

November 2008

Delta Fly Fishers

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President's Message by Herman Spalinger

November, 2008

Remember, October 8th is our pot luck meeting/dinner. Please see the announcement in another part of this newsletter as to what to Participation! That is the key word for this month's message. November's membership meeting on the 12th is a very important meeting! You will be receiving a notice of that meeting in the mail shortly. There were nine members who have either remained or stepped up to the plate to serve on the board that need to be voted upon by the membership. However, it is urgent that at least 44 members attend this meeting to vote into office those nine members. It's a necessary adjunct for this club to continue to expand for the future. As I mentioned in last months' message, I will be stepping down as your president the end of this year. In the past seven years I have served as secretary and now two years as president, and it is time for a new leader to step forward. Just as important, we need you to nominate a new vice-president as Charlie Edwards is also stepping down due to more important family matters. I know some of you joined this club to participate, and now is the time more than ever to volunteer some of your time. With new leadership comes new ideas and with new ideas comes success.

Now that you've been given the one-two punch, we also need a new secretary as Dean is stepping down to remain Historian and move over as a new board member. Officers cannot be board members according to our By-Laws. Bruce Rollans is the sole remaining soul to continue as treasurer. He has and is doing a tremendous job and will continue to do so for another year. After a lengthy discussion at our last board meeting, it was decided to open nomination for president, vice-president and secretary to you members since no one present at this meeting was able to fill any of these positions. Besides, most board members and officers present at the last board meeting had already pitched in over several years to serve this club in a volunteer capacity.

As one of you members volunteer to step forward as our new president – which I'm sure one of you will – I am planning on printing up an outline of tasks that need to be addressed and the dates that certain club business needs to be taken care of to pass on so your next year's term should be made easier. The secretary's position isn't as hard as it may seem, and between Dean's and my assistance the job should be made a lot easier to handle.

Changing the subject, I do believe our club hit a home run by our participation in hosting the festival October 10th & 11th! None of any of the volunteers that I've talked with heard any negativity regarding the programs or especially the location. I was contacted last week by NCCFFF's president Roger Miller by phone to again congratulate me and our club for its great effort to make the festival a success. The Council is considering it a success. All of you who volunteered should give yourselves a huge pat on the back for a job well done. Now the good news: the Council has already reserved the weekend of October 24th next year at Hutchins Street Square for the festival. Mike Brinkley, the Secretary of the Council, as of the time I'm writing this article hadn't gone through all the overhead receipts, but he emailed me last week that the gross receipts should probably come in around 32K! Net, he said, usually comes in about half of that figure. Several members of the Northern California Council after the Council decided to move the festival to Lodi had expressed to Roger they didn't think the festival would gross over 13K. I also made it clear to Roger I don't plan to be co-chair of the event next year but will remain as an advisor to whichever club now decides to take the festival on as the host club. Since our club did such a good job and these other local clubs saw how the festival went, they should be eager to see if they can be just as successful or even more so. Maybe some of you may want to volunteer for next year's event to help in registration or participate in some way. If you do, please let me know.

In closing I would like to thank Charlie Edwards, Dean Watson and Bruce Rollans for their help and suggestions in acting as president throughout the last two years. My thanks also go out to each board member, Joe Balderston, Steve Cooper, Ron Forbes, Harvey Hamlow, Marty Kjelson, Bill Laughlin, Doug Ridgway, Earl Summers and Mike Sansone. Your participation in our board meetings was also instrumental in maintaining the course this club traveled over the past two years. New leadership will have a fine board to work with next year.

Herman

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Regular membership – \$30*

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*New members please add \$5.00 Initiation Fee

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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: jrich1@sbcglobal.net

Introducing StoneFly Vineyards The "Official Winery" of the FFF

Membership-based organizations must work continuously to deliver increased value to members. This goal is at the forefront of our minds at FFF headquarters. That's why we are excited to announce that, after a vast amount of painstaking research and taste-testing (hiccup!), we have selected StoneFly Vineyards as the "Official Winery" of The Federation of Fly Fishers. Uniting the artful traditions of fine winemaking and fly-fishing, this alliance with StoneFly Vineyards delivers numerous benefits to FFF members.

As FFF members, we will enjoy many exclusive benefits including:

10% off every purchase of StoneFly Wines at www.stoneflyvineyards.com/fff/ (use code: FFFSF)

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Access to StoneFly's and Windsor's experienced wine consultants who, like the best fishing guides, will ensure an informative and enjoyable purchasing experience for you - just call 1-800-222-6889. Special wine pricing for FFF Council and Club fundraising events. *15% discount applies only to Windsor Vineyards brand wine purchases at windsorvineyards.com. This alliance and the value it delivers to FFF will only get better, with a number of pleasant surprises to be announced to you in the future.

FFF and Fly Fishing Industry Mourns the Passing of Mel Krieger

Mel Krieger passed away on Oct 7, 2008. He has been one of the largest supporters of the Federation of Fly Fishers. He was a vital part in the development of the FFF's CICP - Certified Casting Instructor Program that began back in 1992. The program is now worldwide. He won the FFF's highest honor of the Lapis Lazuli Award in 2006. He will be missed by all.....

A few words from the CBOG Chair – Bruce Richards:

Mel was the brains and brawn of the CICP program in the early years, and remained our conscience and "godfather" in more recent years. We all learned a lot from Mel over the years, and not just about casting, but about how to live and love and view life as a thing to be treasured.

Mel was an important mentor of mine, and there was no one I enjoyed arguing with more, and we had plenty of opportunities. What I will never forget about Mel is that, after each heated debate, he would find me in private, apologize for being so hard on me, and reconfirm his respect for me. Mel was a master at being able to have deep disagreements with friends, and not allowing it to affect the friendship.

I will deeply miss Mel, as I know you will. He was a one of a kind guy, there is no replacing him. I am very proud to know that I was a close personal friend of Mel's, I always felt very privileged to be his friend.

The “Celebration of Life Party” is scheduled for Sunday, November 2nd. From 3:00pm to 6:00pm at the Golden Gate Casting Club in San Francisco, CA.

Staff Activities and Program Updates:

Since the first Wild Trout Symposium in 1974, concerned anglers, biologists and fisheries managers have gathered to share their passion for wild trout. Wild Trout Symposium X will be held in West Yellowstone in 2010. FFF is a founding organization and long-time supporter of this event. Recently Wild Trout has been undergoing an overhaul to their website, complete with new information on wild trout biology. The site will go live in early October. To learn more about Wild Trout X go to: www.wildtroutsymposium.com

Several years ago, the Fly Fishing Discovery Center in Livingston, MT created a new exhibit entitled Undaunted Anglers that comprehensively showcased the fish and fishing that explorers Lewis and Clark experienced on their expedition. The final phase of this project was to create an educational booklet geared to middle school aged children which has now been completed. A strong fisheries conservation theme is tied throughout the exhibit and booklet. The booklet has been made available to educators along the Lewis and Clark Trail. This project was made possible with funding from the Lewis and Clark Heritage Foundation, National Park Service, MT Fish Wildlife and Parks and Montana American Fisheries Society.

Take The Clean Angling Pledge Today

Our Fisheries are threatened by invasive creatures that damage habitat. Simple steps can be taken to reduce the spread and introduction of harmful invaders. Please join the FFF and countless dedicated anglers in the fight against invasive creatures by taking the clean angling pledge today <http://www.cleanangling.org/>.

Conservation

By Ron Forbes

This last Tuesday U.S. Judge Oliver Wagner made comments on the health of California's wild salmon population that they are "unquestionably in jeopardy". However he didn't issue a court order that would set limits on pumping in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. A Department of Water Resources spokesman said they thought Wagner's decision was a "responsible ruling", however environmental groups didn't agree.

Earthjustice attorney Michael Sherwood was not pleased with the ruling. The DWR has said under oath that they will reduce water diversions to protect the salmon. However there is nothing in the decision to protect the salmon. Earthjustice wanted the court to order cutbacks in the pumping that would be legally enforceable. They didn't get one. Judge Wagner said that if any environmental groups make new motions they would be heard in a "expedited basis".

Since 42% percent of the juvenile fish now die when they are taken into the Delta pumps, to send water to farmers and Southern California, one wonders how the DWR will attempt to keep their word or if they will even try. They haven't in the past. The farmers are happy with the ruling while the environmentalists are not. Neither are the fishing groups affected by the collapse of California's salmon population. Zeke Grader, of the Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Association, feels that the season for salmon will be off this year and probably next year also. That will mean a ban on commercial and recreational fishing. It remains in question if the commercial salmon fishing can survive in California.

Wagner's earlier decision put farmers against endangered fish. The National Marine Fisheries Service said their biologic opinion was that the water projects in the Delta don't protect the salmon and should be totally rewritten. It hasn't been.

The DWR has intervened on the side of the water districts. They have said they would, however, operate their water systems so not to have an effect on the salmon during the December – January migration of the juvenile fish going to the sea.

Judge Wagner has said that until new reports come out, the DWR's comments made under oath, will make a new court order unnecessary.

One wonders what Judge Wagner's thought process is since the DRW has not kept its word in the past, for protection of the salmon nor other species, when water to farmers or Southern California is concerned. If this trend continues, we wouldn't get legal protection for the salmon until there are no fish left to protect.

Ron Forbes

FFF Conservation Update September 2008

Announcements:

US Fish and Wildlife Service offers a variety of funding resources to support fisheries conservation work. If your club needs a boost for your next project, take a look and see if these opportunities can help: <http://www.fws.gov/fisheries/Funding.htm>

Don't forget to ask your local fly shop, hardware store or favorite local business to contribute to your conservation project too. These local shops are often happy to help support the work you do in the community.

What would you like to see at the next Conclave on the conservation front? If you have suggestions for conservation programs, participants or workshops for Conclave 2009, please contact the conservation coordinator with your ideas at 406-222-9369 ext 102 or conserve@fedflyfishers.org.

Presidential Action Ensures Recreational Fishing in Federal Waters - On September 26, President George W. Bush signed an amendment to the 1995 Executive Order on recreational fishing. This historic amendment ensures that federal agencies must maintain recreational fishing on federal lands and waters, including marine protected areas. Once implemented, this policy will provide access to places where men, women and children can enjoy fishing now and in the future. This Executive Order revises Executive Order 12962 signed in 1995 by President Bill Clinton.

Positions & Letters:

Letter to Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne regarding proposed Interagency Cooperation under the Endangered Species Act regulatory changes. The letter expressed opposition to the proposed regulations that would weaken the Endangered Species Act by excluding thousands of federal activities from scientific review and by removing the checks and balances currently in place under the Endangered Species Act.

Letter to members of Congress urging their support of the National Fish Habitat Conservation Act (NFHCA). The NFHCA is a national, bipartisan effort to protect, restore, and enhance the nation's fish and aquatic communities through partnerships that foster fish habitat conservation and improve the quality of life for the American people. The NFHCA will authorize \$75 million for fishery and habitat improvement, maximizing the return-on-investment by targeting much needed funding to priority on-the-ground projects.

Letter to members of Congress expressing opposition to authorize commercial oil shale development on public lands. The technologies to extract oil shale are still unproven and the environmental impacts are still unknown. In recognition that America faces energy challenges, oil shale is not ready to provide a solution.

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Videotape Rentals \$2.00 Per Video

See Jacob Loyko 468-2664 for info on merchandise and videos at all the meetings.

November 12**October Board Meeting****November 19****October Newsletter****The deadline for the November issue is November 25th.****A Wonderful Day in the Neighborhood****by Bruce Rollins**

Sallye and I had a wonderful day in the neighborhood-the California Delta. We fished the Delta for stripers September 30 from about 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. We started the day on a flooded island in the southern part of the water system and ended it in an eastern slough. We had 18 stripers to the boat plus 3 largemouth bass. We also had four doubles. Finally, three of the stripers were double-digit fish.

We began using eight weight rods over lined with weight forward bass lines. Bubblehead poppers seemed to work best. It can really bring out the adrenal rush when a striper hits a top water popper. When the fish score got to Sallye five, Bruce two, the surface action slowed so we switched to eight weight rods with the fairly new Rio Outbound Intermediate lines over lined by one. White and chartreuse clousers proved affective for several more hours.

The fish score remained lopsided until two hours after the tide bottomed out. We each had eight-pound stripers on at the same time. Next Sallye hooked a five-pound fish while an 18 pounder slammed my clouser.

Around 4:00, using eight weight rods and SA Custom Express lines 26 feet long, we both hooked up again within four seconds of each other. This time I discovered size does matter. While Sallye landed a 12-pound striper, my fish was taking line into the backing. Reluctantly, I increased the drag and finally moved the striper near the boat where we got our first look at it. With tail and head just above the surface it looked about four feet long. When landed and weighed it proved to be a 32 pounder. While Sallye ended the day with 11 of our 18 fish, I went away a happy man.



Renewal Notice Annual Dues

It is that time of year again, when your annual dues become payable to keep your membership in Delta Fly Fishers current. If you haven't paid your dues yet, then you are delinquent and if they aren't not paid by November 31st, we must drop you from our membership roster.

It our sincere hope that you continue your membership in our club. We have an exciting list of upcoming activities and outings for 2008- 2009 which we are sure you'd 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 478-8344 or e-mail at suzasbs@clearwire.net.

Membership Form - Family Membership is: \$35.00 ,Regular Membership \$30.00, or \$25.00 for 62 years or older. Dues are for one year September 1, 2008 to August 31, 2009. Please fill out, then mail to: DFF Membership c/o Bob Souza 8452 Mason Dr. Stockton, CA 95209.

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Bridgeport 2008



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Every Wed (except meeting nights)	Nature Center Oak Grove Park Stockton	FLY CASTING Contact: Jim Rich 477-6404 Rick Greene 477-1488
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
Wednesday November 12	Brookside Christian School 915 Rose Marie Lane.	Membership Meeting Annual Potluck Dinner and Swap Meet
Wednesday November 19	Nature Center Oak Grove Park Stockton	Board Meeting All Members Welcome

November General Meeting Election of the Board of Directors Keith Kaneko - BC's Superhighway of Steelhead and Salmon

Wednesday, November 12 is the date for the Delta Fly Fisher's monthly Membership Meeting this month we will meet at the **BROOKSIDE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL, 915 Rose Marie Lane.**

Our speaker for November is Keith Kaneko, fly fishing destination travel agent and Steelhead fanatic. Keith had guided for a number years on the Northern California waters of the Feather, American, Yuba and Delta for shad, stripers and steelhead. A self-described refugee from 'corporate America,' Keith established his own fly fishing travel business, Angling On the Fly, three years ago, and has been spending much of his time helping clients book fishing trips to faraway destinations, as well as constantly scouting and exploring new fly fishing opportunities overseas. His office is located in the back of Kiene's Fly Shop, and you may have run into Keith at the shop because he frequently helps at the front counter too. Keith will be presenting some incredible fishing opportunities for Steelhead/Salmon in British Columbia. This informative and educational presentation is well suited for first time traveling angler and seasoned Steelhead anglers alike. **FISH ON!"**

Program title:

"BC's Superhighway of Steelhead and Salmon" – the Lower Skeena River region has been coined the "superhighway" for anadromous species – Steelhead and Salmon. Home to some of the world's largest Steelhead and Salmon, the Lower Skeena and its tributaries offer incredible angling opportunities with a majestic backdrop of towering snow-capped mountains and the coastal rainforest.



Bridgeport Outing Report By Grady Lee

A good time was had by all is an understatement for this outing. A great time is more like it. The fishing was good to excellent, the weather was good, the aspens were turning, the Merlot deer were in the campground, the Game Warden Bear was patrolling Little Virginia Lake. Earl, Larry and Bill ran out of beer on schedule (1st night), the Happy Hours were VERY HAPPY, food and drink were extremely bountiful at the Saturday night barbecue, and stories were only slightly exaggerated for the most part. We had a total of 24 for the outing including five couples. We were very happy to see Don Gillette back with us after an absence of a few years. We were sad to not have Jim Rich with us for the first time since he joined the club. In case you don't know Jim suffered a stroke on Wednesday before the outing and was in the hospital. Jim is now home and at last report is recovering well. Jim, we all wish you a speedy and complete recovery.

Fishing Report: Tuesday the three "beersketeers" fished upper Twin where Bill Laughlin landed a huge male brown. But alas, before it could be measured and photographed it jumped out of the net despite Bill's attempt at a Jim Rich bear hug. Boy those big ones are slippery!! Wednesday, five of us fished upper Virginia and landed over 60 fish amongst us. Earl had his first 20 fish day as a fly fisherman. On Thursday the "teers" fished lower Virginia and had a great day with all having a 20 fish plus day. Larry did get a good picture of the Game Warden bear on his way to check the stringers of the bank fishermen to make sure they were not over their limits. Said bear, also was alleged to have swiped the backpack, containing lunch, of a DFG game warden that had put it down. Another group of us fished upper Twin on Thursday and had good fishing. The lone exception was one member who proceeded to break off two very nice fish consecutively and then had the next fish he hooked open up his hook and then lose several more smaller fish before he discovered what had happened. (The Shadow who observed this incompetent display of angling, told me that he thinks this individual should be nominated for Incomplete Angler Award).

Thanks to Marty Kjelson, I landed my largest fish ever in the Bridgeport area. I observed Marty fish successfully with a midge pattern under a small bobber. I asked Marty what he was using and he gave me one of his tiny size 52 patterns. After tying it on the smallest tippet I had, 5x, I tossed it out under a small bobber and on the first cast hooked into what turned out to be a very heavy male 26" – 27" Alper's that felt like he weighed 7-8 lbs. Ron Pettit did get pictures. Around 10:30 the wind came up rather briskly and a small mayfly hatch began. Marty put on an Adams and started catching. The rest of us followed suit and had some great dry fly fishing until about 1:30. I fished upper Twin the next two days and the same hatch came off every day. Bob Bradley also had good dry fly fishing Sunday on lower Virginia with a small Elk hair caddis. Herm caught a nice 24" Alper's at upper Twin on Sunday. By the way, our Incomplete Angler nominee was not the only one to have a break off on upper Twin. Several others also suffered break offs.

Happy Hours: Thanks to Bob and Marilyn Bradley for hosting the happy hours on Tuesday and Wednesday. The Lee's hosted Friday at their campsite and the newlyweds Ron and Sandy Pettitt hosted Saturday. They supplied wine, beer and snacks. Ron also had Merlot for the deer. I do think he was the one who got them started on it. Thanks to Don Gillette and his friend Sam for hosting the barbecue on Saturday night and everyone for the great potluck dishes. Last but not least, many thanks to CJ at Virginia Lakes Resort for the flies and detailed information on where to fish and what to fish with. For new club members, if you fish the Bridgeport area, make sure to talk to CJ first. She has great info on every stream and lake in the area. Grady



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