

September 2006

# Delta Fly Fishers

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## President's Message by Marilyn Mowry

We had a great board meeting in August. While we usually don't have a quorum in August, we not only had a quorum, but a lively discussion on many topics. Treasurer Bruce Rollans reported about our new Federal and State tax-exempt status. Bill Laughlin thinks this will have a big impact on his fundraising. Charlie Reames, November Trout Bout, proposed some ideas to improve the club's participation in that event. Several of the board members agreed to meet with him and develop a plan to spend more time helping the kids' fish, contact Charlie for more information. Doug Ridgway, Newsletter Editor and Outings Chairman, reminded everyone to make their Bridgeport reservations by contacting Bob Bradley. Ron Forbes, Conservation Chairman, reported on local and regional conservation news and always has a list of meetings and events to attend. Bob Souza, Membership Chairman, reported that memberships renewal are coming in rapidly. Please renew your membership if you have not already done so and thank you if you already have. Dean Watson, Historian, is looking for any older photos or newsletters from club members. He already has a lot of photos recorded but would like more, please help him out if you can. Steve Cooper, Program Chairman, reported that we have a really good lineup of speakers coming up. We may change the potluck from October to November depending on the speaker scheduling, check the next newsletter to find out the date of the dinner. Joe Balderston, Education Chairman, will be helping with the Trout Bout planning He has also enrolled in the Salmon in the Classroom course and will begin the program in his own classroom.

I would like to say thank you to our new webmaster David Coon. He is taking care of the website and is doing a fantastic job! We recently had some technical problems with the website and webhost and it took a great deal of effort from David, Bob Souza and Bruce Rollans to resolve it. The website is back to normal and is constantly being updated so take a look at it. [www.deltaflyfishers.com](http://www.deltaflyfishers.com)

We welcome any and all members to the board meetings and committee meetings. If you are interested in any of the committees please contact the chairman of that committee or talk to one of the officers or board members. We would love to have more participation and more ideas from everyone. We welcome new ideas or old ideas, that we maybe forgot about. Ideas for speakers, outings, articles, fundraising, education or anything else are always welcome.

This is your club and we want you to enjoy it.

## 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 Bob Bradley 209-369-4048 for info on merchandise and videos at all the meetings.

## Membership Meetings

September 13 - Keith Kaneko-Central Valley  
Steelhead

October 11 - Captain Conway Bowman-Mako  
Shark

## September Board Meeting

September 20

## September Outing

September 17-19 - Bridgeport

## October Newsletter

The deadline for the October issue is September 25th.

## Free Fly Casting

### Delta Fly Fishers Free Casting Lessons

Fly casting lessons by expert casters from the Delta Fly Fishers are provided every Wed. except the 2nd Wed of the month from 7pm until dark in Oak Grove Park.

Equipment is provided by the club. Information: Jim Rich 477-6404 or e-mail [jrich1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jrich1@sbcglobal.net)

Marilyn

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# 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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](mailto: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"/> 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:

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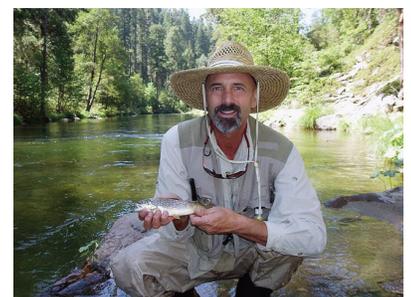
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Mail the form to: Ron Petitt, 10495 Hwy 26, Stockton, CA 95215-9579

## North Fork Stanislaus River Trip

On August 19th, a dozen members and guests of the Delta Fly Fishers converged on the North Fork of the Stanislaus River. A hardy breakfast was enjoyed at Rod's Diner in Angel's Camp. The group then proceeded, through Calaveras Big Trees State Park, to the North Fork. The river was slightly high but still in excellent shape. Unfortunately, on this day, the North Fork was challenging giving up her treasures only to a lucky few. The fish on average were small with Bob Sousa claiming the largest fish of the day a 14 inch Rainbow. Yours truly managed a couple of 10 – 11 inch Browns with all other fish reported being under 10 inches. Although the fishing was slow, the day was enjoyed by all. Temperatures in the mid 80's and good company made for an excellent outing.

Fish Master, Steve



## September 13 Program

The Delta Fly Fishers Sept. Program will be a presentation by Keith Kaneko steelhead guru and guide for steelheading in the central valley. Keith specializes in fishing the Yuba, Feather, and American but has fished and guided all over the Pacific Northwest. Keith also is the director of Angling on the Fly travel service for Kiene's fly shop in Sacramento. Information: DFF Program Director Steve Cooper 209-956-1032

## **September 15 - 17 Bridgeport Area**

The September outing for the Delta Fly Fishers will be the traditional family outing to the Bridgeport area Sept. 15, 16, and 17. Headquarters for the club outing will again be the Robinson Creek Campground near lower Twin Lake. A potluck on Sat. night will be at Bob Bradley's RV. Cocktails and story telling will begin around 6pm, cooking whenever. Bring meat to barbecue and something to share. Food or drink that is, and a good story if you have one.

For information contct Bob Bradley at 209-369-40482



### **Membership Committee Report July 2006**

Our club membership to date is 72 members paid for this year. With a membership total of 116 members this includes life members.

### **Delta Fly Fishers Welcomes A New Member for July:**

Jim McClary

### **Thanks to all the members that are supporting the club.**

Your dues are important support to the club for its programs through out the year. With out this support we will not able to support the programs without charging for them. Contact membership chairperson Bob Souza with any questions on your membership. At [suzasbs@netzero.com](mailto:suzasbs@netzero.com) or 209-607-6604

### **Happy Fishing and Thank You for your support**

**Bob Souza, Membership Chair**

# Eastern Sierra Focus

By CJ Webb

## Fishing Tip:

As we head into the far turn of 2006, the lakes, streams and rivers have finally settled down and water clarity is good, so now is the time to enjoy the early fall fishing season. You will want to have an assortment of caddis flies, mayflies and small stones as well as a good supply of attractor flies and terrestrials. Attractors should include bright dots, royal coachman, renegades and terrestrials such as hoppers, beetles and flying ants.

Remember to come prepared for any type of weather this time of year, as it can change at a moment's notice and some of the best fishing is during the worst weather. Dress in layers and don't be fooled by the warm days, as the evenings are starting to cool; and even a bit of color has started to show on the aspens at higher elevations.

## Legislation:

Although AB7 legislation was signed by the Governor to maintain and enhance the state hatchery system, there still seems to be a dilemma as to how this will be implemented. Although several meetings with top DFG staff have been held, nothing has been confirmed as to how the monies will be put back into the Hatchery Inland Fishing Fund (HIFF). Greg Hurner of Fish and Game (916.651.6719) will answer any questions regarding the implementation, and it is also outlined on their web site.

## Fishy News:

The next load of Susanville Browns (American Trout & Salmon) hit the West Walker, Saddlebag, Lundy and Twin Lakes in Mammoth 8.17.6.

## Fishing Report:

ROCK CREEK has been doing well on wooly buggers in black and dark brown, bug-eyed damsels and Hornbergs with standard dries hitting early and late. The mosquitoes are on Holiday in Cancun until June and your dividend payments will definitely drop as I sold all my DEET stock last week.

CROWLEY LAKE has had some problems but it's improving daily so don't miss a chance to hit the water. Water clarity is good and the fish are hanging in about 10' of water in McGee and Hilton bays. Try Stevie's Wonder Gray/Black, Zonkers, Matukas, PA perch and olive leeches.

UPPER OWENS is doing well below the bridge towards the lake and some great dry fly action on hoppers, flying ants, and mayflies, and small dark sedge patterns.

HOT CREEK has been breezy with a great caddis hatch late in the afternoon. Water conditions are great so use lighter leader and try terrestrials for a great dry fly day.

CONVICT tubers are still dragging buggers, leeches, damsels and spruce flies around the southwest section of the lake near the inlet and about 50 feet away from the outlet, also try some beadhead black wooly bugger with a peacock body, it will take you to the 9th inning.

MAMMOTH BASIN reports good action on Lake Mamie near the inlet with olive zonkers, and burgundy leech patterns.

TWIN LAKES – Near the falls with a Stevie's Wonder black/silver under an Adams or stripping an olive leech with a Prince nymph on a slow sink line.

SAN JOAQUIN RIVER has been good and the water is wader friendly, so fish the water with terrestrials or with a dry/dropper rig, bead head nymphs, stimulators, Adams, Caddis #16-18. You can sell your stock in DEET and watch the DOW for next June-July.

JUNE LOOP – Good to excellent action found at Grant and June with olive Matukas, brown wooly buggers, olive damsels, cinnamon twin lakes specials, tiger stripe Matukas, black ghosts, and soft hackle hares ears..

LUNDY has continued with a great caddis hatch in the ponds behind the resort and along the southwest shore at the inlet, and dries have been doing a great job also. The Susanville Browns were planted, 600 pounds of the beauties, so bring your best strategies.

VIRGINIA LAKES – The Susanville browns have not shown a fin with one exception on a custom tie. Standard dries have been getting the most hits in the evening, bi-visible, mosquitoes, grey hackle yellow, and Griffith's gnat. Olive/black wooly buggers, olive flash leeches, emergers #18-20, and flies you can't even see the eye to tie your leader with. Our second load arrived on 8.21.6, and these browns are huge, come have some fun and join in the excitement, as they won't start to hit for about a week.

EAST WALKER is at 338cfs so try some micro mayflies, caddis emergers, San Juan worms, soft hackle beadhead (dark bead), and streamers near the banks for those hard to catch "guys" hanging under the ledges very early and very late and hang on. Bridgeport Fish Enhancement program stocked some 3,000 4-5" brown trout in the Rez, so there should be a good showing by next summer. They are also scheduled to release the remainder of the "babes" (roughly 5,000) in the East Walker shortly. Ok, maybe this is a test, but it sure is going to taste mighty fine to those "big boys" in the water. This has been an unselfish effort on the part of the Wenger's at Paradise Shores and all those involved in promoting a great brown program for the area.

WEST WALKER also got 650 pounds of Susanville Browns. Early innings of heavy water have finally upped the batting average, as this water has calmed down to 182cfs and is now fishing well. Try some dries or large attractors, hoppers, humpys with a lightly weighted nymph, or small terrestrials over your midge.

Anyone familiar with Denny Rickard's flies need to check into the colors and size he uses for still water fishing, better yet, get on the Internet and check out the web site and polish up your vice and emery your finger tips and start tying some of his emergers. These will surprise you.

See you on the water! CJ

## Conservation - By Ron Forbes

A new problem has arisen for our Delta recently. The Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) has started what they refer to as The Delta-Mendota Canal/California Aqueduct Intertie Project. On August 3rd I attended a public "input" meeting held at the downtown Stockton library. The "Scoping Session" was very poorly advertised by the BOR, if at all, in Stockton. Because of this meeting, only 14 people were in attendance, three of whom were there to return books. The public's input wasn't allowed at the meeting. Displays were placed showing the location of the project.

The project is basically an attempt to tie the Delta-Mendota canal to the State's California Aqueduct via an underground tube. At one point the two canals are approximately 500' apart. The location selected for the project is near Tracy. The water is to be sent to either San Luis Reservoir or directly to the Westland's Water District. Evidentially an attempt by the BOR was made to by-pass the public with as little public knowledge as possible. They attempted to publish a No Significant Impact and Environmental Assessment for the Intertie. They were forced to withdraw this action based on public action and now must file an Environmental Impact Statement, hence the meeting. Since there was no public input, I asked Ms. Sammie Cervantes (Public Involvement Coordinator) why this was a necessary project for the state. She replied that it was to "satisfy contractual obligations of water contracts", especially in the southern valley. I then stated that it was my understanding that her Department is considering "retiring" over 200,000 acres of Westland Water District's land, so why are we giving them more water? She basically refused to respond and walked away. It should be noted that Westland tried this in 1988 but gave up its attempt at that time. The BOR wants to have its EIS released in the summer of 2007. If you wish to make comments to the BOR or want to learn more of this project you can do so on their website at: [www.usbr.gov/mp/intertie](http://www.usbr.gov/mp/intertie).

On August 19th, the quarterly meeting of NCCFFF's Conservation Committee was held in San Francisco. Our Bay/Delta Committee made an interesting proposal to be presented to DFG at their next public hearing. It's an attempt to change the harvest regulations in order to maintain a viable sport fishery for striped bass and to maintain their sustainability. We know the Delta is in serious trouble and so are the striped bass. Delta Smelt and young-of-the-year Striped bass are at historic lows. The proposal would be to change the size limit from 18" to a limit of 17"-30". In 1996, DFG adopted a short term policy goal (between 5 to 10 years) of 1.1 million fish and a long term goal of 3 million fish. However there are concerns of predation of the stripers on endangered salmon, steelhead and smelt. DFG no longer considers stocking of stripers feasible due to their predation on the endangered species. Several proposals have been studied to increase the striper populations. One is to increase the present size of the population, by changing the size limit to a 17"-30" slot limit from the minimum 18" limit. The positive aspects of the 17"-30" proposal is that it will provide

significantly fewer 17"-18" fish and slightly more 30"+ fish. The increase of 30"+ will form a reservoir of fecund females. The 30"+ female produce "exponentially" more eggs than do smaller females. And the 17"-30" fish are the greatest source of predation to the endangered fish compared to the 30"+ fish. Therefore the idea of the change in size limit will decrease the predation of endangered fish slightly and increase the population of fecund females. The decrease in size limits will slightly increase the striper population. It is also felt that the change in size limit will increase satisfaction for two important groups of fishers. The youth, shore anglers, pier anglers will harvest more of the 17"-18" fish and the "catch and release" anglers will have a much better shot at trophy stripers. From the public health standpoint, the California Office of Health Hazard Assessment says that no person in the sensitive population (children and pregnant mothers) should ever eat stripers over 27" and no person should ever eat one over 35" due to a bioaccumulation of toxins. By changing the size limits there will be less chance of unknowing parents feeding these fish to their children and face it.... smaller stripers taste better.

Last month U.S. Judge John C. Coughenour, Seattle, overturned a Bush Administration's rule. The rule allowed the EPA to bypass the Endangered Species Act by allowing them to speed the approval of new pesticides without first determining the effect the pesticides will have on fish and wildlife. The Bush Administration started this practice in 2004. Prior to 2004, the EPA was required to consult with the Fish and Wildlife Service to assure no adverse effect would be felt by endangered species. The Administration's action was also the viewpoint pesticide producers. The Administration has called the 2004 rule a sensible approach. However, Jamie Clark, former director of the Fish and Wildlife Service called the EPA's track record, on addressing the effects of pesticides on endangered species, "abysmal". Judge Coughenour ruled there was a total absence of technical and scientific evidence to support the Bush Administration's rule, and the Administration "plainly violated" the ESA. The Administration's rule has therefore been overturned.

If you have any conservation issues you think need to be addressed, or issues I need to be made aware of please contact me at [bluse02@yahoo.com](mailto:bluse02@yahoo.com) or call me at 209 368-5767.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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
September 13	John R. Williams School Stockton	Keith Kaneko-Central Valley Steelhead
Sept 17-19	Bridgeport	Bob Bradley 369-4048
Oct 11	John R. Williams School Stockton	Captian Conway Bowman-Mako Shark
Oct 14	Lake Alpine	TBA
Nov 4	Feather River	Steelhead Clinic Bob Souza 478-8344
Nov 18	Oak Grove Park	Trout Bout Charlie Reames 369-6053
Nov TBA	Lake Amador	TBA

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## Giant Ant Indicator Fly, with RUBBER LEGS

Fly type, Attractor for Trout or Bass.

Originator Bob Souza

Tied by Bob Souza



Hook: 5262-2x 8-14 trout & pan fish, Bass 2-8 wide gape hooks

Thread: 6/0 for trout and 3/0 Black for Bass

Tail or tag: Rainbow Angel Hair

Body: 2mm or 3mm Black Art Foam

Thorax: same as body

Legs: Fine round rubber

Wing: Yellow poly yarn

Head: Art foam same as body

Indicator spot: yellow or white art foam

Tying instructions:

1. Select hook size and debarb in vise.
2. Tag or Tail flash is optional. If wanted tie in tail about one length of hook bend this is where body will end. Make tail sparse three or four pieces only.
3. Start thread in middle of hook shank and warp a 1/4" base coat with Flexament
4. Cut a piece of art foam 1/4" wide and 3" long for body. At one end cut a point about 1/4" long this will be use to tie in foam at middle point on hook shank.
5. Fold foam back to middle of hook shank at one length of hook bend.
6. Tie foam down to front of thread. With foam pointing to eye of hook, fold back at one eye length and tie off at middle of hook.
7. Make four rubber legs about 2" long. Tie two on each side of body.
8. Cut and add wing to middle of body. Tie off.
9. Move thread to front of tie down midsection and add indicator foam of 2mm or 3mm yellow or white
10. Whip finish head of fly with a triple and double whip. Put head cement on thread in midsection.

Note: This fly can be fished as an indicator or in larger sizes for bass as a popper. Use a dropper of 12" – 20" when fishing as an indicator. For bass use wide gape hooks in size 6-2's and add mono weed guard for weed less hook. Cut foam (3mm or 1/4" foam for larger hooks) to fit size of hook and color as needed.

Good Fishing, Bob

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