

July 2006

Delta Fly Fishers

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President's Message by Marilyn Mowry

No meetings for the month of July but I hope everyone has time to fish. I am trying to get away to McArthur to fish this weekend while the horseshow is going on. I have heard it is pretty nice up there. On the business end of things, the club has been approved by the IRS for tax exempt status. Many people have worked long and hard to get this done and new treasurer Bruce Rollans has put in hours and hours of work on this project. He was about to give up so be sure to thank him for his efforts. Doug Ridgway is the new newsletter editor and would love to have more to put in the future newsletters. Send your photos and stories or anything you find that might be of interest to the club members. That is what makes the newsletter interesting. He has taken on two jobs since he is also the Outings Chairman, so he needs two sets of thank-yous. Many thanks, also, to Bill Laughlin and crew, for the raffles. He is doing a great job of not only providing great prizes but also raising money for the club's conservation efforts. I also want to thank Glen Bockmon and his group for the club barbecue. Due to work I could not be there but I hear it was fantastic. We have a great Board of Directors and I appreciate everything they do, but especially when they fill in for me.

Marilyn

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

July- No Meeting

August 9th - Bud Hines Fly Tying Presentation
(At Oak Grove Park)

September-Keith Kaneko-Central Valley Steelhead

October-Captain Conway Bowman-Mako Shark

July Board Meeting

None

August Board Meeting

None

Deadline

The deadline for the August issue is July 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

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: _____

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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:

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

April Fools on the Rogue - By Bruce Rollans

Sallye and I floated the Rogue River out of Shady Cove, Oregon for two days around April Fools Day. The joke did not turn out to be on us. We averaged four steelhead each day and managed to land half that number. Sallye's best was a bright 28" hen while I brought a 29" buck to the boat.

We used a reputable guide with whom we have booked again for the October steelhead run; generally regarded to be the best run of the year. His name is Dave Teitzel. He can be contacted at (541) 621-3153. His current rate is \$350.00 per day for two and he does provide a lunch. He can also direct you to a local bakery that does the best scones ever. In fact, I am currently negotiating with Vic, the baker, to have him UPS frozen scones to me; a lot less expensive than driving to Shady Cove for them.



Stripers at Colusa - By Bruce Rollans

Sallye and I began casting 350-grain streamer lines at 8:00 a.m. upriver from our put in at Colusa State Park. The day was unusual in that whenever we marked a lot of fish we seldom hooked anything. Whenever we marked very few fish on the depth finder, we hooked several fish. Three times we had doubles. We wore our arms out by 2:00 p.m. Sallye bested me once again with 13 stripers to the boat to my 11. I did have the larger fish at 7lbs. each. She would have had 14, but she handed her rod to our guide after one cast so she could get a water bottle from the cooler. He hooked and landed a 14lb striper. Despite her demands and sulking, we would not permit her to claim the fish on her count. We worked hard trying to find a 20 plus hen to no avail. We did see fish spawning on the surface several times.

Our guide was Shane Harding. He only guides a few months out of the year because his other businesses as rental property owner and plumbing contractor take up some of his time. He particularly likes to fish the Feather River for big hen stripers in February and March. If you are in Kiene's they have a photo of him with a humongous striper. You can contact him at (530) 218-1949. His current daily rate is \$350.00 which includes beverages and flies.



Leo's Poppers

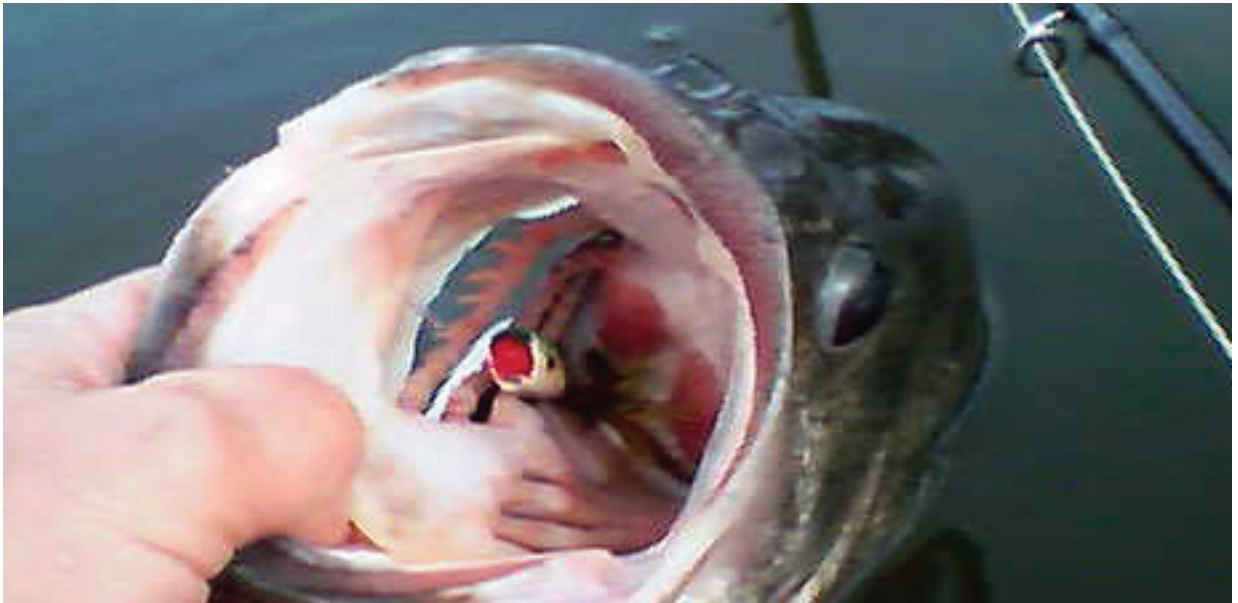
I needed to share some words about Leo's Lucky Poppers. After talking to some of the other club members though, I don't think this is news. I am wondering why this phenomenal fish magnet is not more widely publicized. I don't know if I am letting out a secret, but Leo sounded like he wanted to share his popper magic.

In the attached photo, if you look closely, you can see one of the poppers deep in the fish's mouth. This particularly pretty popper was produced under the supervision of Leo himself. Four of our club members went to his house and learned how to construct proper poppers. We used balsa wood and feathers with some epoxy and paint. (I actually took a shortcut and used a bunch of Sharpie markers on the model in the photo.)

Leo was very helpful throughout and by the end of the evening I felt I knew exactly how to make my own poppers. I also felt privileged to have such a knowledgeable angler share so much. Leo, thanks again! I now have some beautiful pictures to hang on my wall thanks to your perfect poppers.

We are still tying and casting on Wednesday evenings if you want to see how to make these poppers, Leo told us to share!

Joe Balderston



My First Newsletter

This is my first attempt at putting a newsletter together. For those of you that sent me pictures and/or stories, thank you. Several changes and/or additions to the newsletter have been suggested. One has to do with reading the newsletter on-line. This would save the Club the cost of printing out and mailing some of the newsletter. Please take a couple of minutes and either fill out the form, see below, and mail it to me at Delta Fly Fishers P.O. Box 77862, Stockton, CA 95207 or e-mail me directly at dsridgway@sbcglobal.net.

Other possible changes could be adding a classified ad/exchange listing for the member to sell those extra things you no longer need or posting interesting web sites to share with the other members. Any other ideas would be greatly appreciated.

Doug Ridgway

Newsletter Survey

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

I would like to still receive the Newsletter by mail. _____

I would like to read the Newsletter at DFF's website, instead of having it mailed to me. _____

Eastern Sierra Focus

By CJ Webb

Being the fisherman that I am, I constantly find myself perusing water, wondering if there are fish in it only to return, fish it and finding NO fish! "These areas are as productive as a sand trap on the back nine". Trout prefer some locations and avoid others entirely, so just because it looks good to you, doesn't mean its holding trout.

There are two basic types of water, stream (moving), and lake (still). Trout feeding in moving water position themselves near the calm areas of streams to conserve energy and wait for their food to arrive. When the buffet arrives they zip into the current, snatch it then retreat into the calm to lie in wait for more food. In lakes, trout prefer weed beds and large rocks and log clutter for food and for cover from predators during the day. The best calorie opportunities with the least outlay of energy mean survival to trout.

Pick up a pair of polarized sunglasses and you will be able to see water seams, current velocity and the fish while protecting your baby blues.

Weather Conditions

Typical Eastern Sierra low-pressure system moved into the area mid-month dropping the temperatures to near freezing but was short lived and gave temporary relief from mosquitoes and now it looks like a great summer at high elevation lakes is nearing. All rivers are running high and off color, and there is still plenty of snow above 9500', so come prepared for everything.

Legislation

AB7 has been funded so that hatchery stocking will continue and Eastern Sierra Waters and we will get an increase in fish starting in 2007. Also, the Wild Trout Program is scheduled to get Biologists and a boost in their program to protect habitat and other issues.

New Zealand Mud Snail was not given a VISA and is still here, and I believe it is imperative that fishers help prevent the spread by NOT WADING.

LOWER OWENS – River is running at 693cfs and the drifting hasn't been sensational, but fishers are doing well in the wild trout section with caddis as a top and scud as a bottom or try a #18 crystal midge, Tiger midge, or WD40 in black.

ROCK CREEK LAKE – Has been good, and fish are still taking black woolly buggers, olive Matukas and large streamers. Mosquito Flats is running very high with difficult stream fishing, and the ski-parka mosquitoes are gearing up for some great meals.

CROWLEY LAKE – Has had a lot of windy days and the Daphnia has put a damper on the bite, try McGee Bay and go 3-4 feet off the bottom in gray, try everything and don't give up. Water temps are moving the fish around and up and down, and don't forget the two fly rig is always a good choice. Try what you think won't work, maybe a nice surprise.

CONVICT LAKE – Has been producing nice Alpers on large woolly buggers in black and purple #6 or 8. Also the Marvel is truly a wonder fly for this lake, be sure and ask what color is working. Some standard midges for top water near the south bank where the party boats hang. The Marvel is a flash-body woolly bugger with a small prop at the head. Ok, maybe its hardware but so is a beadhead.

MAMMOTH LAKES BASIN – The road is clear. Lake Mary is ice free so try some small dries. George has a lot of ice and Mamie is clear so dries will also do fairly well. Water temperature is 38 degrees so float with a time limit.

HOT CREEK – At 149cfs it is fishing well early and late on dries, scuds, WD40's, stones and SJ worms.

SAN JOAQUIN – Access road is plowed but not open as they are getting the campgrounds ready for incoming campers and fishermen. Road will be opening shortly.

JUNE LOOP – Silver and Gull have been doing the best on black, and purple woolly's, grey ghosts, and spruce flies. Also try some stones, mayflies and caddis near Rush Creek for best results. Below Grant near 395 is a good spot, try it! Also, near the bridge on the access road to Mono Lake, watch for snakes. They're gopher, water and kings, but rattles could be there too.

LUNDY LAKE – Was the only game in town early on and has continued to produce some really nice fish on black woolly buggers with a lot of crystal flash in the tail #6 or 8, and the Marvel. Ponds behind the resort are fun and hitting small midges and dries.

VIRGINIA LAKES – Has been a hot ticket for tubers and waders using black woolly buggers with lots of tail flash. Scuds are very active along with midges by the thousands. The gnats are everywhere so wear a camo mask so you can breathe. Use sparse Griffith Gnats, small mosquitoes and Adams females all #18-20. Some emergers have worked over the past couple weeks, but will increase with the temps. Of course dragging a streamer always works. Booooooring!

EAST WALKER – Flow currently is at 535cfs and the mosquitoes are vicious. Blood transfusions might be required after an outing, so bring the “juice”. Emerging Caddis will buy you the “beast”, so anything resembling this “bug” should put you into poundage. Lots of blood midges going off for the hungry browns, so select your imitation with care.

WEST WALKER – Water is at 1630cfs, so look for flat water, fish the bottom and try a two fly rig with large attractor as an indicator and tiger, crystal or flashback Zug as the bottom fly.

TIOGA PASS – is finally open.

See you on the water! CJ

DAVIS LAKE OUTING

Eight members attended the Davis Lake outing June 10th and 11th. Everyone present had a good time fishing, but the catching was lousy. Harvey Hambly fished five days with three fish caught and only two more bumps. Jim Rich caught three fish in three days with several bumps and a SDR - short distance release - of perhaps a pike. Even the trollers were complaining of lack of fish biting; however those fishing for pike caught several. There was a fish derby on the 10th at the lake as well as a free fish day so the campgrounds were packed. Grady Lee was not able to attend due to a slip-and-fall accident in the shower getting ready to leave for the lake. I fished four days and had two “bumps.” Frenchman’s was kicking out slightly smaller fish by midging on the northwest corner of the lake. A word to the wise: the parking lot is close to 50 yards from the water so a float tube is easier to put in than a pontoon boat.

Herman



The fishing was so slow Herman taught them all how to carve firewood!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Every Wed (except meeting nights)	Nature Center Oak Grove Park Stockton	FLY CASTING Contact: Jim Rich 209-477-6404
Every 2nd Wed (except July & Aug) 7:00 PM	John R Williams School Stockton	Membership Meeting Contact Steve Cooper 209-956-1032
Every 3rd Wed (except July) 7:00 PM	Nature Center Oak Grove Park Stockton	Board Meeting All Members Welcome
August 9	Nature Center Oak Grove Park Stockton	Bud Hines Fly Tying - What, When and Where to use your flies
Aug TBA	Pocket Water Trout Fishing North Fork Stanislaus River Behind Calveras Big Trees	Steve Cooper 209-957-1032
Sept 17-19	Bridgeport	Bob Bradley 209-369-4048
Oct 14	Lake Alpine	TBA
Oct 28	Feather River	Steelhead Clinic Bob Souza 209-478-8344
Nov TBA	Lake Amador	TBA

No July Board Meeting or Membership Meeting!

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Fly Of The Month

Cal Bird's Stonefly Nymph

Developed by Cal Bird

Materials

Hook: TMC 5262, size 4 to 12.

Thread: Orange Danville 3/0 monocord.

Weight: .025-inch lead wire.

Tail: Brown goose biot.

Rib: Orange single-strand floss.

Abdomen: Seal-brown Hareline rabbit dubbing.

Wing case: Dark mottled turkey tail

Tying Instructions

Step 1: Affix the hook in the vise and begin by wrapping a layer of .025-inch lead wire, covering the hook shank from just over the point of the hook to the thorax region. Be sure to leave enough space behind the eye of the hook to form the head later. Apply a thin layer of Dave's Flexament over the lead wire and start your tying thread. Try to get the lead locked in place and covered with a smooth layer of thread.

Step 2: Take the thread back to the point just over the barb of the hook and tie in a pair of brown goose biots so that they curve away from each other. This forms the tail. The tail length should be roughly equivalent to the gape of the hook. Tie in a single strand of orange floss, which will form the rib.

Step 3: Dub a neatly tapered abdomen using seal-brown dubbing. The abdomen should take up a little more than half the length of the hook shank. Lightly twist the floss ribbing material so that it doesn't split apart, then wind it forward, ribbing the abdomen with neatly spaced turns. Tie off and cut away the excess ribbing material.

Step 4: Cut a strip of dark mottled turkey tail feather about three-sixteenths to a quarter of an inch wide and coat it with a thin layer of Dave's Flexament. This will make the wing case more durable. Tie the turkey tail on top of the thorax area so that it points rearward (in readiness to make a pulled-forward wing case.) Select a natural brown saddle hackle and check the length of the fibers to ensure that the fibers are about equal to one and a half times the hook gap. Prepare the feather by lightly stroking the hackle fibers from the tip of the feather to the base so that they stand out from the stem of the feather. Tie the feather in by the tip on the far side of the hook shank. This will keep it out of the way while you complete the next step.

Step 5: Tie in five or six strands of peacock herl by the tips, then twist them together with the thread and wrap the twisted thread and peacock herl forward to form a plump thorax. Tie off and trim the remainder of the herl. Carefully wind the hackle forward through the thorax, gently stroking the feather fibers back as you wind the hackle forward. You need only three or four turns of hackle. Tie off the hackle and stroke the fibers downward and away from the top of the thorax. Pull the wing case forward and tie it down carefully. Trim off the excess wing case material and form a neat, tapered thread head. Whip finish and coat the head with high-gloss head cement.



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