

January 2010

Delta Fly Fishers

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Flyfishing

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

January, 2010

Well shall we all turn and face North, bow our heads and say good buy to the old girl...see ya 2009 and thanks for the memories.

Hello 2010, and what do you have in store for us young lady? Water, water would be good, do you have any idea what kind of rainfall is coming up? If you look at the "farmers almanac" they say Feb thru April is going to be very wet. Something like 165% of normal... this is not good.

Hopefully most of you can make the January outing...the chilis cooking at Van Assen Park on the Mokelumne River.

January's General meeting on the 13th (I believe) is going to be pretty special...our own Bob Souza is scheduled for the program ...speaking on his beloved Delta and how to attack it. Please try and make the meeting...I guarantee it will be a very cool evening.

Ever wonder about things? I do, man we got some strange things going on in our lives. Here area couple of ponderism Kate and I have been working lately.

- Why do croutons come in airtight packages? Aren't they just stale bread to begin with?
- If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked, doesn't it follow that electricians can be delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys deranged, models deposed, tree surgeons debarked, and dry cleaners depressed?
- You never really learn to swear until you learn to drive.
- Do Lipton Tea employees take coffee breaks?
- At income tax time, did you ever notice: When you put the two words 'The' and 'IRS' together it spells... 'THEIRS'?

These are just a couple of thoughts from the guy YOU voted for, for another year, so don't blame me... this was your choice and you blew it.

Fishing report...Calaveras River just below New Hogan...hot, hot, hot lot's of fish 10 to 14 inches on San Juan worms with dark nymph dropper and 2 split shot to hold it down...sish nobody is fishing it.

See ya on the 1st ... me and Kate are cooking up some great chili.

Steve, Sandi and Katie

Membership Form

Regular membership – \$30*

Family Membership – \$35*

62 years or older – \$25.00*

*New members please add \$5.00 Initiation Fee

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

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

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E-Mail Address _____

I would like to be on the _____ committee

Please renew your membership, if you have not done so. If you are not sure, check the mailing label for your current status. If there is any questions or problems please contact: Bob Fujimura at 948-7097 or e-mail at DeltaFlyFishers@gmail.com.

Fishing Mentor Request

NAME _____

DATE _____

PHONE CONTACTS: (1) _____

(2) _____

The best time to contact me is _____

My E-mail address is: _____

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

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

Please describe what you would like help with _____

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

Steve Cooper, 956-1032 or e-mail @ repuoc3@sbcglobal.net

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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.



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Do You Want To Get Your DFF Newsletter Sooner?

DFF is working towards being able to send out DFF's Monthly Newsletter to our members electronically. By sending the Newsletter this way the DFF will be saving rising printing and postage costs that can then go towards our many programs. If you want to continue receiving the Newsletter by hard copy, (snail mail) there is no need to do anything.

If you would like to receive the Newsletter by email, send your email address to Bob Fujimura DeltaFlyFishers@gmail.com. Please put the following in Subject Field of your e-mail: Newsletter Email. Advise Bob of your full name and the email address you would like the magazine sent to.

This is strictly voluntary but you will be saving the Club money. also, since Bob emails out the newsletter before he takes it to the printer, you will receive it sooner.

Wednesday Night Fly Tying

The weekly Wednesday evening fly tying sessions have begun and will continue through the Spring, Summer and Fall. Meet at the Nature Center, in the Oak Grove Park, at 6:30. 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 flies 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 and/or BS abilities. For more information contact Joe Balderston at 649-0291 (joesteelhead@aol.com) or Jim Rich at 477-6404 (jrich1@sbcglobal.net).

Oak Grove Parking

Jim Rich wants to inform DFF members that they will now need a DFF parking permit to display on your dash as the county sheriff's office will be writing tickets for non DFF members on Wednesday nights. Jim is going to print up placards or permits, so see Jim to get one. Information: 477-6404 or jrich1@sbcglobal.net

January General Meeting Bob Souza - Fishing the Delta for Striped Bass Wednesday January 13th



The Delta Fly Fishers January program will be a seminar on fly fishing the Delta for stripers and largemouth bass by DFF club member Bob Souza. Bob is a former guide and has been fly fishing the Delta for 48 years. Bob will cover a wide range of topics in his presentation including where to find fish, rods, reels, types of lines, flies to use both top water and subsurface, tactics for using them and how to fish the tides. The seminar will be given 7pm Wednesday January 13th at the John R. Williams School 2450 Meadow Ave. It is free and open to the public. Information: Bob Souza 478-8344 or Marty Kjelson at 477-9618



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- FFF Conservation Corner –

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Check out these pages on our site:

Conservation for Clubs <http://www.fedflyfishers.org/Default.aspx?tabid=4404>

Conservation Strategic Planning 2009 – 2013 <http://www.fedflyfishers.org/Default.aspx?tabid=4974>

Club & Council Conservation <http://www.fedflyfishers.org/Default.aspx?tabid=4416>

Osprey – A Steelhead Conservation Newsletter <http://www.fedflyfishers.org/Default.aspx?tabid=4392>

Club Conservation

Tackling invasive plants is regular work for the Granite Bay Flycasters <http://www.gbflycasters.org/>

The removal of red Sesbania <http://plants.usda.gov/java/profile?symbol=SEPU7> is tough work. This invasive plant threatens riparian areas and competes with native vegetation.

The shrub is native to South America and is invasive in locations throughout the USA. To learn more about the Granite Bay Flycasters conservation work, visit them online <http://www.gbflycasters.org/conservation/conservation.htm>.

Conservation Programs

Plan now for success! Winter is the time to start planning for your next big conservation project. If the many clubs and councils featured in this newsletter have not inspired you yet, contact the Conservation Coordinator <mailto:conserve@fedflyfishers.org> for help in getting started.

FFF Announcements

Seagrass protection pays off for fish and fisherman

Sea grasses <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/habitats/seagrass/> are an important part of healthy coastal ecosystems. They provide habitat for juvenile and adult fish, and also important food for turtles, manatees and crabs. In some areas in the Gulf of Mexico, sea grass have been destroyed by irresponsible boat traffic, pollution and other activities. The work of the Mangrove Coast Fly Fishers <http://www.mangrovecoastflyfishers.com/> with partners has improved sea grass in some areas. Their monitoring work was recognized by the Environmental Protection Agency. Keep up the great work!

Whitlock Vibert box program has a busy Fall

The Federation of Fly Fishers provides Whitlock Vibert boxes for purchase. The boxes are used in classroom projects, fish restoration and sedimentation or water quality experiments. Each fall we see thousands of boxes mailed around the world. Boxes were used in projects in Japan, Germany, and several fish and game agencies in the NW United States. For more information on the Whitlock Vibert box program, visit the website <http://www.fedflyfishers.org/Default.aspx?tabid=4384>.

Wild Trout Symposium - Call for Award Nominations

The Wild Trout Symposium, <http://www.wildtroutsymposium.com/>, announces their first call for award nominations. Awards will be presented at its 10th Symposium, to be held in West Yellowstone, MT, September 28 - 30, 2010. The Wild Trout Symposium brings together a broad and diverse audience to exchange technical information and viewpoints on wild trout management and related public policy. The following awards will be made at Wild Trout X:

- Aldo Starker Leopold Wild Trout Medal
- Marty Seldon Student Scholarship Awards
- Trout Unlimited-Federation of Fly Fishers Wild Trout Stewardship Award

For complete details on award deadlines and guidelines, please visit the WTX website,

<http://www.wildtroutsymposium.com/nominations.php>.

Partners in Conservation

Cooperative Water Program and Stream Gauge funding critical this month we joined with many other conservation groups on a very important letter urging the continued financial support for the US Geological Survey's Cooperative Water Program

<http://water.usgs.gov/coop/> and the National Stream flow Information Program <http://water.usgs.gov/nsip/> by the US House and Senate.

The Cooperative Program monitors the quantity and quality in our nation's rivers and aquifers. The Stream flow Information program operates and maintains 7,500 stream gauges which provide long-term, accurate, and unbiased information. These programs provide valuable information for fisheries researchers, managers and other diverse users.



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(February)

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Delta Fly Fishers Official Club Merchandise For Sale

Help support your club by buying and using club merchandise.

Polo Shirt w/club logo sale \$26.00

Ball Cap \$11.50

Club Patch \$5.00

Lapel Pin \$7.00

Lic. Plate Frames \$3.00

Official coffee mug \$5.00

Also the club has a video library

Videotape Rentals \$2.00 Per Video

Membership Meeting

January 13

Board Meeting

January 20

January Newsletter

The deadline for the

February issue is

January 25th

2010 DFF Annual Banquet



This coming year's Annual Banquet will be held Saturday, January 30, 2010 at the Eagles' Lodge, 1492 Bourbon St., Stockton, just off West Lane across the Lane from Berberian Motors. Doors will open at 6 p.m. with a no host bar. Raffle tickets will be available to purchase and silent auction items should draw considerable attention. Dinner will start at 7:30 p.m. Following a brief awards ceremony, the raffle and silent auction will close out the banquet.

Dinner includes a beverage, appetizers, bread, your entrée choice of tri tip beef, a quarter chicken or vegetarian lasagna along with two sides and dessert. In addition, every table will offer two bottles of wine

Among the many items of fly-fishing merchandise available for the raffle and silent auction are guided trips, multiple rods, reels, literature, art and an 8-foot pontoon boat.

You can make this banquet a success by your attendance. Please make your reservations now by returning the reservation form mailed to you along with your payment of \$35 per meal.

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New Year's Day Outing January 1, 2010



Delta Fly Fishers invites you to join them for their annual New Year's Day outing at Van Assen Park on the Mokelumne River east of Clements. Access is off Highway 12 at McIntyre Road below the Fish Hatchery. If you don't care to fish come, on out for the food and story telling. 2010 marks 33 years for the Delta club so come on out and help us celebrate. Coffee and doughnuts at 8am, a barbecue lunch of chili, hot dogs, potato salad etc. will be served at noon, tall tales and big fish stories all day. Non members welcome. Information Earl Summers 957-6756, Rick Green 298-4003 or Jim Rich 477-6404.

Swap and/or Trade

<p>St. Croix AFT 9010 "Avid" 9' 10# 3 pc rod. Saltwater backup rod. Used once.</p> <p>Scott STS 1090/3 Saltwater 9' 10# 3 pc rod. Good saltwater backup rod. Never used.</p>	<p>\$160.00</p> <p>\$210.00</p>	<p>Sage RPLXi 1090-3 Saltwater 9' 10# 3 pc. rod. Practiced on the lawn, but never in salt.</p> <p>Tuxedo Custom Rods RXF9'11#. Good backup saltwater big game rod, Never used.</p> <p>Contact Bruce Rollans 209 274-0448.</p>	<p>\$210.00</p> <p>\$150.00</p>
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**DFF 2010 Outing/Events
by Earl Summers and Grady Lee**

Date	Location	Outing/Program	Contact
Friday 1/1	Van Assen Park Camanche Dam	Annual New Year's Day Mokelumne River Outing	Jim Rich 477-6404 Earl Summers 957-6756 Rick Green 298-4003
Wed 1/13	John R. Williams School	Bob Souza - Fishing the Delta Seminar for Black Bass and Stripers	Bob Souza 478-8344
Sat 1/30	Eagle Lodge 1492 Bourbon	2010 Annual Dinner Fine Food by Al Smatsky & Steve Cooper Great Raffle provided by Bill	Charlie Reames 369-6053
Sat 2/6	Oak Grove Park Stockton	2010 Bob McMillan Trout Bout	Steve Cooper 956-1032
Sat 2/20	Lake Mc Swain Snelling, CA	February Outing	Grady Lee 951-3623 Earl Summers 957-6756
Sat 3/27	Paradise Point Stockton, CA	March Outing Black Bass/Striper Fishing	Bill Laughlin 477-6644
Sat 4/3	Kelsey Bass Ranch Snelling, CA	Outing to Kelsey Bass Ranch Includes Great Chicken Barbecue Lunch by Al Smatsky.	Al Smatsky 368-9261
Fri/Sat 4/23-24	Salt Springs Reservoir Copperopolis, CA	April Outing Lunch Saturday by Mark and Debbie	TBA
Sat 5/8	White Pines Lake Arnold, CA	Annual One Fly Contest With the Calaveras Fly Fishers	TBA
Sat/Sun 5/21-23	Lassen National Park	May Outing Lassen Park Outing	Marty Kjelson 477-9618
Sat 6/5	Oak Grove Park Stockton	2010 Catfish Derby	Earl Summers 957-6756
Wed 6/9	Oak Grove Park Stockton	2010 Club Barbecue	TBA
Sat/Sun 6/18-20	Davis Lake Portola, CA	June Outing	TBA
Sat 7/10	Spicer Res., Union Res. or N. Stanislaus River	July Outing	TBA
Sun/Sat 7/11-18	Owens Valley Mammoth Lakes	July Outing	Doug Ridgway 957-0170 Marty Kjelson 477-9618
Aug TBA	Upper Sacramento River Dunsmuir area	August Outing Upper Sacramento & McCloud Rivers	Steve Johnson 887-9255
Fri-Sun Sep 17-19	Bridgeport Area	2010 Bridgeport/Eastern Sierra Outing	Earl Summers 957-6756
Weds Oct 13	John R. Williams School	2010 DFF Annual Pot Luck	Marty Kjelson 477-9618 John Keagy 369-5690
Sat Oct 16	Lake Alpine	October Outing	Earl Summers 957-6756
Sat Nov 6	Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta	The Delta for Stripers	Earl Summers 957-6756
Sat 11-20	Oak Grove Park Stockton	2010 Stockton Parks and Recreation Trout Bout	Charlie Reames 369-6053
Sat Dec 18	Rancho Seco	December Outing	Bill Laughlin 411-6644

2009 Trout Bout



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.

In February we passed out close to 100 S.H.A.R.E.S. cards to DFF members. Many of you have been using them. Since late February we have earned approximately \$300. We have noticed a drop in usage this past month so we encourage you to shop Save Mart and use the card. There is no additional cost to you. It merely gives 3% to DFF that otherwise would go to market profit.

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