

Delta Fly Fishers

May 2007

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Flyfishing

President's Message by Herman Spalinger

May, 2007

It is great to see a lot of participation by you members during our events. We had a really good turnout at the Kelsey Bass Ranch this past April 7th. Everyone caught fish, and Al Smatsky did a fantastic job cooking the chicken and pasta. A more detailed account of this event will be found elsewhere in this newsletter. Participation in club activities and volunteerism is an important backbone for a viable organization, and it appears to me we are showing an increased interest in those areas. Our outing committee has met and set several dates for upcoming outings that will be published in this newsletter and announced at future meetings.

Recently a few members have expressed an interest in making a DVD presentation about what our club is about so we can make the public aware of our interests and goals. During the year there are various opportunities for the club to set up a booth at various functions both here in the Stockton area and Sacramento so we could display our club's activities. This presentation might include some live-action video shots of you members bringing in the big one interlaced with still shots of "fish porn" as Bill Carnazzo called them at our April meeting. (If you didn't make the April meeting, you missed a good presentation on high sticking and nymph fishing from Bill). The idea behind this endeavor is to have available a Power Point presentation - possibly with narration? - to demonstrate to the public what our club is all about and perhaps sway some fishers out there to become members. We have a member amongst us who has the computer power for such an endeavor and is willing to help put such a presentation together. We also have a member who worked in the public relations field in his "other life." I know we must have a lot of talented members - non-fishing talent I'm speaking of - who could volunteer with suggestions on how to put such a presentation together. I would like to see a committee formed that could come up with some ideas after a few meetings over pizza to put together a somewhat professional presentation. I realize we all joined this club for fishing, but I believe we now have a membership that's up to such a challenge. Perhaps there's some other member out there who has a digital video camera that he or she could take along during some of our outings to demonstrate what we're all about. I know time wise most of you fishers who are still working have a difficult time budgeting time for another endeavor, but I believe with a concentrated effort we could accomplish this without too much of a hassle. I envision we would need a "cameraman" for action shots, and then several of us could become editors and such to put together something worthwhile so we can save it off the computer to a DVD. If any of you are interested in such a project, I would appreciate you contacting me within the next month so we can start the ball rolling and perhaps have a presentation finished and ready for showing at our annual dinner scheduled next year on February the 9th.

Save your old stuff for an upcoming club-sponsored garage sale. You know the old saying "one man's throw-away is another man's treasure." We have a volunteer to store our "treasures" until we set a date and location for the sale. Of course we'll also need some of you that have astute salesmanship abilities to help run the sale once the event is scheduled. Stay tuned for more information and let's help make this a money-making event for the club.

In the meantime, keep your fly in the water and those lines tight. See you at the next meeting.

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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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"/> Attending Outings | <input type="checkbox"/> Float Tubing | <input type="checkbox"/> Pontoon Boating | <input type="checkbox"/> Stream Fishing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lake Fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Trout Fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Steelhead Fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Shad Fishing |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Rod Building | <input type="checkbox"/> Selecting a Guide | <input type="checkbox"/> Travel | <input type="checkbox"/> Entomology |
| <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

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

One Fly Contest

The Calaveras Club has set the date for the One Fly Contest on Saturday May 5, you need to be there at 7am, cost is \$20 which includes a tasty tri tip lunch proceeds go towards a scholarship for a Calaveras High School student and they serve a great lunch.

Contact Grady Lee, 951-3623, for further information



May General Membership Meeting

The May program will be a presentation by Trent Pridemore on stillwater fishing on private lakes in the west. Trent is an author of numerous fly fishing magazine articles, a fly tier, has been a guest on TV and radio programs including ESPN. In his presentation Trent will give an overview of the lakes he has fished all over the western states as well as stillwater fly patterns, tactics, and the underlying aquatic biology that controls success on lakes. Presentation will be given Wed. May 9, 7pm at John R. Williams School 2450 Meadow Ave. Program is free and open to the public, Information: Marty Kjelson 477-9618 or John Keagy 369-5690



Annual Shad Attack is Close!!



Come to the Shad Clinic at Oak Grove Park to find out how to catch these great sport fish on fly equipment. The date is May 2nd Wednesday at 7:00pm in the Nature Center Building.

There will be a basic tackle discussion and fly tying demonstration on fly patterns for Shad in our local waters.

For more information call Bob Souza at (209) 478-8344, cell 209-607-6604 or e-mail at suzasbs@clearwire.net

DFF Annual Club Shad Outing Saturday May 19th

Delta Fly Fishers Shad outing will be held at Goethe Park on the American River. There will be fishing buddies and extra tackle for the first timers. You will be helped with the proper presentation to fish for these great sport fish on fly tackle.

Directions for this outing are, from Stockton north on hwy 99 to east hwy 50, take Bradshaw Rd off ramp, left at stop light, then right at Folsom Blvd to Beaudry Dr. at park entrance gate you will have to pay \$4.00 per car. Then drive to the horse area sign make a left turn at the sign follow road back to the fishing area.

Contact person, Bob Souza 607-6604 or suzasbs@clearwire.net

Conservation - By Ron Forbes

A meeting of the Battle Creek Watershed Conservancy (BCWC) had some very positive news in early March. The long awaited dam removal and restoration of Battle Creek is to begin. Approximately 42 miles of prime steelhead and salmon water will be reopened so the fish will be able to access their native spawning grounds. Dams on both the north fork and south fork are to be removed. However, a problem has arisen. Work on the north fork dams will start but will be held off on the south fork. It seems that Oasis Springs (a pay for play) fish lodge has filed suit to prevent work on the south fork dam removal to begin. They feel that the restoration of natural flows will affect their resort. At present they have a high flow from both the north fork and south fork through a ditch. The two flows are combined for about 1/2 mile in the south fork bed and then sent to a larger ditch that goes to a power house. More than 80 cfs flows through the 1/2 mile section. However only 3 cfs is allowed to flow below the diversion down the stream bed. The restoration calls for the elimination of the cross flow into the south fork and to put in a fish ladder at the existing diversion point. Around 50 cfs would still flow through Oasis Springs to the diversion dam and 30 cfs rather than the existing 3 cfs will continue downstream. The major change for Oasis Springs is that they won't be able to screen nor stock large trout on what they consider their "private" water. The fact that their guest will have access to many miles of reestablished trout supporting flows seems less important to them than trying to maintain 1/2 mile of screened "private" trophy water. Their website paints a less than accurate image of the stream being natural. It is going to be interesting to see how fly fishers see Oasis Springs as a place to go when they understand that Oasis Springs is filing a suit that will prevent the reestablishment of miles of native spawning grounds for steelhead and salmon. The maintenance of 1/2 miles artificial river and planted fish vs. the return of 42 miles native spawning grounds seems ironic. Especially given the fact that the numbers of steelhead and salmon decrease every year and the fish are becoming more endangered or threatened with extinction.

At the last Delta Fly Fishers meeting Steve Cooper and I were talking about an article printed in the spring edition of NCCFFF's The Rivermouth. It's worth mentioning here because it demonstrates the callous disregard many show our environment. In early February, stream monitors from the Coastal Habitat Education and Environmental Restoration (CHEER) of Gilroy found a major discharge of hydrogen sulfide waste water in Uvas Creek. More than 1,000 dead fish were found floating in the stream. CHEER contacted DFG, National Marine Fisheries, Santa Clara Water District and NOAA Fisheries people. Hydrogen sulfide is not only toxic but it takes oxygen out of the water. The leak was traced to a pipe from the Christopher Ranch and the residue that was in the stream was rotten garlic. Bill Christopher accepted responsibility for the spill but claimed it to be an accident. Investigators found that it wasn't an accident since a valve must be hand turned to release effluent. Three weeks later, there was another discharge from the same pipe. The local district attorney and water district found Christopher Ranch in violation of its waste water permit and the ranch has no plans showing the location of discharge pipes. Federal law allows entities to be penalized for both intentional and unintentional discharges and all environmental damage. Legal action will be taken against the Christopher Farms. Federal law will allow fines up to \$12,500 per dead fish on the threatened or endangered list. At least 15 dead steelhead trout were found.

The Center for Biological Diversity, a nonprofit environmental group, has notified The National Marine Fisheries Service it intends to sue in order to protect the Delta green sturgeon. A 60 day notice has been filed. NMFS has named the sturgeon as threatened over a year ago but hasn't completed the steps required by law to have the sturgeon listed. The suit is intended to speed that process. As you know, the green sturgeon is highly sought after for the eggs which poachers sell on the black market as caviar. Since the collapse of the Russian caviar industry our sturgeon eggs have become far more valuable. The sturgeon breed in San Francisco Bay, the Delta, and the Sacramento River. Between pollution and the poachers the number of fish has dropped drastically. DFG recent surveys found few spawning sturgeon. Last year fewer than 25 females traveled up the Sacramento River to spawn. But we can help also. If you see poachers call DFG, toll free, at 1-888-DFG-CalTip or 1-888-334-2258. Every little bit helps.

Tight loops,

Ron Forbes

Delta Fly Fishers Official Club Merchandise For Sale

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Bob Souza 209 - 478-8344

Grady Lee 209 - 951-3623

Ron Pettit 209 - 931-2997

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. The deadline for the June issue is June 25th.

May 9th - Trent Pridemore

**Stillwater Fishing on
Private Lakes in the West**

May Board Meeting

May 16th

Free Fly Casting Lessons

**Fly Tying will be held at Oak Grove Park every
Wednesday except meeting nights. Information:
Jim Rich 209 477-6404**

June 1st Annual

The Saga of the Floating Toilet

Grady Lee told us a story about fishing in his pontoon boat. The wind kicked up and as he was trying to get back to the dock, he noticed a floating outhouse bearing down on him! It seemed the faster he rowed, the faster the outhouse came at him.

That was the story he told. But inquiring minds want to know more. So, after much research, it has been determined that probably what happened was that he tied up to use the outhouse. When he got back into his pontoon boat, he forgot to untie the outhouse. So the faster he rowed the faster the outhouse was coming after him. No wonder he couldn't lose it.



I can't believe that I forgot to untie my boat!

Hear lies Grady Lee
His life cut short by an act of God

A floating outhouse, traveling in the wind
Left him sinking and unable to swim

As the two of them sank
The whole lake began to stink

Poor Grady
Such a crappy way for it to end

Ron Pettit

The Annual Kelsey Bass Ranch Outing

On April 7th, members from Delta Fly Fishers met at the Kelsey Bass Ranch, near Snelling for a day of fantastic bass fishing. While I, the newsletter editor, wasn't there, I heard that a couple of members caught close to 40 bass. As usual, Al Smatsky put on a great barbeque. You would think that with all of the members showing up and fish being caught, I would get some pictures of something besides lunch!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Every Wed (except meet- ing nights)	Nature Center Oak Grove Park Stockton	FLY CASTING Contact: 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
May 2th	Oak Grove Park Stockton	Fly Casting With Jim Rich and Rick Greene
May 2th	Oak Grove Park Stockton	Shad Clinic at Oak Grove Park Contact Bob Souza 478-8344
May 5th	White Pines Lake	One Fly Contest With The Calaveras Club
May 9th	John R. Willians School	General Membership Meeting Trent Pridemore - Stillwater Fishing on Private Lakes in the West
May 16th	Nature Center Oak Grove Park Stockton	Board Meeting All Members Welcome
May 19th	Goethe Park American River	The Bob Souza Annual Shad Clinic Goethe Park on the American River Contact Bob Souza 478-8344
June 13th	Nature Center Oak Grove Park Stockton	DFF's Annual Barbeque
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

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. More in next month's newsletter.

June Outing

Our June outing will be in the Lassen park/Hat creek area, about a 3 1/2 hour drive from Stockton. Dates are JUNE 22-25, 2007. Camping will be in the park with a potluck on Sat. eve. The area provides a variety of excellent fly fishing opportunities to include Manzanita Lake, Lake McCumber, Baum Lake, Hat creek, Pit River, Fall River and other waters. All are within a 1/2 -1 hour drive from our camp ground. Fishmeister Marty Kjelson has fished the area regularly over the past six years and looks forward to returning each season. Please call Marty, Grady Lee, or Earl Summers to express your interest in going. More information on the area, alternative lodging, directions, fly choices, etc. will be provided in the June newsletter and at our member meeting. We look forward to fishing with you

Salt Springs Reservoir

I fished Salt Springs Reservoir, out of Copperopolis, using Jack Gordon's old fly rod and had quite a day, I caught the largest crappie I have ever caught, 18 inches long a little over 3 lbs. A 14 inch red ear perch 14 inches long weighing 3 lbs that fought like a five lb bass. A Sacramento spotted bass first of those ever for me and a 2 lb catfish the first catfish I have caught on a flyrod. Jack must have been looking over my shoulder. In addition I also landed several Florida strain largemouth bass. Grady



Pontoon Boat Safety

This is a picture of a pontoon boat that was run down by a floating toilet. Seriously, this is a new boat that was pumped up tightly and then left in the sun. This was March at Amador when it blew it sounded like a bomb going off. I tried to recruit the owner for the club, as I think he would definitely be a candidate for Incomplete Angler. Grady



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