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# Delta Fly Fishers

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## What is CSPA

The California Sportfishing Protection Alliance (CSPA) is a longstanding nonprofit organization working for the conservation of California's fisheries and their aquatic habitat. In so doing, we seek administrative remedies to restore degraded fisheries and their riverine habitat and we guard against further threats to these extremely valuable public resources.

California has many laws protecting fisheries and their habitat but a poor track record of enforcing them. CSPA continuously monitors the water rights process to protect the public's aquatic environment upon which our fisheries are so dependent.

Over the past twenty years we have filed several hundred protests with the State Water Resources Control Board against detrimental water quality conditions as well as deleterious water rights applications and decisions, to assure that adequate amounts of good quality water stay in our rivers, streams, and estuaries. These efforts have directly benefited more than a hundred rivers, streams, and watersheds in California and have resulted in substantial improvements in flow and better in-stream habitat for fish and wildlife.

The organization continuously monitors the activities of the federal and state resource agencies, including the California Department of Fish and Game, Department of Water Resources, the California Fish and Game Commission, the State of California Resources Agency, the California Environmental Protection Agency, the federal National Marine Fisheries Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. EPA, and the Bureau of Reclamation. No other sport fishing group maintains such a steady presence with these important agencies that have management responsibility for the public's fishery resources.

We participate in the re-licensing of hydroelectric projects and, when necessary, file comments, complaints and petitions of intervention with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to ensure that hydroelectric project licenses are amended to provide sufficient flows for fish. We actively participate in the California Hydropower Reform Coalition as a steering committee member, and work with our coalition allies to improve the environmental condition of watersheds, rivers and fisheries that are dramatically impacted by the way that hydroelectric projects are licensed and operated.

We have filed, often in conjunction with other groups, legal actions against a number of state and federal agencies, in order to enforce the laws established to protect fish and their habitat. When necessary, we have also filed legal actions to compel those that violate their waste discharge permits, issued under the Clean Water Act, to comply with the laws intended to restore the integrity of California's waterways. These legal actions seek compliance with environmental laws and with fishery management regulations to encourage our government to be a proper steward of the public's natural resources.

The organization is currently participating in the Governor's Delta Vision Process. Our Conservation Director was appointed to this effort to help reestablish the sustainability of the Delta ecosystem and its fishery resources including salmon, steelhead, striped bass and sturgeon. We developed and presented the Fishery Recovery and Restoration Plan to the Governor's Blue Ribbon Task Force. Some forty members of the Allied Fishing Groups, an entity that we helped to establish to make a stand for saving the Bay-Delta estuary, endorsed this plan.

We work with state and federal fishery agency leadership to formulate CALFED estuarine and fishery restoration policies and programs. To this end, CSPA, along with several other conservation and environmental groups, participated in a series of meetings with Secretary of Interior Bruce Babbitt during the Clinton Administration. These meetings developed critical policy vital to the establishment of equitable fishery restoration programs in California.

CSPA works closely with the Environmental Water Caucus and the Allied Fishing Groups to secure a responsible water future for California's public and its fishery resources. We play important leadership role in these critical undertakings.

Take a klook at their web site <http://www.calsport.org>

**Membership Form**

Regular membership – \$30\*

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62 years or older – \$25.00\*

\*New members please add \$5.00 Initiation Fee

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

Check one:

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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 Souza at 209-607-6604 or e-mail at [suzasbs@clearwire.net](mailto:suzasbs@clearwire.net).

**Wednesday Night Casting & Fly Tying**

The weekly Wednesday evening fly casting sessions 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 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 and/or BS abilities. For more information contact Jim Rich at 477-6404.

There also will be opportunities for fly tying. For more information contact Joe Balderston at 474-8515 or Jim Rich at 477-6404.

**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](mailto:jrich1@sbcglobal.net)

**Fishing Buddy Request**

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DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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(2) \_\_\_\_\_

The best time to contact me is \_\_\_\_\_ My E-mail address is: \_\_\_\_\_

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- Striper Fishing  Salt Water Fishing  Private Water Fishing
- Rod Building  Selecting a Guide  Travel
- Entomology  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Grady Lee at 951-3623 or [gmississippi@aol.com](mailto:gmississippi@aol.com)

Mail the form to: Delta Fly Fishers P.O. Box 77862, Stockton, CA 95207

**Renewal Notice**  
**ANNUAL DUES for 2009-2010**

Dear Member:

It is that time of year again, when your annual dues become payable to keep your membership in Delta Fly Fishers current. Dues are payable in August and become delinquent in October. If not paid by November 31st, we must drop you from our membership roster.

It's my sincere hope that you continue your membership in our club. We have an exciting list of upcoming activities and outings for 2009- 2010 which I am sure you would like to participate in.

Dues are \$35 per year for the entire family. Regular membership is \$30 per year; Seniors (62 & over) pay \$25 per year. You will find the membership form below. Check renewal box and mail in with check. Please make your check payable to: Delta Fly Fishers.

If you have any questions, contact our membership chairman. Bob Souza at 209-607-6604 or e-mail at [suzasbs@clearwire.net](mailto:suzasbs@clearwire.net).

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Family Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ Regular Renewal\_\_\_\_\_ Senior Renewal\_\_\_\_\_

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## Rogue River in June

Herman Spalinger and Earl Summers found themselves drifting the Rogue the week of June 16th. The trip was conveniently arranged for them by our illustrious president, Steve Johnson. The steelie was caught by Herman – of course – was 24 inches and over 4 pounds – now the good part – it was caught on Herman's 3wt Sage rod! Their guide was Dave Roberts out of Shady Cove, OR, and was a kick in the pants.



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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

See Jim Grimes 209-367-4663 for info on merchandise and videos at all the meetings.

## Membership Meeting

No Meeting In July

July Board Meeting

No Meeting In July

July Newsletter

The deadline for the August issue is July 25th

## Fly Fishing Quotes

April 1st, 1878 - Opening day. Fished Halfway Brook from Morgan Brook to, and through the woods; then fished Ogden Brook from Van Husen's road to Gleason's. Banks more than full of roily snow water; weather decidedly cold; strong wind from the Northwest; cloudy sky. Caught one small trout that I returned to his native element to grow; discovered from my single specimen of the *Salvelinus fontinalis* that they have the same bright spots that they have always had; look the same, smell the same, feel the same; other peculiarities lacking. Warm sun and rain required to develop the characteristics we so much admire in our leaping friend. Managed to fall into the Ogden brook - in fact went in without the slightest difficulty, amid applause from the bank; discovered from my involuntary plunge that the water is just as wet as last year, and if memory serves, a trifle colder. Reached home in the evening, cold, wet, tired and hungry. Nevertheless, had a most glorious time. - A. Nelson Cheney, 1878



“Bass fishermen watch Monday night football, drink beer, drive pickup trucks and prefer noisy women with big breasts. Trout fishermen watch MacNeil-Lehrer, drink white wine, drive foreign cars with passenger-side air bags and hardly think about women at all. This last characteristic may have something to do with the fact that trout fishermen spend most of the time immersed up to the thighs in ice-cold water.” - New Yorker Magazine, June 13, 1994



Final Words An old man in his final breaths called in his family and said “I must apologize to you all. I suppose I haven't been the perfect father and husband. I shamefully admit that I spent as much of my life as I could in the woods and on the streams. I was rarely at home during the fishing seasons and I'll admit that I spent too much time at the fly shop, and too much money on rods and lines and reels.” He paused here to rest for a minute, then continued. “I've been a terrible father and I hope you all forgive me.” Then he paused again and looked around. Then he closed his eyes and smiled and said in a half whisper to himself, “and on the other hand....I have caught a helluva lot of trout.” - Anonymous



An angler, sir, uses the finest tackle, and catches his fish scientifically - trout for instance - with the artificial fly, and he is mostly a quiet, well behaved gentlemen. A fisherman, sir, uses any kind of 'ooks and lines, and catches them any way; so he gets them it's all one to 'im, and he is generally a noisy fellah, sir, something like a gunner. - Dr. George Washington Bethune

## Nate Cooper



How do you keep a kid out of trouble during the summer? You keep him/her so busy that they don't have a chance to find a way of getting into trouble. Such is the case for Steve and Amy Cooper's son Nate.

Nate is an avid fly fisherman and is spending his summer perusing his passion. He is helping his Dad "guide" up in Washington for the most of July. After that, he is going to fish in The Bass Federation (TBF) 2009 National Guard Junior World Championship on the Allegheny River in Kittanning, Pa., July 31- August 1.

The TBF National Guard Junior World Championship will feature youth anglers from as many as 41 states fishing for \$30,000 in scholarships and prizes. Each participating state will be represented by two junior anglers: one in the 11 to 14 age bracket and another in the 15 to 18 age bracket, both of whom will receive travel assistance to Pittsburgh. Every youth angler will also be treated to a world championship-caliber pizza party served up by the National Guard pro team and featuring high-energy games, entertainment and sponsor prizes. You can find out more about this at <http://www.bassfederation.com/>.

Nate has also qualified to try out for The USA Youth Flyfishing Team (<http://www.usyouthflyfishingteam.com>). So when he returns from Pennsylvania, he and Steve will turn around and fly to Nye, Montana. The USA Youth Flyfishing Team, Inc will hold the first of two tryouts for the 2010 Team on the Stillwater River near Nye, Montana August 7, 8, and 9. These tryouts will be opportunities for interested young men and women fly fishers to be selected for the team that represents the United States in the FIPS-Mouche World Youth Flyfishing Championships in 2010. The Team also participates in other competitions in

North America.

FIPS Mouche is the regulating foundation of International Competitive Fly Fishing. More about FIPS Mouche can be found at the following website: <http://www.flyfishingteamusa.com/FIPSMouche/CompRules2005-en>

The first 2010 Team Tryouts will be held on the Stillwater River in Nye, Montana on August 7th, 8th and 9th. This site is a private lodge. Outfitter tents will house all the applicants and all meals will be provided. Head Coach George Daniel and Assistant Coach Loren Williams will host the tryouts which will also feature clinics by Brian Kimmel, Joe Humphreys and Eric Stroup. Chaperones will be present. All applicants must be between the ages of 14 and 18 during the year 2010. From this tryout, some anglers may be selected to represent the USA in the FIPS-Mouche Youth Fly Fishing World Championships in 2010. Last year, it was held in Penacova, Portugal. Current team members must still earn a spot on the team at each tryout. Development team members will also be selected.

Nate's Mom Amy said, "...did I mention that school also starts that week (the week of August 3rd) and he will only attend 1 day of his first week of high school and 3 days of the second? Oh well, school will definitely be there when he returns and we feel that these are both rare opportunities for him to participate at the highest level in the sport he loves and is so passionate about."

The DFF Board of Directors voted to help Nate with his expenses getting to Nye, Montana. After he gets there, all of his expenses are paid for. When he makes the team, all of his expenses to the various competitions will be paid for.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Every Wed (except meeting nights)	Nature Center Oak Grove Park Stockton	WEDNESDAY EVENING FLY CASTING & TYING Contact: Joe Balderston 474-8515 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

## The Problem with Felt Soles By Paul Goodwin, VP Conservation FFF Southern Council

As a wading boot/shoe sole material, felt has a reputation of providing the safest and most secure footing. Unfortunately, as problems with invasive and nuisance aquatic species have increased, felt has been identified as a material that is a contributor to their spread. Felt is problematic due to its porous structure. This gives a place for eggs, algae, etc. to become embedded and, without proper care and treatment, spread to another body of water.

Both the Autumn 2008/Winter 2009 issue of Flyfisher (Felt Faces Demise, p 11) and the Winter 2008 issue of Trout (Two Steps Back-One Step Forward, p 18) have information about felt soles and the proposed voluntary discontinuation of use as a sole material. Trout Unlimited has asked gear manufacturers to discontinue using felt-soled waders by 2011.

From a technology standpoint, various forms of “sticky rubber” seem to be in the pipeline as a replacement for felt. Some manufacturers are already offering wader and boot soles made of this material. Meanwhile, felt is going to be around for some time, either due to personal choice or availability. Given our conservationist leanings, the ethical fly fisher must acknowledge the problems that felt can potentially cause and develop aquatic hygiene habits that prevent or minimize them.

The Winter 2008 issue of the Missouri Stream Team Monitoring News and Notes (Preventing the Spread of Aquatic Nuisance Species, p 2-3) offers the following means to treat equipment that comes into water contact (includes boots, waders, gravel guards, thermometer, etc.).

### Methods for treating equipment to avoid the spread of Aquatic Nuisance Species

Technique	Duration	Concentration	Solution (per gallon)	Comments
<b>(Short Term)</b>				
Vinegar	20 min.	100%	1 gal. vinegar, no water	Safety glasses and gloves should be worn. Vinegar and bleach are corrosive to metal and toxic to fish.
Chlorine	10 min.	200ppm	5 oz. or 15 ml of bleach & 1 gallon of water	Before reuse rinse with water but don't let the solution run off directly into the stream.
<b>(Long Term)</b>				
Air Drying	3-5 days	N/A	N/A	Equipment must dry thoroughly.

# Eyewear Evolution

By Clay Gill - Taken from the Alamo Fly Fishers Club Newsletter

Modern fishing eyewear has made leaps and bounds recently in the arenas of protection, fashion and functionality.

Everyone knows polarized lenses allow you to see fish under water. Glare and reflected light obstructing the ability to peer through surface is erased. Sight casting to target fish is fun. Everyone wants to see the "hit". It becomes the excitement of spotting a fish as you hunt for them and placing a perfect cast to that quarry. Consequently, high tech sunglasses are popular.

Companies like Kaenon, Costa Del Mar, Maui Jim, Wileyx, Old Harbor Outfitters, 7eye, Oakley, and Ocean Wave vie for consumer cash out there. Customers want that magic x-ray vision to spot fish for a casting opportunity.

Each company has their own philosophy for accomplishing the goals. Some use sandwiched lenses, some block yellow light--some blue. Others add films and reflective coatings and mirror finishes. The green mirror is touted as best for shallow water, and the blue great for offshore applications. It has gotten complicated. They say gray is best for driving and amber best for low light sight fishing. Who knows?

What it has come to on materials is mind boggling. Glass, high tech plastics and sandwiched materials bonded together have created a myriad of amazing new innovations that all really work well. With copper, amber, grays and the shades of blue and green, who knows what is best! You probably really need several pairs!

The truth is anything is better than nothing. I drive with Maui Jim's. I fish with Costa's. I like green mirror-even offshore. What matters is that you have good eyewear and the harmful rays of the sun do not reach your eyes. UVA/UVB light is the culprit. It needs to be limited to your eyes over the water. Reflection from the water surface is double trouble for your poor old eyes. Decades of abuse will make you pay later if you "tough-it", and prove you are a man. People with light colored eyes are even more light sensitive. It is even more important for younger fishermen.

To get up to speed you first must find a pair of glasses that fits you well. Fishing considerations are related to the coverage on your face. Glare can sneak in past open sides and be just as harmful. The new wrap-around models are sleek and stylish, they really make a difference! Being light, comfortable and extremely effective does not come cheaply! Cost is 200.00+ dollars for good fishing glasses.

Then you must decide what lens type, color and boasted capability by a pack of manufacturers trying to sell you their product. True it might require one lens like the amber for lower light or shallow water, and a green mirror for deeper blue black offshore water on bright days. You cannot take them

back if they don't work very often, but many are now trying out glasses and re-selling the rejects on EBay and finding other new ones there at discounts. No one seems to pay retail prices now.

Once you find a brand that works for you, price may not be as big an object when capability surpasses the sticker shock. You really get your money's worth with the amazing high tech optics available now. Some even have cheaters to help tie the knots built in! Another innovation is holes to clip a lanyard so you don't drop them.

During the winter-we were looking down from the transom offshore at fish that had come up from deep water to clean up some chum. Without glasses a Shark looked like a Cobia or just something big. Grab your Costa's and peer again, and not only could we see the type of Shark it was twenty feet down in the chum, you could see the fish eating. It was time to grab wire for a busy day. Nothing wrong with getting Sharked for hours. They tug well on a slow Tuna day. The Mahi are fun too.

Triple polarization, oil and dust coatings, and bullet proof lenses can confuse you. Cr-39, and Polycarbonate Rhino lenses will dazzle you also. NXT chopper windshield polymer is also cool. All these amazing propositions for a better product are very confusing. This carnival of choices is grows every day! Just keep it simple!

What matters most is to limit UVA/UVB rays, and cut the glare on the surface. Make sure they are comfortable and hang them on a lanyard so you don't scratch them up. Put them on and wear them even on cloudy days. Harmful sunlight punches right through overcast clouds. Sun damage is an accumulative effect!

If you need several pairs rejoice. It is a marvelous age. High tech protection, x-ray vision, looking cool and catching fish-all at once! You just can't beat that!

## - New Benefit for FFF Members -

Personal Insurance Discounts are now available from Kemper. We are pleased to offer special reduced rates from Kemper, a UniTrin Business, to FFF members on their personal auto and home insurance. These rates are not available to the general public. Why not take advantage of this benefit now?

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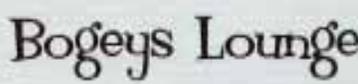


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