

November 2006

Delta Fly Fishers

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President's Message by Marilyn Mowry

We had another board meeting with a full quorum and attendance by a few former board members and a new member. We welcome their participation as they always have some great ideas. All club members are welcome and we encourage your attendance. I appreciate our outstanding board and all they have accomplished this year.

We have our Steelhead Outing coming up on November 4th. Bob Souza will be doing the instructing. Wednesday night fly tying is also going on every Wednesday at Oak Grove Park (except for meeting nights). And we have the Trout Bout coming up on November 18th at Oak Grove Park. Chairman Charlie Reames is always looking for more volunteers for that.

Newsletter Chairman Doug Ridgway will be looking for your fall fishing photos and stories. Please send them his way.

Due to non-compliance with our 10-day notice of the annual meeting to elect the Board at the November meeting, the annual meeting will now take place December 13th. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Marilyn

Delta Fly Fishers Official Club Merchandise For Sale

Help support your club by buying and using club merchandise.

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| 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 Bob Bradley 209-369-4048 for info on merchandise

Membership Meetings

November 8 - Steve Cooper - Bronze Back Fever
- fishing the west for Small Mouth Bass

December 13 - Annual Member's Show

November Board Meeting

November 15

November Outing

November 4 - Steelhead Clinic Feather
River

November Newsletter

The deadline for the December issue is November 25th.

Free Fly Tying

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

Membership Form

Membership Form - 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 _____

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

Name _____ Spouse _____

Address _____

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 |
| <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 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bass Fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Striper Fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Salt Water Fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Private Water Fishing |
| <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:

Ron Petitt at 209-931-2997 or floatubefisher@aol.com

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

Mail the form to: Ron Petitt, 10495 Hwy 26, Stockton, CA 95215-9579

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
MEMBERSHIP OF DELTA FLY FISHERS, INC.**

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Please take notice that the annual membership meeting of Delta Fly Fishers, Inc will take place at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 8th, 2006, at John R. Williams School multi-use room located at 2450 Meadow Ave. The purpose of the meeting will be for the election of the Board of Directors, for the conduct of the annual meeting of the membership, and for such other lawful business as may come before the membership. The club By-Laws require this notice be given in advance of the November regular membership meeting.

The Board of Directors consists of nine members. Each serves as a director for one year. Currently the nominees wishing to serve another year's term on the Board are:

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| Joe Balderson | Marty Kjelson | Bill Laughlin |
| Ron Forbes | Doug Ridgway | Dean Watson |

Two additional members have offered their names to be submitted for nomination and election:

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| Bob Souza | Steve Cooper |
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Any member may nominate any other member to the Board of Directors at this meeting. One more member is needed to fill the Board.

In addition to nomination and election of directors, we have three committee chair vacancies that need to be filled: June Catfish Derby, Programs Chair, and Outings Chair.

Subsequent to the election of the Directors, the Directors will elect the officers of the corporation.

DATED: October 24, 2006

Delta Fly Fishers, Inc.

by Herman Spalinger, Secretary

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November Membership Meeting

Originally the November program was to be Conway Bowman talking about shark fishing. Unfortunately he had to cancel and hopefully we can reschedule him later. On November Steve Cooper will put on his program, Bronze Back Fever - fishing the west for Small Mouth Bass. Steve always puts on an entertaining and educational program so this should be one not to miss. For further information, contact Steve Cooper at 956-1032.

December Membership Meeting

Remember, the December monthly meeting is our annual members program night. This is your chance to shine. You need not fish

Fly Fishing Road Trip

By

Doug Ridgway

I found out last spring that the son of some friends of ours was getting married in Austin Texas in October. My first thought was road trip. Rita said she wasn't driving all that way, so we comprised. She was going to fly to Austin with our friends and I was going to drive and meet them there. I thought if I was going to drive, I might as well get some fishing in. So I started doing my research and decided to fish at Lee's Ferry (on the Colorado River) and the San Juan River for trout and the Texas Gulf Coast for redfish. While the fishing could have been better, I had a blast.



Lee's Ferry Rainbow



San Juan River Rainbow



South Padre Island Speckled Sea Trout



Port Aransas Redfish

Eastern Sierra Focus

By CJ Webb

Fishing Tip:

Beginning fly fishers might benefit from my list of flies for my area. It might help you in assembling your fly box or at least assist in your organization process. If you stay with 3 nymphs, 3 streamers, 3 terrestrials and 3 dries you can expand from there, into size and color range. This is not the "law", but this might save you some change in the beginning.

Three nymphs are long tail yellow sally, Zug Bug, WD40

Three wets/streamers soft hackle March brown with or without a bead, wooly bugger (Blk/grizzly or orange), Hornberg, western coachman. Ok, I know that is four but the one wet is a necessity.

Three terrestrials are black ant/red tag, #12 1x hopper taupe/pale yellow, and Griffith's Gnat (midge).

Three dry are olive elk hair caddis, brown bivisible and BWO Parachute or Adams parachute (the last 2 are indispensable and only the body color that is different).

One thing you need to consider when choosing your working flies is "try" and start off small with the type of fishing you enjoy and its location, these two things are the most important for success. I'm a dry fly fanatic, so my main dries are specific to the area I'm fishing and if it's familiar territory then I know what to take, but if unfamiliar I take 3 odd flies, and quite often very happy with the results.

Legislation:

Funding has started to come down from legislation signed by the Governor under AB7 and Fish Springs Hatchery hired 2 employees to fill their vacancies. Fish allotments for the hatcheries on the east side will be met and the AB7 plan is still being worked on and moving forward.

Lawsuit:

Environmental groups on Thursday filed a lawsuit against the CA Dept. of Fish and Game, saying DFG never studied whether stocking streams, with hatchery-raised trout, is harmful to native species already low in numbers. "There are a number of native fish that are potentially at risk because of this stocking," said Noah Greenwald, a conservation biologist with the Center for Biological Diversity, which filed the lawsuit with the Pacific Rivers Council.

Fishy News:

Susanville Browns hit a few flies, but nothing serious to speak of and these brutes are tough, only hope there are some fish left in the waters next spring.

Weather:

Mother Nature felt some sympathy from the inhumane weather she dealt us and gave us a few weeks of Indian Summer, a bit cooler than normal but still wonderful for trout and anglers. The water temps in most lakes are between 46° to 48°, and the Aspens peaked around the 3rd to 7th of October as expected at higher elevations, but they are still quite nice between 6 and 7,000 feet elevation. Cooler than normal evening/morning temps have been the norm for the past week, but the days are really great for early afternoon dry fly fishing.

Fishing Report:

ROCK CREEK has been doing great on beadhead wooly buggers in black and dark olive #12 or Doc's Twin Lakes

Special (DTLS), with standard dries hitting early and late on the stream. For some nice dry action in the Mosquito Flats area try using a #18 parachute caddis or Adams. No, I haven't caught the big brown (22") in Marsh Lake, yet but there is always next season. I hate the smell of skunk.

CROWLEY – Cold nights with wind cleaned up the algae and the fishing is much better. Try a Perch fry, Matuka, or a Hornberg and strip slowly for the best bite. Some midges are working, crystal, zebra, and tiger even a Z-wing. Try the slot at the north end of the lake, on either side near the weedy areas. This time of year its hit and miss so use your best tactics and something unexpected might hit your offering.

UPPER OWENS is doing well below the bridge towards the lake and use a hopper/dropper or nymphs. Use an Adams parachute, or Caddis in the early evening. San Juan worms, Copper midges, and a wet Western Coachman (hard to find) has been doing good, and buy your fly-tier-friend some feathers to keep you in these flies.

HOTCREEK is fishing good right now on baetis emergers, nymphs, Parachute Adams, and BWO parachute if you can get a good drift in the right spot. Anglers are everywhere trying to find that right spot.

CONVICT tubers continue tugging olive wooly buggers, leeches, and spruce flies around the inlet, so try some purple, white and olive wooly buggers with a prince nymph dropper that should drive the run in.

MAMMOTH BASIN – Twin and Mamie are doing great on olive Docs Twin Lake Special (DTLS), Olive Matuka, red throat olive Matuka, with a nymph dropper #16 or #18.

SAN JOAQUIN RIVER has been excellent and consistent using small standard dries like an Adams or parachute caddis patterns with and hares ear, pheasant tail or prince nymph at the drop.

JUNE LOOP ~ The Lakes have been doing well on olive and black wooly buggers, green or olive matukas, and the streams are showing good success with pheasant tail nymphs, prince nymphs, male adams, yellow humpy and there are some stoneflies in the water, but haven't seen any action on them.

LUNDY has been fishing great, and the water level is still very high. Great action on black and olive wooly buggers, rust, dark brown with a bit of orange in the tail with a lot of flash, also try Pistol Pete's in grizzly. Hornbergs are still working well, and still falling apart. I guess I'm gonna have to rob my piggy bank for some real jungle-cock feathers.

VIRGINIA LAKES has been slower due to the cooling temps of the water, but when the action starts, use olive DTL Special #12, Grey Hackle Peacock #14, or #16 brown bivisible.

EAST WALKER is at 138cfs, and is fishing excellent mainly on nymphs, and mayfly nymphs, LaFontaine pupa, Fox Poopah, Micro mayflies, and streamers early morning and late afternoon have been working well. For the dry use a yellow Stimulator, yellow/gray hopper, and a Prince, PT, chamois, Z-wing or swimming caddis for the drop. Flows are low but it hasn't bothered the crowds on the weekends but mid-week has been excellent for elbow room.

WEST WALKER flow is 86cfs but looked mighty meager yesterday when I drove down to fish it. Small mosquitoes, Grizzly Adams, or parachute Adams was ok, but nothing great, as the water is really low. But it was fun.

The problem that I see with a lawsuit against DFG for stocking hatchery raised trout is that the future will be bleak without hatchery fish. Where will the "other" anglers go to fish, this isn't brain surgery. Most likely the lawsuit will not hold up but that is dependent on where the lawsuit was filed and the Judge hearing the case. CalTrout was behind the AB7 legislation, as their crystal ball says the same thing I'm thinking, anglers walking out of the backcountry with stringers of natives in all sizes.

See you on the water! CJ

Conservation - By Ron Forbes

After much discussion and legal advice, the members of the board have voted to become involved as interveners in the suit against NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service by the Modesto Water District. As you will recall the MWD wants to challenge the way NMFS counts the fish in determining whether the salmon and steelhead should be considered endangered or threatened species. NMFS draws a difference between wild fish and hatchery fish. MWD wants them lumped into a single group thereby increasing the numbers so they aren't required to follow the requirements for endangered species. This is the same or very similar to suit they filed and lost in 2004. The same judge will hear this case as heard the 2004 suit. Earthjustice asked us to be interveners again, because of the considerable help Steve Cooper and Bob Souza provided Earthjustice in the last case. Frankly, we should be pleased to be taking our mission statement in conservation as Delta Fly Fishers seriously. It seems some of the other clubs declined to help.

Ecological groups including FFF are becoming increasingly concerned about another nuisance species making its presence felt. The problem is caused by a small diatom algae know as *Didymosphenia geminata* (commonly called "Didymo" or "rock snot"). It forms stalks and large colonies and covers rocks. Its ecological impact is that it increases the decline in aquatic larval insects (mayflies, stone flies, and caddis flies). Where it has been found there seems to be a decrease in large adult fish. Didymo tends to form very large growths in low, but stable water flows with water depths from 3" to 6' deep. It is usually found below the outlets of lakes or reservoirs and in sunny open streams. The diatom has always been in the northern parts of the US but for some reason when introduced to new areas it "blooms." It is dense and moss-like when covering rocks in streams and it feels rough and cotton-like to the touch. Some describes the touch as wool-like. Its color is from white to light brown tuffs. At this point the DFG isn't doing anything about the problem. If you want more information about Didymo, contact Sarah Spaulding at the USGS at 303-312-6216 or at spaulding.sarah@epa.gov. Evidentially we have given Didymo to New Zealand where it has closed 10 rivers and the government has declared an emergency. To prevent Didymo spread, wash your boots and waders in a 2% bleach solution, or in a 5% saltwater solution, or in common dishwater detergent soap. Scrub all items for at least one minute.

Although the problems in south's flooding are still making news, the city of Oakley has come up with a plan to increase Delta urbanization. They want to fill in 57 acres of Delta wetlands to establish a community of 4,000 homes and 3 public schools on an island that is 5 ft under sea level. The Army Corps of Engineers has issued a 404 permit application for the project and has asked for public input. The public input hasn't been widely advertised so few people realize what's happening. There are two major problems with this project. First, 12,000 people and the students at the three schools are put at risk in the event of delta flooding. Second, even though the Delta's pelagic organisms are at high risk, Oakley plans to dump stormwater from the site directly into the delta. The effects on the Delta and the drinking water of 23 million people haven't been addressed at all. At this point the Corps hasn't addressed the requirements for an Environmental Impact Statement of the National Environmental Protection Act. And it hasn't seemed to be an issue of which they have much concern. This issue seems to be low key at this point but needs answers to the questions it raises. You can contact William Guthrie, project manager at 916-557-5269 or at William.H.Guthrie@usace.army.mil

Tight lines,

Ron Forbes

November 4 - Steelhead Clinic

Nov 4th Steelhead Clinic at Feather River

Fishing buddy: Bob Souza with a "z".

Day & time: Nov. 4th Saturday meeting at 6:00 a.m. Eagles Nest restaurant in Marysville

Recommended tackle: 7-9wt rods, good reel, with 8, 10 and 15# tippet material to make leaders. You will need some kind of strike indicators in large size. If you use yarn type indicators have a comb and floatant for them.

Fishing glasses, Hat, Waders, Wading shoes with felt soles and a wading shaft of some kind this is recommend for wading safety in any river water. (If you have an inflatable PFD's it is recommended that you use it.)

Flies: most large and medium size nymphs and egg pattern flies in sizes 6-12.

Weight: misc. sizes of split shot.

This is a teaching clinic. If you are new, come and learn on how to fish for Steelhead. We will instruct you on how to rig, cast and fish this type of tackle. We will show you how to wade this type of water safely.

Please contact me with any questions about this outing at 209-607-6604. Hope to see on this outing.

Good Fishing,

Bob Souza

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



| | | |
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| Every Wed (except meeting 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 Steve Cooper 956-1032 |
| Every 3rd Wed (except July) 7:00 PM | Nature Center Oak Grove Park Stockton | Board Meeting All Members Welcome |
| Nov 4 | Feather River | Steelhead Clinic Bob Souza 478-8344 |
| Nov 8 | John R. Williams School Stockton | Steve Cooper - Bronze Back Fever - fishing the west for Small Mouth Bass. |
| Nov 18 | Oak Grove Park | Trout Bout Charlie Reames 369-6053 |
| Dec 13 | John R. Williams School Stockton | Annual Member's Program Night |
| Dec TBA | Lake Amador | TBA |

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T.B.H.STEELHEAD STONE #2, with RUBBER LEGS

Fly type Attractor

Originator Bob Souza

Tied by Bob Souza

Hook: 2457 heavy wire size 6 – 10

Thread: Black or Fire orange size 6/0

Tail: Black or Brown round rubber leg

Ribbing: Copper wire

Body under wrap: lead wire .025

Body: Orange Lite-Brite Dubbing

Wing Case: Flashabou Gold and Pearl mixed

Thorax: Brown chenille small or orange.

Legs: Black or Brown round rubber leg material

Bead Head: Tungsten Bead in Gold

Marking pen: Brown

Misc: Zap a Gap Glue

1. Debarb hook and dress with gold bead to size of hook.
2. Add 6 – 8 tight wraps of .025 wire behind bead head, cement in place.
3. Start thread behind wire and wrap to middle of bend in hook.
4. Tie in copper wire under hook shank. This will not cause bump at tail area.
5. Tie in rubber leg material as forked split type tail.
6. Make dubbing loop, add dubbing and twist to make taper body with Lite-Brite standouts. Wrap ribbing in 4 – 5 wraps to thorax area and tie off.
7. Mark top of body with Brown marking pen.
8. Add Flashabou wingcase, tie in brown chenille for thorax, tie in one set of rubber legs at rear of thorax and one set of legs behind bead head, make large thorax and tie off.
9. Then bring wing case over top and tie off at bead head.
10. Tie off thread and coat thread with super glue to set whip finish.
11. Coat wing case top with 5-minute epoxy and let set.

Fish this fly as your lead fly under the strike indicator. Add a smaller fly about 12- 16" on a trail leader setup. I tie on at the bend of the top hook. When fishing this set up use a dead drift in holding top of water 2- 3' deep.

Happy fishing Bob Souza.



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