani Waller
20. Strategies for Selective Trout - Doug Swisher
21. Advanced Strategies for Selective Trout - Doug Swisher
22. Fly Fishing for Bluewater Gamefish - Trey Combs

Fly Tying

23. How to Tie Flies
24. Fly Tying Techniques - Bob Clouser & Lefty Kreh
25. Hooked on Fly Tying - (Classic Wet & Nymphs) Dick Talleur
26. Hooked on Fly Tying - (Saltwater Fly Tying Secrets) - Joe Butorac
25a. Basic Fly Tying - (Wooly B, Gold-Ribbed Hare's Ear, PTN, Elk Hair Caddis, Compra Dun, Adams, Marabou Muddler) - Marvin Nolte
27. Hooked on Fly Tying - (Glue Gun Patterns for Fresh Water) - Doug Swisher
28. Tying Attractor Flies with Doug Swisher
29. Tying & Fishing Caddis Flies - Gary LaFontaine & Friends
30. Tying & Fishing Attractors - The Theory of Attraction - Gary LaFontaine
31. Tying Flies with Jack Dennis & Friends - (Seminar Tape to DVD)
32. Tying Jack Dennis' Newest Patterns
33. Stillwater Flies for Trophy Trout - Denny Rickards
34. Tying Bass Flies - with Jimmy Nix & Jack Dennis
35. Tying Flies with Jack Dennis & Friends - VOL 1
36. Tying Flies with Jack Dennis & Friends - VOL 2
37. Fly Tying Patterns & Techniques - NCCFFF Conclave 1992 (VOL 1)

38. Fly Tying Patterns & Techniques - NCCFFF Conclave 1992 (VOL 2)
39. Fly Tyers Expo - 1998 Northwest (VOL 1)
40. Fly Tyers Expo - 1998 Northwest (VOL 2)
41. Woven Flies - Three Weaving Techniques - Arrick Swanson

Outdoor Fly Fishing Safaris

42. Fly Fishing Alberta Canada's Bow River - Lefty Kreh
43. Argentina Trout - Jim & Kelly Watts - (Video Magazine)
44. Belize - Jim & Kelly Watts - (Video Magazine)
45. Bighorn River, Montana - Jim & Kelly Watts - (Video Magazine)
46. Blackfoot River, Montana - Jim & Kelly Watts - (Video Magazine)
47. Bristol Bay Rainbows - Jim & Kelly Watts - (Video Magazine)
48. Costa Rica - Jim & Kelly Watts - (Video Magazine)
49. Green River, Utah - Jim & Kelly Watts - (Video Magazine)
50. San Juan & Delores Trout - Jim & Kelly Watts - (Video Magazine)
51. Oregon's Wood & Williamson River - Jim & Kelly Watts - (Video Magazine)

Movies

52. Rivers of a Lost Coast - Decline of Salmon & Steelhead in the Upper North Coast Rivers
53. Drift - Fishing Oregon, Utah, Colorado, Montana, Belize, Bahamas, Kashmir, India

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