

November 2010

# Delta Fly Fishers

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## President's Message by Stephen Johnson (the top dog in camp) November 2010

DDF business, please ladies and gentlemen, we need your attendance at our monthly meeting. We are a California 501c3 (non-profit) corporation...that said we have rules WE MUST abide by and one of those is maintaining a Board of Directors and Officers to run the business per State of California Corporation by-laws. You have to vote for these folks and this month is the meeting to do so. Show up and cast a vote or suffer the wrath of my wandering writings for another year...don't blame me, you have been warned and begged.

Just in time...a very happy report in today's (10-30-2010) Stockton Record of the fall Chinook run on our home waters the Mokelumne. What a surprise higher water flows thru the Delta have contributed (along with other factors) to a huge fall run of Chinook Salmon...double last year's total and only half the years count is done.

Personal fishing reports ...actually I almost missed the dead line...I am leaving for the Klamath for two days and then to Oregon for the monthly trip to fish the Rogue and a couple of coastal streams (the Elk and the Sixes) as soon as I hit the send button on this message.

Spent a couple of days on the Upper Owens and East Walker last week...Where is everybody? Had the Owens all to myself (accept the loud mouth Kate)...coyotes kept us awake both nights and she felt it was a personal duty to let everybody in two counties know about it.

Small product review...my new Orvis wading boots River Guard Side-Zip Brogues with EcoTrax soles (fitted with PosiGrip screws). Very easy on and off with zippers, great ankle support and very comfortable walking on many different surfaces...no to see how long they last.

Committee members are moving forward with a couple of very neat projects ...first Herman is quickly coming to terms with a company to print and deliver some new shirts for the club, maybe we will have a sample by meeting date. Next our Delta Fly Fishing Challenge is moving thru State bureaucracy...should have the name locked up via State of California service mark by the end of next week...thanks to Bob Fujimura for the pushing, prodding and spear heading this project.

Kate's yapping again...time to run.

One last thing, check out Rene Harrop's newest book, "Learning from the Water" great read and beautiful pictures of the Henry's Fork.

Oh hell almost forgot...some folks have asked for a new section on our web site ...monthly FLY patterns. Couple of questions...do you want videos showing how to tie these patterns? Do you want step by step instructions of a different fly each month and do you want all types...stripper, bass, pan fish, and trout-steelhead selections. Please advise by communicating with board members so we can get moving on this.

OK mutt...I'm done let's go. On the road again...sing it Willie.

Steve and Kate

## 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.

<b>Fishing Mentor Request</b>	
NAME _____	
DATE _____	
PHONE CONTACTS: (1) _____	
(2) _____	
The best time to contact me is _____	
My E-mail address is: _____	
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Please describe what you would like help with _____	
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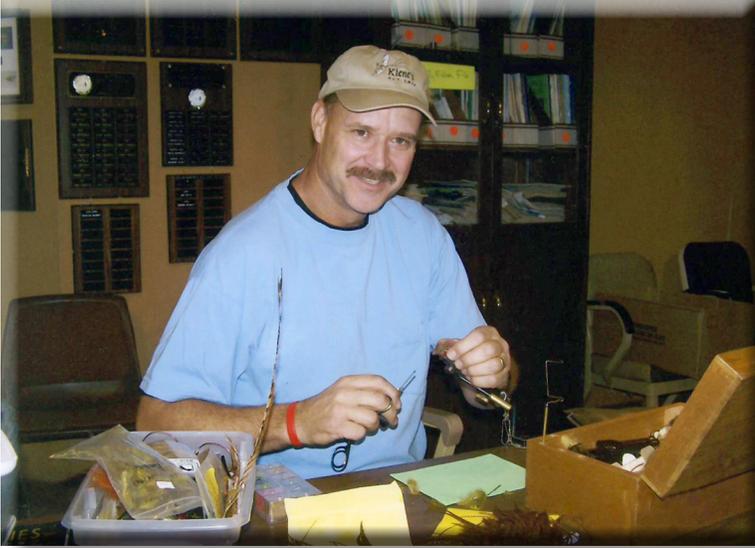
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## Wednesday Night Casting & Fly Tying



The weekly Wednesday evening fly casting sessions will soon end until next Spring. But not all is lost. Meet Joe Balderston in the Nature Center, at Oak Grove Park, at 6:30 and do some fly 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 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 tying and/or BS abilities. For more information contact Joe Balderston at 649-0291.

### Membership Form

Regular membership – \$30  
Family membership – \$35  
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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

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\*For receiving monthly 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](mailto:deltaflyfishers@gmail.com).

### Membership

Thank you for renewing your annual membership. Your dues will help support our meetings and activities for the next year.

Please welcome our newest members:

William Chinnock III of Stockton  
Tyler Nies of Lodi  
Bobby Sieler and family of Acampo  
Gil and Melanie Parker of Lodi  
Anson Skaggs of Stockton

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](mailto: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>.



## Conservation

by Ron Forbes

Several weeks ago I was surprised to see a new billboard on Lodi Avenue. Across the front was a picture of a striped bass and in bold print the sign declared: “The problem with the Stanislaus River is predation not water”. The sign then asks you to go to the website <http://savethestan.com/what-is-predation/>. Seeing the sign should not have surprised me. Water districts, especially those in the south valley, are giving it everything they’ve got to get rid of all sport fish and fishing. Get rid of the fish and you will get rid of the fisherman who want our rivers protected. Water districts are trying to deregulate all environmental protection for California’s rivers, lakes and streams. We have won some major battles in court but still have major cases pending.



It wasn't really a surprise when I found the authors of the website were two water districts. This time it's the South San Joaquin Water District and the Oakdale Water District. After looking at their site for a few minutes, anyone with some understanding of science can see what a pathetic sham the site turns out to be. The site tries to get you to believe that it's Striper predation of salmon and steelhead they are trying to stop. When you look at their fifteen second clips, you will see great underwater shots of rainbow trout, striped bass and young fish all in holding patterns. But, as a TV commercial once asked, "Where's the beef?" or, in this case, where is the predation that so concerns them. They say that stripers are an introduced species and should be removed. Actually, since 1880, thirty eight nonnative-species have been introduced in California. True, stripers were introduced to the Delta about 110 years ago but they have thrived along with steelhead and salmon until recently. All three of these species are now threatened. Predation is not the problem.

The site is laughable in showing three pictures of predation. One shows a what looks to be a Striper or large mouth bass with a carp in its mouth, the second shows a catfish with a fish in its mouth and, finally, the third, shows a hand holding the head of a small fish, maybe a sculpin, with a small smolt in its mouth. The fish can be no bigger three or four inches in length. But there are no pictures of a striper preying on other fish, which is what they claim to be the problem. Since all three

species shown are natives, the "evidence" seems to show it the natives are causing the problem, not the introduced fish. The point is they have no scientific evidence to give their case any validity. As usual their claims are just more smoke and mirrors.

You realize when you get into the site there's another point they're trying to sneak by the public. It's their objection to the Federal government's document by the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration Fisheries Service (NMFS) from June of 2009. The document is known as the Biological Opinion (BO). The BO was written to protect the Central Valley Steelhead from the way the New Melones Reservoir is operated. The Water Districts allegedly find fault with NMFS's BO in three areas. These areas are the hydrology, water temperatures and river biology of the Stanislaus River. The districts' objections are written by a Dan Steiner. Steiner is presented as an "expert" in the field. In checking out Mr. Steiner's qualifications, you find that he is basically an employee of the Districts, hardly a scientist giving an unbiased view point. Just because one wears a white lab smock does not make one an expert or a scientist.

When you become interested in our fisheries and what is going on in the Delta, you soon become aware of an outstanding scientist in the field. He is Peter B. Moyle from UC Davis. Moyle is in the Department of Wildlife, Fish and Environmental Sciences and has studied and written extensively about our fisheries and Delta. On August 26th, of this year, Dr. Moyle and William Bennet of the Center for Watershed Science sent a letter to Jim Kellogg, President of the Fish and Game Commission "re: striped bass predation, can a control program be justified". Their conclusion is that a control program will have a negative effect. The letter can be found on Google and in reading it you will get a good understanding what is involved in this complex issue.

We are going to have to expect more and more half-truths and lies from the water districts. This is just the beginning...

Ron Forbes

My thanks to Corey Cate, of the Tracy Fly Fishers, for his picture of the billboard. This board is on Waterloo Road in Stockton.

"My biggest worry is that my wife (when I am dead) will sell my fishing gear for what I said I paid for it." Koos Bran

## Save the Date Saturday November 6, 2010

The 2010 Dan Blanton Bulletin Board Striperfest and BBQ is now being planned. The event is held on the top deck of the Sugar Barge Marina on Bethel Island. Fish early and then come to the great party.

Proceeds are administered by the NCCFFF Bay Delta Committee and are tax deductible. Your support makes that possible. If you can't attend at all, buy raffle tickets and you can still donate items. More details to come in the near future on Dan Blanton's Bulletin Board: [www.danblanton.com/bulletin.php](http://www.danblanton.com/bulletin.php).

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## November's Member Meeting

As it sometimes happens, there is a conflict between the John R. Williams School and our meeting dates. Such is the case for November 10th's monthly meeting. We will be meeting at the Brookside Christian School at 915 Rose Marie Lane and the meeting starts at 7 p.m.

We will be showing "Rivers of a Lost Coast" a documentary narrated by actor Tom Skerritt (A River Runs Through It). The movie tells the history of the development of fly fishing for steelhead and salmon in Northern CA, its legendary anglers, the rapid decline of the fisheries, and its impacts to the angling culture. Its focus on the personal stories, its use of vintage footage and exclusive interviews of fly fishing legends makes for a compelling viewing experience. This documentary is highly regarded and is a cautionary tale for those who value wild fish in wild rivers. The video is 86 minutes long.



## DFF's Newest, Youngest, Member

Here is one of DFF's newest member, Tyler Meese. Tyler has been coming to the Wednesday night casting and fly tying sessions at Oak Grove Park. Tyler has shown a great amount of enthusiasm and desire to learn how to fly fish.

He recently joined DFF at its outing to Alpine Lake. Even though the fishing was slow but he never became discouraged. Tyler keep up the hard work and those 30 - 40 fish days will come to you!

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## SAVE MART MARKETS – S.H.A.R.E.S

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 Meeting

November 10

### Board Meeting

November 17

### December Newsletter

The deadline for the

December issue is

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## The Wild Yuba



We have fished with Keith Kaneko for the past 5 years and seldom pass up a chance to spend the day fishing with him, especially when he is rowing. This was a one day float the day before Halloween and it began early with a 3:30 a.m. wake up.

We met our guide at 6:00 a.m. and were on the water below the Highway 20 Bridge by 7:00 a.m. We were using 6 weight rods, 7 weight lines and indicators. Salmon were in the river and fish were aggressively feeding behind the redds. We took out at 5:30 p.m. making it a long, but good fishing day. We used the standard golden stonefly nymph followed by one or two eggs with barbless hooks below the eggs in a method similar to that developed in Alaska.



The most difficult part was keeping fish on the hook. The water was dirty and the fish always started with a strong run at the boat which is opposite what normally happens on days with clear water. When fish run at the boat, you have to strip very fast to keep the tension on the line and the hook attached to the fish. Here are a few of the very wild rainbows from the Yuba River as well as some small Steelhead. Sallye hooked into a couple of 5 lb. Steelhead, but they always got away.

## Rainbows Galore



Sallye looked forward to this trip. She really enjoys fishing the Sacramento River out of Redding. We put in at the Posse Grounds with our guide, Todd Cancelli. The sky was overcast although no rain was predicted. Our plan was to indicator fish using 6 weight rods and 7 weight floating lines. Fishing behind salmon redds, we were using a golden salmon fly on top followed by 2 pegged eggs with barbless hooks.

We did not get more than 100 yards before we were into rainbows. Over the course of the day we had over 40 fish to the boat between 17 and 20 inches. Four times we were hooked up at the same time. This was just the first day. We did a virtual repeat the second day. Most of the rainbows were dark attributed to the fact they are feeding on salmon eggs, almost pure protein. I almost forgot, Sallye broke her rod when a trout got close in and took her under the boat.



## Who Dat Nation

Sallye and I traveled to New Orleans for Red Fish and good food the first week of October. The last time we were there was just before Hurricane Katrina in 2005. We saw residual damage from the hurricane, but no evidence of the oil spill outside of the hundreds of BP contract employees.

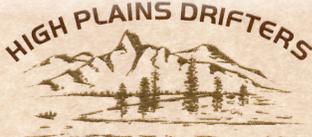
First, we fished west of the Mississippi River in the Baratarian Estuary with guide Mark Brockhoeft (see photos 1-2). Then we moved East of the river, closer to the Gulf of Mexico to fish with guide Barrett Brown in the Biloxi Marsh (see photos 3-4). The fish from the Baratarian Estuary are much more colorful as they have been in the fresh water longer. If you go in mid to late November take 9 or 10 weight gear to fish the marsh as this is when the bigger fish (in excess of 40 pounds) come into the marsh from the gulf after spawning.

Eight weight rods with floating lines are standard practice for the redds we were chasing. The fly patterns were generally tied to represent shrimp or blue crab. Very little blind casting is involved. Typically, you see the fish then begin casting to it. In many cases we could see fish in excess of 20 pounds, but could not get close enough to cast to them as they were in less than 5 inches of water with their backs exposed. Guides refer to these fish as crawler or showing a little cleavage. If you want to enjoy good fishing and some excellent food this is the place. If you want further information about such a trip talk to Sallye or me.



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Every Wed (except meeting nights)	Nature Center Oak Grove Park Stockton	<b>WEDNESDAY EVENING TYING</b> 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 November 6	Sugar Barge Marina Bethel Island, CA 94511	2010 Dan Blanton Bulletin Board Striperfest and BBQ
Wednesday November 10	Brookside Christian School 915 Rose Marie Lane	Rivers of a Lost Coast Marty Kjelson 477-9618 - John Keagy 369-5690
Wednesday November 17	Nature Center Oak Grove Park, Stockton	Board Meeting All Members Welcome
Saturday November 20	Oak Grove Park, Stockton	2010 Stockton Parks and Recreation Trout Bout Charlie Reames - 369-6053
Saturday December 18	Rancho Seco	December Outing Bill Laughlin - 411-6644



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## Eastern Sierra Focus

By CJ Webb

Dry fly indicator fishing has become a lost art with the constant increase of watercraft in the Eastern Sierra. Preferred method is a two-nymph rig under a piece of yarn or some odd contraption. I've never liked using indicators; there must be something wrong with my wiring as I prefer a dry-dropper with some of the larger parachute dry flies. These large flies are easy to see and float really well after several treatments of frog's fanny or your favorite "dry-fly goop". I feel the advantages of fishing a dry fly as an indicator are numerous; the nymphs can be dead drifted while the indicator gives you one more opportunity to take the occasional fish on the surface; the parachute indicator wing rides above the surface of the water making it much easier to see, and occasionally you can take trout on both the dry and the nymph at the same time. First thread the dry fly on the tippet section and slide it up out of the way. Let the dry fly slide freely above a surgeon's knot. It's also important to use flies with "down eyes" so the fly rides properly. Now tie a surgeon's knot below the dry fly with 4 feet of 4X or 5X material. This will make your leader anywhere between 11 - 13' long. Now tie on your nymph.

Casting with a longer leader and 2 flies 5' apart can have its problems. You will have to learn how to slow down and concentrate on stopping your back-cast before starting your forward cast. This will take some practice so be patient and the rewards will be many.

### Weather Conditions

Eastern Sierra high-pressure system moved out on the 3rd after a month of great weather with prior temperatures reaching the mid 80's. Early October produced about 10 inches of snow dropping the temps to a comfort level that trout enjoy. Some fish were eager to hit any offering made to them. Around the 23rd the weather drastically changed with a 36 hour barrage of rain filling all the streams and lakes and sending huge amounts of trout food into the equation making all planned tactics out to lunch.

Early forecasts predicted a warm October until around the 15th to the 17th, but that changed. CalTrans predictions for this winter are for a very cold and heavy snowfall, but they could be buffering their budgets for their predictions.

Lawsuit-Fish & Game Commission issued its 12-page STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR REGULATORY ACTION and the adoption hearing was on 9.16.10 regarding the EIR/EIS required for all waters, and DFG still stands on the ground that this has been done. I have a copy but I'm not a scientist and that leaves a huge gap for determinations and conclusions. As this unfolds I will report any news or changes.

The invasive New Zealand Mud Snail remains a problem and it's imperative that fishers-of-the-fly help thwart the spread by NOT WADING.

UPPER OWENS - Flow is at 86cfs above Hot Creek confluence so fish deep. Some reports of spawning browns, but nothing concrete. Also try some large black wooly buggers. Now that the cooler nights are here, the BWO's will show up. Try parachute Adams and #16-20 Elk hair caddis. Nymphs doing well have been grey or olive WD40's, Prince Nymphs, Hare's Ears and Zebra midges. Don't forget those large black wooly buggers. No crowds so watch for the 1st signs of browns.

ROCK CREEK LAKE - Slowed somewhat but then picked up just prior to the storm, and fish are still taking black or olive Matukas, and Hornberg's. In the slower water try flying ants and elk hair caddis and work Mack Lake for "the" brown.

CROWLEY LAKE - Fishable everywhere. DWP is holding at the current lake level until further notice. Conditions are excellent for stripping perch imitations with dry or intermediate lines. Midging in 12' of water has turned up some nice size fish. Larger fish are reported

in the North End and measuring in the pounds. Check with local fly shops for patterns of the day if you plan a trip. Daphnia is hanging on for dear life so look for open channels and look for spots as fish are all near the bottom, but as Kent says, use the 5 minutes rule. Things change.

MAMMOTH LAKES BASIN - Still reports fish feeding aggressively as the days shorten, but be prepared as the rain has made a change in all that was working up to the 24th. Try some Parachute Adams #16, Flying Ants and #16 BWO during warmest time around midday.

HOT CREEK - Water conditions were good just prior to the rain last weekend and the flow is up, so continue to look for areas between the moss and your favorite spots might surprise you with a belly flash of reddish brown as he takes your fly. Try some pheasant tails #16, black or grey or olive hare's ears, black zebras and #20 prince behind another nymph.

SAN JOAQUIN - Water level is low with hatches down and trout are still rising to a few dries when the air temp is suitable on parachute Adams, Humpy's and stimulators. Try Copper Johns, BH pheasant tails, and hares ear flashback. Doc's Special in rust and olive are the hot colors around mid-day. Shuttle is done for the season so smile, you can drive down yourself. Look for the best water around Rainbow Falls.

JUNE LOOP - Had been doing fairly well on a variety of flies like Zonkers and streamers with a dropper, small midges, and prince nymphs. Also try Doc's special in rust or olive. June and Gull both did well using the same methods. The temperature dropped drastically hitting the high 20's in some areas, so bring your best attitude and tactics and you just might be the lucky one to pull up a hawg.

LUNDY LAKE - Did fairly well most of the month at the inlet using streamers in brown/grizzly # 10 or 12, and also the gray/grizzly did well. Most afternoons settled down with the occasional breeze, but the inlet still held the number one spot for the best action.

VIRGINIA LAKES - Did great as tubers using flashy dime-store type olive wooly buggers from Target or K-Mart had high numbers. Consistent patterns were Rust or olive Twin Lakes Special, black gnats, Griffith Gnats, and Rickard's AP emerger, and the naked caddis during the afternoon window. I've been using dries and emergers just under the surface, and still popping about 8 or 9 fish in around 35 to 40 minutes just before the bats hit the water for the first 10 days of the month. Spider trails were constant from the 10th until the 20th making soft hackles the hot fly for warm afternoons.

GREEN CREEK - Has not been stocked this summer due to the logistics and just received news that it will be stocked in 2011.

BRIDGEPORT REZ - Has had its moments so try streamers with a dropper near the weeds and also near the dam. Catching has been inconsistent so if you haven't changed up at least 6 times in the first 45 minutes it would not be normal under the current conditions. Pheasant tails under an indicator have taken fish, and black and gray zebra midges. Also try a BH micro-mayfly.

EAST WALKER - Flow currently is at 90cfs (cubic foot per second) and the temperature has dropped. Dry dropper (get it to the bottom), San Juan worms under a Stimulator, little yellow sallies, and anything else you might try will probably get a few tugs until you change up again. Nothing has been consistent. Nymphs working are Buckskin Caddis, PT size 20, and hare's ears. Streamers working are leech patterns, punk perch and Zonkers.

WEST WALKER - Water was at 94cfs on the 24th at 1:00 am, and at 1440cfs at 11:30 pm and currently at 192cfs. So look for another location to toss your flies, unless you got had a brain-storm of some miracle trout food after a mega buffet washed all the fish and food down river.

SADDLEBAG LAKE - Saw good action most of the month around the north inlet and especially the dam area using streamers with a lot of flash.

See you on the water! CJ (10.10)

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