

Delta Fly Fishers

June 2007

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Flyfishing

President's Message by Herman Spalinger

May, 2007

Here it is June already and the year is half gone. Time flies when you're having fun. I would like this message to "float" or "wade" off in a slightly different direction. The dictionary defines "camaraderie" as "a spirit of friendly good-fellowship." When I joined this club in 1999, one of the things I looked for in a club was a spirit of friendly good fellowship. I trust you members also had this aspect of a club high on your agenda when you all joined. This camaraderie between fishermen and fisherwomen - if I may use that term - was apparent when the founders of this organization joined forces back in 1976, and, as far as I can tell, is alive and well this day. A prime example follows:

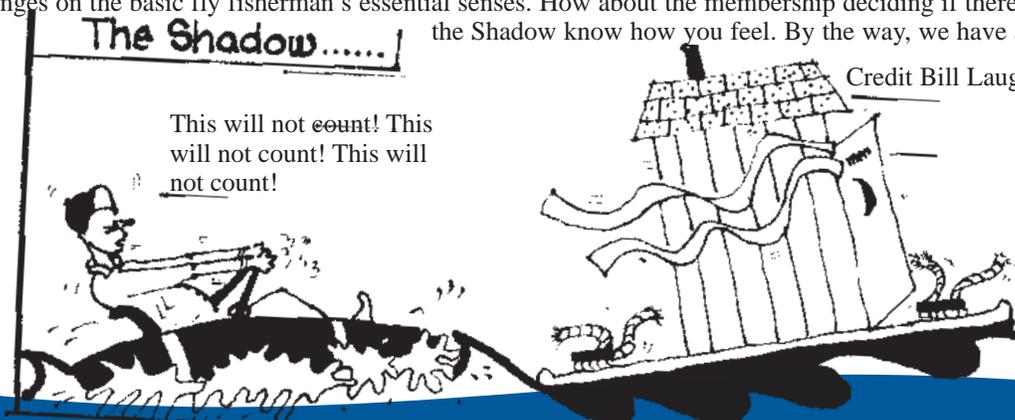
We have a member of this club who determines the recipient of the John Fanucchi Incomplete Angler award each year thus in a way exempting himself from being a recipient. We all know who he is. He claims to be working with a "Shadow" who acts as his informant. While this member and "The Shadow" were recently fishing on a lake - almost by himself - he claims he was so intent on catching fish he didn't observe a floating "outhouse" on the lake had broken loose from its moorings and was about to "attack" him. The "Shadow" is declaring this incident does not qualify him for the Incomplete Angler award because this man-made structure involved a hazardous breakage due to excessive wind. Was this an act of Nature? Does this incident sound familiar to my story last year about a deer running in front of my van and hitting my trailer for which I received the award?

Already several members of our club have said, "Not so fast, "Shadow!" From literature as far back as the 17th Century featuring authors such as Walton and Skves to 20th century authors such as Bergman, Brooks, Kreh, Swisher and Richards, Hughes, etc, they agreed on the one basic skill for successful fly fishing: "The ability to become a part of the environment while fishing and translate its messages, 1) You must have eyes like a hawk scanning the water to the front, sides and rear continuously to identify its message, 2) You must develop ears like a deer, react to the sounds of rising fish and mark their movement pattern and react to them in a skillful, quiet positive manner, 3) Last, but not least, you must have the scent of a Bear." As in the life of a fly fisherman, you must take time to "smell the roses" along the way. This, of course, doesn't cover every essential, but this group I'll call "The Observers" doesn't think they have to go my farther.

I have been informed by several of these members that they look at this incident like this: The Shadow was on a lake almost by himself and had he possessed the essential skills as mentioned above he would have seen this "floating barge" before it got too close. The sound of waves slapping the dock this outhouse was sitting on would have alerted him to its presence well in advance, and, foremost, it certainly doesn't take the scent of a bear to realize there's a 200 gallon floating container of human waste coming at you at about 10 mph with ill intent!

As last year's recipient of this Incomplete Angler award, I agree with "Me Observers" that this incident definitely qualifies for the award as it infringes on the basic fly fisherman's essential senses. How about the membership deciding if there's any similarity; let the Shadow know how you feel. By the way, we have an artist amongst us.

Credit Bill Laughlin for the cartoon.



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Membership Form

Membership Form - Regular membership is: \$25 and a Family Membership is: \$30.00 or \$20.00 for 62 years or older. New members please add \$5.00 one time new member initiation. Dues are for one year September 1, 2006 to August 31, 2007. Please fill out then mail to: Delta Fly Fishers P.O. Box 77862, Stockton, CA 95207

Check one: New membership _____ Renew membership _____

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Family Membership for one year \$30.00 _____ Two years \$60.00 _____

Name _____ Spouse _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: Home (____) _____ - _____ Cell (____) _____ - _____

Phone: Work (____) _____ - _____ 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 Souza at 209-607-6604 or e-mail at suzasbs@clearwire.net.

Fishing Buddy 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:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Casting | <input type="checkbox"/> Fly Tying | <input type="checkbox"/> Equipment | <input type="checkbox"/> Knot Tying |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | | | |

Please describe what you would like help with _____

If you need further information, please contact the Fishing Buddy Committee:

Bob Souza at 209-607-6604 or suzasbs@clearwire.net.

Grady Lee at 951-3623 or gmississippikid@aol.com

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June Annual Barbeque

June 13th is DFF's annual club barbeque at Oak Grove Park's Boat House.

The barbeque starts at 6:30. For the BBQ if your last name begins with:

A - G - SALAD

H - O - HOT DISHES

P - Z - DESERTS

A portion for four is all you need bring. But then, we do love to eat!

Steaks and Sodas provided by the club. Bring your knives, forks and plates, etc.

The raffle will be super, as usual! So bring some money, too!

June Outing Manzanita Lake, June 22 - 25



We look forward to a great trip to the Lassen/Hat Creek area, the weekend of June 22-25, 2007. As noted in the May newsletter the waters in that area are very diverse and interesting ranging from very demanding: dry fly fishing on the Hat Creek flats below PH #2, heavy wading on the Pit River, clear, flat water for big fish on the Fall River (no float tubes) and Manzanita Lake to more vulnerable feeders on Lake McCumber and upper Hat Creek along Hwy 89. No experience on North Battle Creek Reservoir but we understand it is a good lake. Recent reports indicate June should be a good month. We'll be checking the internet fishing reports just before we go. Overall this area provides some very good waters that should give us memorable experiences and it's less than 4 hrs away.

The most direct route is up I-5 to Anderson and then east via Deschutes and Dersch Roads, then follow Hwy 44 to the Lassen Park entrance. One can also link up to Hwy 44 via A17 from Cottonwood. One significant issue is that the campgrounds at Manzanita Lake, in Lassen Park, will have very limited space as 3 of 4 their areas will be closed in June. I could not contact them to make reservations via the internet as it was down for some reason as of 5/25. The Lassen phone numbers are (877) 444-6777, (888) 448-1474 and (530) 595-4444. Alternate public campgrounds are at Cassel on Hat Creek near Baum Lake, others along Hwy 89 again on Hat Creek, Lake McCumber (at the dam), at North Battle Creek Reservoir off Hwy 89 and Hwy 44, and some private campgrounds off Hwy 44 and Hwy 89. There are very few restaurants in the area except in Burney and most close early for dinner. We have a dilemma as to whether or not to have our Saturday evening get together, due to the Manzanita situation. But, bring your own food and drink incase. At our May meeting we had ten folks express serious interest in going. Fishmeister Marty Kjelson and President Herm Spalinger will be going for sure. We suggest all interested to meet at our BBQ on June 13th to discuss the outing further. Our desire is to have all of us camp in the same area if possible but working that out may be a challenge. If you can't come on the 13th please call Marty at 477-9618 until 6/15. He can provide further details on the trip and answer your questions.

FFF ClubWire

FFF Conservation Updates – May 2007

Contact Leah Elwell for additional information on conservation issues at conserve@fedflyfishers.org

Announcements

• The FFF wants to know what activities are happening in your Club or Council. You are encouraged to relay conservation related projects to the Conservation Coordinator.

- Next deadline for our Conservation Grants program is July 15, 2007. The application and guidelines can be found on our website.
- National Conclave will be in Livingston, MT on July 31 – August 4. We have tentatively scheduled a Conservation Forum, conservation programs at Conclave, for Saturday August 4th. Please contact Leah with questions.

Positions and Letters

- Provided testimony in support of Montana Legislation regarding stream access at bridge points.
- Submitted letter to senators to protect the Wild and Scenic Rogue River, Oregon with the purchase of a historic private in holding with an appropriation from the Land and Water Conservation Fund.
- Comments were submitted to the Army Corps of Engineers regarding the Upper Yellowstone Special Area Management Plan (SAMP). This is the first time the Corps has written a SAMP for a water body in Montana, and the first time the Corps has written a SAMP for a river anywhere in the United States and could ultimately dictate national projects in the future.
- Letter submitted to members of Congress and the US Forest Service on the development a land management plan for the Tongass National Forest in Alaska that protects the remaining road-free areas in the Tongass, maintains current environmental and regulatory safeguards, and sustainable timber program using the existing road system.
- Participated in advertisement addressing charge that opponents to the Pebble Mine proposal in Alaska were Un-Alaskan and Un-American.
- Joined sign on letter submitted to members Congress urging the support of comprehensive legislation to fight the introduction and spread of aquatic invasive species.
- Joined sign on letter submitted to grassroots coalitions in Wyoming that protect the WY Range and work for responsible energy development.
- Submitted comments to the Bureau of Land Management on the Montana Statewide Oil and Gas Environmental Impact Statement and Amendment of the Powder River and Billing Resource Management Plans.

Legal Affairs

- Monday April 9th – The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals rejected the Bush Administration's salmon plan for dam operations on the Columbia and Snake rivers. The appellate court upheld a lower court ruling that the plan was illegal because it failed to comply with the Endangered Species Act (ESA). This decision should compel the federal agencies to look at all recovery options – including removing dams. The Federation of Fly Fishers is a plaintiff in this case.

Activities & Program Updates

- Secured an additional internship position for the FFF for the summer of 2007. This marketing intern will help promote conservation, conclave and education.
- Submitted one grant proposal to fund coastal conservation programs.
- Finalized new freshwater Catch and Release brochure. Brochures will be available in July 2007.
- Provided editorial review on the “rough guide” to didymo field identification for the EPA.
- Joined the advisory committee for the MT Legislative Sportsman's Caucus.
- Contacted 35 fly fishing magazines and 12 industry leaders in fly fishing equipment to take a partner pledge in the Clean Angling and Boating Pledge campaigns.
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FFF Graphite Fly Rod Building Kit Program

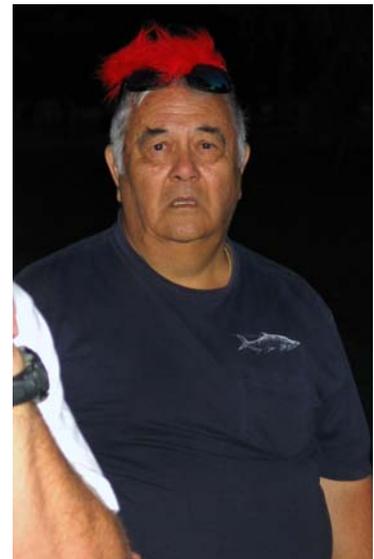
The FFF will make fly rod building kits available to FFF Charter Clubs and Affiliate Clubs. These kits will be made available for fly rod building classes. They are not for personal use, or for club fundraisers. Clubs may order up to 12 kits. There is no charge for the kits for FFF Charter Clubs, except for shipping and handling. FFF Affiliate Clubs will be charged \$10 per rod, plus shipping.

A flat fee schedule for S&H is as follows: 1-4 kits \$20, 5-8 kits \$25, 8-12 kits \$30.

Kits Include: Graphite fly rod blank - Set of snake guides - Reel Seat - Tip Top - Hook Keeper – Grip

To obtain fly rod building kits FFF clubs with must submit a letter of request on club letterhead containing the following information: FFF club membership number - Roster of student names participating in the class - Date(s) of the class - FFF club contact information including: phone number, street address, and email address.

Upon receiving the above information an order form will be sent out via email. The fly rod kits will be sent when payment is received. Contact Matt Wilhelm for the order form and additional information: educate@fedflyfishers.org



No Comment!

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

Membership Meetings

June 13th - DFF Annual Barbeque
Oak Grove Park

June Board Meeting

June 20

July Newsletter

The deadline for the July issue is July 25th.

DFF Officers

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1st Annual DFF Garage Sale Saturday, June 16

Help your club with an upcoming fundraiser by donating fishing or non-fishing items to a garage sale to be held Saturday, June 16 at 115 W. Vine St., Stockton. Your donations are tax deductible at current market value. To arrange for delivery of your donations contact Jake Loyko at (209) 981-4676 or by email at j_loyko@hotmail.com.



Free Fly Casting Lessons

The Delta Fly Fishers are giving FREE fly casting lessons every Wed. (except the 2nd Wed of the month) at Oak Grove Park on 8 mile road. No equipment needed, the club furnishes the fly rods if you don't have your own. Lessons are given free by master fly casters from 6:30 pm until dark. Information: Jim Rich 477-6404 or Rick Greene 477-1488

The One Fly Contest, White Pines Lake

We had our annual One Fly Contest on May 5, 2007. It was a great success. We had 23 fishermen/women and 5 others for lunch only. Yes we had 4 women fish with us this year, and that is very good. One of the women was Lynda Hickman and she tied with two other men for the Biggest Fish, the fish was 18" long. The other men for Big Fish are Earle Summers, and Larry Schmidt. Larry also was the winner of the most fish caught. We brought in \$570.00 gross.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Every Wed (except meet- ing 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
June 2nd	Nature Center Oak Grove Park Stockton	Catfish Derby Oak Grove Park Info: Earl Summers 957-6756
June 13th	Nature Center Oak Grove Park Stockton	DFF's Annual Barbeque Info: Earl Summers & Bruce and Sallye Rollans
June 16th	115 W. Vine St. Stockton	1st Annual DFF Fund Raising Garage Sale
June 20th	Nature Center Oak Grove Park Stockton	Board Meeting All Members Welcome
June 22-25th	Lassen Park/Hat Creek	Fly Fishing Manzanita Lake, Lake McCumber, Baum Lake, Hat Creek, Pit River and the Fall River
Saturday July 14	Spicer Reservoir off Highway 4 Spicer Reservoir Road	Outing to Spicer Reservoir. (Volunteer Fish Meister needed for this one)
Saturday July 14	Boat Dock Oak Grove Park Stockton	Fly Fishing Lessons for members of the Silent Society Oak Grove Park boat dock. Info: Harvey Hamlow 467-4370
Sept. 14 - 16	Bridgeport, CA	Bridgeport Outing, Fishmeister Bob Bradley 369-4048
Oct. 13	O'Neil Forebay Santa Nella, CA	Striper Outing Fishmeister: Bob Souza 478-8344
November 17	Boat Dock Oak Grove Park Stockton	Trout Bout
TBA November	Rancho Seco Lake	Outing
TBA December	Rancho Seco Lake	Outing

Eastern Sierra Focus

By CJ Webb

Fishing tip:

Cold water can create some problems for anglers and the need to be creative and patient is a required if you want some success. The retrieve should be slow, using flashy streamers, and checking depths at 3 – 4 minute intervals to locate fish in any water over 15 feet. Temperatures play a big part in determining where the fish are holding and what they are feeding on. Be alert, patient and bring your armory and the rewards will come.

Weather

Eastern Sierra weather changed drastically with wind battering the anglers from every direction. May brought summer with the remainder of spring and a smattering (good word) of winter to remind us that “Mother” is still in control, and as the saying goes, if you don’t like the weather, wait 10 minutes. Spring runoff has been slow with low cfs on the East Walker River. Bridgeport Reservoir is full but flows won’t increase until the ranchers determine their needs.

Legislation

The Department of Fish and has located catchable trout for negative mud snail waters in north Mono County and will see limits for the 2007 season. To fulfill the AB7 hatchery bill, the DFG will be moving fish into the area from Crystal, Fillmore and Mojave hatcheries. The Fish and Game Commission will be meeting in Bridgeport in July to determine if the new catch and release regulations need to be rescinded for the health of the resource.

The bad news is that the mud snail is spreading and getting closer to the Fish Springs hatchery. This will create more problems for the general angler and for those that would like to see all the wild trout remain.

Please remember to clean all your gear should you fish in mud snail positive areas.

ROCK CREEK – Reports were good early on due to the warmer temps and attractor dries were doing the job. The lake temperatures were a bit unstable for flies and only streamers were seeing action and dry with a dropper. I did the upper meadow and the water was up and saw only a few flat spots below Marsh Lake chasing that brown that eludes me annually, but I have a feeling it’s going to take my new fly.

CONVICT – Has been fair on streamers with a bit of flash and the red throated Matuka has been fairly hot. Fish the inlet and outlets and sit and watch before your cast.

HOT CREEK – Water is mostly clear and flows are comfortable and producing early and late when the temps are right. I checked the brushy areas for bugs and turned over more rocks in the stream for any change in habitat and for about ¾ of a mile, and bugs were plentiful. There has been a great caddis hatch coming off so try the Dry/dropper rig for Caddis/Baetis #16-18 with stimulator as top dog, #16-18 Micro Stone, #20 BWO Cripple. You can probably do some dry action late in the day, but nymphs early through midday would be your best bet. Bring small midges and go to cloud nine. Please stay out of the water to prevent the spread of the New Zealand mud snail.

CROWLEY – The opener was crowded due to the excellent weather and conditions. Fishing wasn’t terrific early on and the fish are in deeper water. Try Chironomids #16-18, as the hatch has been terrific. Leaches and fish are spread in Hilton Bay, Leighton Springs and Sandy point. Also try #18 Black Optimidge with dubbed head and #16 blood worms.

MAMMOTH BASIN – The lakes are fishing well and streamers are the ticket to getting into fish. Cold air and even colder water has deterred a lot of bugs but, dragging a streamer or using nymphs can find fish.

SAN JOAQUIN RIVER – Opend as of the 26th with Reds Meadow road to Devils Post Pile projected for the 29th.

RUSH CREEK – Fish have been hitting Copper Johns, #16-18 flashback pheasant tails and #12 Glo bugs, so bring an assortment and test your skill, it’s a fun area.

JUNE LAKE LOOP – Has been producing on and off depending on the wind and day temperature. Stay with standard streamers in dark patterns and near weedy areas by the west end of the lake. There are a lot of deer in the area so stay alert and avoid collisions; it’s their home too.

GULL LAKE – Try streamers, buggers, mini leeches with a dropper near west end by the weeds. Tim will be visiting this lake on a weekly basis according to the owner.

SILVER LAKE – Has been spotty with most of the fish coming out near the Rush Creek inlet area. Typical streamers with a bit of flash should produce nicely. Maybe even some Pistol Pete’s.

GRANT LAKE – Reports good catches on the south shore when the wind is down on various large streamers with some weight.

LUNDY – No Report

VIRGINIA LAKES – The Rickard’s Stillwater nymph in peacock and rust have taken the award for the month along with the red-throated Matuka, pumpkin wooly, light blue wooly and the peacock body wooly. Water is still fairly cold and the air is starting to warm up nicely. Water level will be down by August creating other problems on nearby streams. Current temperature is 48° at 4’ down and 15’ from shore.

EAST WALKER – The flow is at 101cfs now and has not had a huge release as yet, and as the reservoir rises the flow will increase on a moderate scale unless the ranchers change their needs. I scouted the area again and found midges, caddis, and you name it was there. It would take an entire page to list everything that has been working Silver Streaks, the usual San Juan worms, bird’s nests, tiny zebra midges, WD40’s and Tail-water Tiny for best results.

BRIDGEPORT RESERVOIR – Has been hit and miss and is probably going to flip. Midging has been slow, and Richard’s Stillwater nymph has been getting the action. Water has been stocked by Crystal Lake hatchery up north and they are getting huge loads every two weeks due to the logistics and mud snails at Hot Creek Hatchery. Water temp is at 52°.

WEST WALKER – The flow has fluctuated for over a week and it is fairly high. Look for calm side water and stay sub-surface with tiger midges, use a large dry attractor for the top fly.

See you on the water. CJ

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