

Rx Flyfishing

President's Message by Marilyn Mowry

Doug Ridgway will be taking over the newsletter beginning with the June issue. Please send your photos and stories to dsridgway@sbcglobal.net. Thank you Doug for taking this over. Doug already has some great ideas for changes to the newsletter!

If you haven't been to the website lately, www.deltaflyfishers.com, please go take a look. New member Dave Coon has done an outstanding job and donated his professional expertise for our website.

We have a lot of new members. If you are new to the club or even if you have been around a while, take advantage of the Wednesday night fly casting with Jim Rich and Rick Greene. They always do a great job of not only teaching fly casting but are also great representatives of the club. And there are usually some members out there trying out new rods.

The club BBQ is coming up and Raffle Chairman Bill Laughlin has some great prizes. The food will be served by Glen Bockmon and crew and will be great, as usual. Take a look at the food assignments and come join us for a fun evening.

We have some fun outings coming up: the Davis Lake outing is June 10th & 11th and the Truckee outing is on June 17th.

And don't forget about the fishing buddy program. Numbers for everything are in this newsletter.

Marilyn

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

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 and videos at all the meetings.

June Membership Meeting

Annual Club Bar-B-Q at Oak Grove Park at the Boat House 6:00 pm

Steaks and Sodas provided by the club. Bring your knives, forks and plates, etc. AND If your last name begins with letters

A-G - Hot Dishes

H-O - Desserts

P-Z - Salads

(portions for four is all you need bring

but then, we do love to eat!)

The raffle will be super, as usual!

So bring some money, too!

June Board Meeting

June 21

Deadline

The deadline for the July issue is June 25th.

American River Shad Outing

By Bob Souza

Photos by Herman Spalinger



New member Meg Dorsey



New member Steve Dorsey



Bob Souza landing
Bill Laughlin's fish

Place: Goethe Park American River Parkway

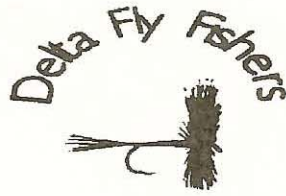
The morning started out with fair and cool weather. Members were given instructions on proper tackle setup, casting techniques and fly presentation in this type of high water conditions.

The members were setup with tackle if they did not have any. The fishing buddy then set out to help with their casting and fishing techniques. This proved to work out very well for all members. With new member Steve Dorsey hooking up with his first shad on his first trip out. We also had a visiting fly fisher from the Bay Area that had not caught a shad in three seasons. He ended the day as a happy fisherman with his first fly caught shad.

The fishing was slow due to early season of run. In the next four or five weeks the fishing is guaranteed to pick up and be a lot of fun. So I invite all members to come and fish with us.

Thanks to Bill Laughlin for his help and my grandson Jordan

You can contact me at suzasbs@clearwire.net for up to date fish reports.



Stockton Ca

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

or

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

By Herman Spalinger

This is my second attempt at carving as a result of a power tool carving fish seminar I attended at Woodcrafters in Sacramento and self-teaching myself from the Breakthrough Fish Carving manual I purchased at the same store as well as some suggestions for a couple of wood carvers that do classes through the Woodcrafters store.



One Fly Contest Close

At The End

By Jim Rich and Harvey Hamlow

The 2006 One Fly Contest was very close at the closing bell for the top three contestants. Grady Lee using a small black Red Ryder took an early lead with seven fish in the first hour of the contest, only to lose lead to Ron Forbes fishing a small olive Tippy Special. Ron surged to the lead around 11 am with 11 fish to Grady's 10. Grady regained the lead a short time later. Late in the contest Tibord Derencsenyi of the Calaveras Fly Fishers fishing a tan sparrow came on strong and helped make the contest even more interesting. At about 12:30 these three were tied at 13 fish each. Grady took the lead a short time later at 14, only to have Tibord clinch the victory by catching two more trout in the last 15 minutes of the contest. Grady didn't feel too bad as he tied with John of the Calaveras club for big fish honors.

There were 30 participants representing four clubs, Stockton, Merced, Sonora, and Calaveras. A total of 90 fish were caught with the largest being 15 inches. Six hundred dollars was raised for a scholarship for a student at Calaveras High School. After the contest ended the Calaveras club served a great tri tip lunch with all the trimmings. If you haven't fished White Pines Lake yet, now is the time to do so. The lake is brim full with water temps still in the low fifties. DFG has stocked it heavily and while most of the trout are in the 9-12" range there are a few up to 18-19" range.

Delta Fly Fisher Scores Big At Lake Amador

By Grady Lee on March 10, 2006

I have several titles for this article so you can pick the one you feel is most appropriate: The Big One That Almost Got Away but Didn't or The Big Suicide Fish That Should have Gotten Away but Didn't, or The Long, Long Ride Home.

On Wed. last, I reported at the DFF meeting that I had fished Amador on Monday and the lake was fishing good. I will never do that again. Yesterday Jim Rich and I fished Amador again with great anticipation of good fishing. However for most of the day fishing was very slow. Jim of course had to keep making little snide comments like: "where are all those fish that you were bragging about at last night's meeting" or "sure you caught a lot of fish on Monday", things like that. About 9:30 after being in the water for an hour Jim had a hookup with a "big fish" which he promptly lost. Jim claimed it was because the hook "opened up". I hadn't had even a bump. I finally landed a fish about 11 am, and a nice 22 inch 5 pounder a short time later. Jim had two also. Despite great fishing weather for Amador, some rain, a little light hail, and most importantly a stiff cold breeze the fish just didn't cooperate. So about 3 pm we started rowing back to the launch ramp from deep down in the Mt. Spring arm of the lake. I mentioned to Jim that "Antioch Ron" a regular at Lake Amador was trolling an Orange Rapala and doing well. Jim puts on a PINK (Jim's favorite color) Tippy Special and catches a fish. So I tie on a Bill Laughlin Trollop Fly which was yellow rabbit fur Red Ryder style wing and tail

orange body and a nice fish. We to the fact that bright colors. using the usual the fish usually different shades Jim puts on a yellow #14 Tippy second rod. Jim some distance I see him hook Jim yells out big fish on. I Jim just don't up the hook". It Jim does have move in closer camera ready, giving helpful such as "show boss" or "my wife



with a bright promptly catch finally wake up the fish want We had been drab colors that like, such as of olive etc. bright canary Special on his is rowing along from me, and up with a fish. that he has a yell back, "sure let him open turns out that a big one on. I and get the all the while encouragement that fish who' is expecting

me home before midnight" etc. After a lengthy battle, Jim finally brings the fish to the net, and that's when the fun begins. Jim has a dinky little net and this is a really nice fish. He gets fish head first into the net and the fish's head tears thru the bottom of the net but the body get caught in the hoop of the net, it then flops out into the stripping basket. Jim then proceeds to put a bear hug on the fish so hard that the poor fish's eyes bug out and subdues it. The fish is full of eggs and Jim's bear hug probably squeezed out a couple of pounds of eggs. As it turns out the fish was 10 lbs. 25" long by 8" wide and 4" thick. When I first got a good look at it, I thought it would be a lot heavier. We are now tied at 3 fish each, but Jim is not satisfied with big fish honors he proceeds to catch two more fish on the yellow Tippy. However since the bottom was gone out of his landing net, I had to move my boat next to his and land the fish. I hate to get the club involved in a private argument but I think that since I landed the fish I should be credited with the catching the fish and thus have caught more fish than Jim. Plus I had to listen to Jim's bragging on the Long, Long Ride Home. I would submit this to Judge Martin for a decision but he hasn't ruled favorably for me in the past. He will probably render one anyway. I would like to know the membership's opinion on this issue. Oh I forgot to mention that Jim complained about getting fish slime all over the front of his waders. Jim ole buddy when you bear hug a fish you have to expect a little slime. Also the folks at Amador kept some to the eggs, they are going to raise a new strain of fish called the Bug Eyed Cut Bow. Seriously Jim, congratulations on landing a very nice fish.

Eastern Sierra Focus

By CJ Webb

Fishing tip:

Getting better “those annoying little things”, reminding us that anglers aren’t perfect. Occasionally we make mistakes, and many of us make them over and over again. If we learn to avoid them, we’ll be listening to our reels sing more and not wondering what happened. We think like humans and not like trout. Can you imagine laying in a streambed and looking up through the current or “looking through their eyes”? Predators, shadows and vibrations are their major problems and the moment trout detect any of these, their defense takes over. Wear subdued clothing by matching your ensemble with your surroundings, fish with the sun on your side or in your face early and late in the day. Keep a low profile, no acrobatics and try not to impress everyone with your ability to cast into your backing as your success depends on our stealthy not how much time you spend on your bow-flex biceps.

Legislation

Assembly Bill 7 was fully funded by the Governor’s Budget, it was announced last week, and hatcheries will be up and running close to full speed within 3 years, thanks to the efforts of Dave Cogdill and Bill Maze and staff for all their hard work in getting the sport fishing license funds back to the anglers that provide the money for the resource.

Weather Report:

The weather has been sensational since opening weekend with temperatures increasing daily putting the big melt on the “polar-cap” areas, with a few thunderstorms around the latter part of May. June is reported to be the same. Never trust Mother Nature, come prepared with 1 gallon of D E E T!

Fishing Report:

Remember to check the regulations prior to fishing unfamiliar water if you are unsure of limits, size, etc.

ROCK CREEK road is clear and the melt is starting. Hard to maneuver around the stream as there is a lot of snow at the upper reaches. Lake is rotten and ice fishing is done.

HOT CREEK – water is high and somewhat clear, and temperatures are perfect for bugs. Bring “tons” of flies and be prepared. Flashback PT #18-20, San Juan worms, and tiny zebra midges should get tugs. The breezy afternoons may prevail on and off so come prepared for everything. Please stay out of the water to prevent the spread of the New Zealand mud snail. Cary Kutzke took a 28” brown (released it) that was estimated just over 10 pounds on a #20 flashback PT with a guide. He has my deepest respect.

CROWLEY has been on fire due to the great weather since just before opening. Fish are holding in 10-14 feet along the drops offs with Leighton, Alligator and Sandy Point being the hot spots. Weed situation is not a consideration.

CONVICT was also stocked with some heavyweights and water is up and south shore is always the hot ticket for those seeking behemoths on olive Matukas, wooly buggers and leeches.

MAMMOTH BASIN still under snow and ice and the Lake Mary Road plowing started the 23rd. Lake Mary is showing some water at the outlet and inlet when I drove up there.

SAN JOAQUIN ROAD should be open by the 24th of June due to heavier snow pack.

JUNE LAKE ~ June Lake marina cage culture program has been releasing cutthroats this month. Tubing has been good now that the water is warmer and a lot of nice fish are being taken on Matukas, olive spruce flies, red throat olive Matukas and olive wooly buggers.

SILVER LAKE ~ Most of the action is on the shore.

RUSH CREEK has been good using birds nest (olive) or gold ribbed hair’s ear just below the lake. It’s tough, but if you have patience and work it, you’ll see some nice browns.

GRANT LAKE is the fullest I've ever seen. Tubers are doing well on the south shore and around the south end of Alligator point with olive Matukas, olive wooly buggers and some rainbow Hornbergs. Water is warming nicely.

TIOGA PASS ~ More CalTrans equipment was taken in so don't look for them to get this finished too soon, but The Park Service is working from their side, and watching conditions.

LUNDY ~ Road is open, water is the highest I've ever seen, and the anglers are shoulder to shoulder, so tubers take a number and grab your favorite wooly bugger and don't forget the long underwear. Brrrr, that water looks cold.

VIRGINIA LAKES road is open to the Trumbull Lake campground and ice fishing is done on Little V and Trumbull, as it looks like a jigsaw puzzle with missing pieces, but for those daring enough to venture onto the ice on Big Virginia, early am is the best time. Little Virginia has water showing at the inlet and outlets. Trumbull is getting really dark and very unsafe.

EAST WALKER is slated to get fingerling browns this summer in the 3" range so there will be enough food for those hungry "boys" with the hopes that a majority of them live to grow up and hit your fly.. Flows hit the 822 mark, and weighted nymphs are your best bet with the heavy flows, and use a San Juan worm over a crystal tiger midge. Invest in Repel and bring tons of the stuff, these blood suckers are relentless.

BRIDGEPORT RESERVOIR water is high and off color due to run-off. Season started off slow but those willing to endure the breezy conditions found great results near Buckeye Bay.

WEST WALKER flows are 3220 and great conditions for white water kayaking, and it will get higher in late May when night temperatures really start to crank. Use the same strategy in getting your bugs down to the bottom; they are getting gorged with food so your best skills are needed to entice them to your offering.

SONORA PASS road opened on the 24th with fanfare.

CARMEN (Kirman) was stocked last fall with 5000-8000 fingerling brookies to help revive the brook population.

MONITOR PASS is open and very little snow at the top. Heenan is ice free and waiting for the September crowd.

See you on the water, CJ

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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| 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 |
| June 3 | Oak Grove Park Stockton | Catfish Derby Bob Bradley 209-369-4048 |
| June 10-11 | Lake Davis | Grady Lee 209-951-9623 |
| June 14 6:00 PM | Oak Grove Park Stockton | Annual DFF BBQ Glenn Bockmon |
| June 17 | Truckee River | Dan McDaniel 209-951-7900 |
| Aug TBA | Umpqua River | Steeve Cooper 209-957-1032 |
| Sept 17-19 | Briedgeport | Bob Bradley 209-369-4048 |
| Oct 14 | Lake Alpine | TIBA |
| Oct 28 | Feather River | Steelhead Clinic Bob Souza 209-478-8344 |
| Nov TBA | Lake Amador | TIBA |

No July Board Meeting or Membership Meeting!

Davis Lake Outing

Grady Lee

The June outing for the club will be the Sat. and Sun. the 10th and 11th to Davis Lake near the little Town of Portola. Harvey Hamlow and I will be going up at the beginning of the week. We hope to get into Grasshopper campground so look for us there first, our 2nd choice will be Lightning Tree. Harvey will be in a Cougar fifth wheel trailer. I will be in a Winnebago Adventurer motorhome. Look us up when you arrive and hopefully we can tell you what the fish are hitting if anything. Usually the damsel hatch will have started, which always provides good action. If you are going to Davis for the first time and need info on motels, fishing etc. e-mail or call me and I will provide as much as I can. We plan to have a potluck at my campsite on Sat. night. Cocktails and stories begin at around 7pm start barbecues about 8. We will be on Mississippi time so there ain't going to be any rushing or hurrying. Bring something to barbecue and something to share. Also bring your own place setting. Information: Grady Lee 209-951-3623

Truckee River Outing

Dan McDaniel

On June 17, 2006 the Delta Fly Fishers is offering a one day, on the stream clinic, on the Truckee or Little Truckee Rivers. The clinic will be lead by the local guide Frank R. Pisciotta of the Thy Rod & Staff guide service <http://www.cyberfly.com/index.html> . Frank is one of the original fly fishing guides in the Truckee area and has a wealth of knowledge which he loves to share in these clinics. He charges a rate of \$350.00 for the day which will be equally divided by all of those who attend. We need to get this date firmed up as soon as possible as Frank needs a confirmed date with us. If he should not be available then possibly one of the guides in his network might be available, and if not Dan McDaniels will lead the outing himself, it just won't be an all day, comprehensive kind of deal.

I need to get a commitment ASAP so we can lock in the 17th with Frank. If you are interested in going on the outing please contact Doug Ridgway at 957-0170 or e-mail him at dsridgway@sbcglobal.net before May 24th. Obviously, the more people attending the outing will the lower the cost to each. So please also indicate how much you will be willing to spend on the clinic. If there are people interested in the trip but, not willing to pay enough to cover Frank's costs, then Dan will lead the trip.

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Fly Of The Month

My Pinky Shad fly
Attractor fly for shad
Tier and Originator / Bob Souza

Hook: 1197 size 6-10
Thread: pink size 210
Tail: Pearle Flashabou
Body: White Chenille with pink collar
Eyes: 5/32 bead chain Silver or Gold
Hackle: Pearle Flashabou
Head: Pink thread



1. Debarb hook if needed. Apply glue to front ¼ of hook.
2. Start thread at eye and move back ¼ shank of hook. Tie in bead chain eyes at this point with figure eight wraps.
3. Move thread back to bend of hook and tie in Flashabou tail. Now wrap two or three layers of thread on hook shank end thread at bend of hook. This will show through under body when wet.
4. Start White chenille at bend of hook and wrap forward to eyes tie off. Add one wrap of pink chenille at this time and tie off.
5. Add Flashabou hackle on each side of bead eyes. Tie in eight to ten pieces of Pearle flashabou on each side.
6. Form head in front of eyes with thread and whip finish head.

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, 2005 to August 31, 2006. 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 year \$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 susasbs@netzero.com.

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