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President's Message by Steve Cooper

I hope everyone has had a chance to get out and enjoy the great outdoors this summer. Remember the December meeting is members' program night, so if you've found that special place and don't mind sharing your find, give me a call. I'll put you on the program. Your program does not have to be long, a few slides and a little information about the particulars will do just fine. Please keep member's program night in mind on future trips.



September's program will be presented by DFF member and California Fish and Game habitat manager Doug Ridgway. Doug, along with Joe Mertz, a Fishery biologist for East Bay MUD, will present a power

point presentation on stream restoration focusing on the Mokelumne, Stanislaus and Tuolumne Rivers. This is a great opportunity to come and see the progress that has been made on our local streams.

Nice weather and lots of fishing opportunities are the formula for short president's messages, so

I'll see you at the next meeting,
Steve



NCCFFF Festival of Fly Fishers

Tickets for the NCCFFF Festival of Fly Fishers, on October 15th and 16th, are regularly \$20 at the door. The club has purchased a block of 20 tickets for sale for \$10 each. Contact Ron Forbes at 209-368-5767 for more information. Everyone who has attended in the past has thoroughly enjoyed this event. Plan to attend!

By Grady Lee

Bridgeport Outing September 11-12

It is time to make plans for DFF annual family outing to the Eastern Sierra which is always well attended and offers a wide range of fishing and sightseeing opportunities.

Bridgeport, located in northern Mono County on US Highway 395, is a full service town centrally located around several great trout streams and high sierra lakes that produce quality fish as well as quantity. 20-50 fish days have been common for a lot of DFF members in the past.

Upper and Lower Twin Lakes, Big and Little Virginia Lakes, Trumbull, Lundy Lake and Kirman Lake are ideal float tubers lakes. Stream opportunities abound also, East and West Walker Rivers, Robinson Creek, Buckeye Creek to mention a few.

Headquarters for the Delta Fly Fishers will be the Robinson Creek camp ground, there will be a 6 pm potluck dinner on Saturday Evening at Don Gillett's trailer. Bring a dish or snacks to share, your entrée for the barbecue along with beverage of your choice. Sat. noon there will be a barbecue lunch courtesy of DFF at the Lower Twin Lakes Marina Picnic area.

DIRECTIONS: Getting to Bridgeport takes about 4 ½ hours or longer if you are traveling by RV. Hwy 88 is the best RV route. By car Hwy 108 over Sonora pass to 395 is a bit quicker. Don't try this route with an RV!

ACCOMMODATIONS: For those not staying at the Robinson Creek Campground, there are several motels in Bridgeport and at Twin Lakes Resort near our campground. There is also an outfitter that rents trailers and will get it to a site of your choice.

MOTEL/CABINS: Area code is 760

Best Western Ruby Inn-932-7241

Bridgeport Inn-932-7380

Cain House (B&B) 932-7040

Chalet Motel-932-7488

Mono Village Resort-932-7071 At the far end of Upper Twin Lakes, also has full hookup RV sites.

Redwood Motel-932-7060

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Lunchmeister: Ron Petitt

By Al Smatsky

Mammoth Lakes Outing October 8-10

Mammoth Lakes, home of Crowley Lake, Owens River, Rush Creek, Mary, Twin & George Lakes, San Joaquin River, etc. More water that you will ever be able to fish in one weekend. The group (20+) that attended last year had no problem finding plenty of water to fish. And even had some big fish stories to bring back.

Our home for the weekend, again this year, will be the Chamonix Condos in Mammoth Lakes. Extremely comfortable accommodations that include: Rec room with pool and ping pong table, laundry, two hot tubs, gas barbecues, cable TV, all linen and kitchenware.

Your lodging for Friday and Saturday nights and all meals from Saturday breakfast to Sunday lunch are included. The cost for the weekend trip is \$115 per person.

The final day to make your reservations for this years fall extravaganza will be October 1st. Please call Al or Kathy at 368-9261 or sent email to algofish@softcom.net.

By CJ Webb

Eastern Sierra Focus

Fishing tip:

Trout feed on many different insects and, (unfortunately for me), a majority of them are nymphs, a big factor in their diet. Subsurface feeding is almost their entire diet. The best method of presenting nymphs is to start with a weighted imitation, and the insects to hone in on are mayflies (Zug Bug, hare's ear and prince nymphs), and caddisflies (BH caddis pupa) for lakes, and focus on stoneflies), for streams (Zug Bug, and hare's ear).

Where to start? Always go with one that possibly resembles size and color of what they are feeding on (food form). Any doubts? Try it, as trout are opportunistic, and will eat, feed, take, hit, bump and bite anything that resembles their food and is available at the time they are hungry.

I am partial to Zug Bugs, and soft hackles (mottled with BH), and it makes me shudder to think I actually have to use something other than dry.

Weather:

Early August was exceptionally warm causing atmospheric turbulence hence thunderstorms for the last half of the month cooling the streams that are running low this time of year.

Fishing Report:

ROCK CREEK LAKE has had good action with olive min-leeches, black/blue champagne flies, wooly buggers, blue rock creek lakes specials, olive wooly buggers, and bead head Zug bugs. Fish late afternoons on the creek with elk hair caddis, caddis emergers and stimulators. Also, try ants and hoppers on the lower creek.

UPPER OWENS has been good using elk hair caddis, parachute Adams, stimulators, hoppers, ants, and RS2s, also bead head bird's nests, and black wooly buggers. Lots of weeds so drift caddis dries.

CROWLEY is fishing good. Algae is still plaguing the area when the water is down, so I'd try some gillies, or crystal emergers #18-20 and keep your flies clean. Again DFG stocked tens of thousands of sub-catchable rainbows, cutthroats and browns after the general season ended on July 31st. A few fly-rodgers and Mono County Fisheries Commission volunteers showed up at Hot Creek Hatchery to clip fins for 2005 opener for Crowley and we'll be monitoring their appearance next April. Bev Maschio, myself, Bobby Bayraktarski from Bulgaria, Tom Jenkins Biologist, Curtis Milliron DFG Biologist, Rob Lusardi CalTrout, and his young lady, a Tehachapi Fly Club member, and two others clipped 10,000 fish fins. Look for us on opening day monitoring these Kamloops for movement. HOT CREEK – Please remember to stay out of the water due to the mud snail. Some good surface action late afternoon on parachute caddis, parachute Adams, and bi-visible duns. Hoppers are a good choice and trail a caddis or mayfly about 18" behind the dry. Good subsurface action in the am and late afternoons with small midges. Trout are bored with the ordinary especially this time of year. The weeds are giving them plenty of cover so use your best tactics and observe.

MAMMOTH LAKES BASIN has seen good action at in the basin for those using tiger midges, hares ear, and callibaetis as the lead fly. Some good size Alpers have been taken on streamers. Always try the submerged stumps around the shoreline of any water near the inlet with streamers and leeches.

SAN JOAQUIN is the best place to fish with dries and the flows are low and easy to wade. These fish have seen a lot this summer, so hike farther than normal with small bushy dries, Zug bugs, and black ants, hoppers, blue damsels, and olive elk hair caddis.

JUNE LAKE LOOP has had some consistent action from a tube or boat with sinking lines and wooly buggers. Also some early action on crystal zebras and tiger midges in the late afternoon and early a.m. Silver has done well trolling streamers.

RUSH CREEK has been pounded to death, as always this time of year, but some good action can be found on the surface during the evening bite. Try some #18 parachute Adams, or #18 olive elk hair caddis. It's been a worm haven, so a small San Juan might be in order.

LUNDY has taken on a different character with using long leaders and light tippet with a dry fly and small emerger as a dropper for some great fun. Try different fly combos for best results.

VIRGINIA LAKES has been good, but some slowing due to the thunder and lightning. Olive/Black Wooly buggers, dun sedge, and some midges early am have produced some nice trout. The overcast has helped the evening bite, and I'm switching back for more dry fly action. Been trying some new PMD pullovers. It's a modified Tellico, and they work great at dusk.

WEST WALKER has been good near the bridge, and when there is sun use dries, humpy's, stimulators, elk hair caddis, deceivers, and use standard nymphs when overcast.

EAST WALKER flow is 215cfs, and this is the best August we've seen in a few years. Dries and dry and dropper, small hoppers, EC Caddis, Elk Hair caddis, small crystal flash back, zebras, WD40's, and #10 poxyback stonefly will provide a big surprise.

NOTE: Clean your equipment no matter where you fish, hitchhikers are a serious threat to our fisheries. See you on the water! CJ





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Every Wed (except 2nd Wed)	Oak Grove Park Stockton	Fly Casting Lessons
Sept 8 (Wed)	John R Williams School Stockton	Membership Meeting 7:00 pm
Sept 11-12 (Sat-Sun)	Bridgeport	Trout Don Gillett 209-464-1240
Oct 8-10 (Fri-Sun)	Mammoth Lakes	Trout Al Smatsky 209-365-7079
Oct 13 (Wed)	John R Williams School Stockton	Fall Potluck Membership Meeting 7:00 pm
Oct 15-16 (Sat-Sun)	Redding, CA	NCCFFF Festival of Fly Fishing Headlines: Jack Dennis, Steve Rajeff, Scott Sanchez Fly Tying, Fly Fishing Techniques, Fly Casting, Instruc- tion, Travel Opportunities, Guides, Artists, Manufacturers Reps, Fly Shops, Fly Casting Tournament, Prizes, etc. www.nccfff.org
Oct 31-31 (Sat-Sun)	Trinity River/Lewiston Lake	Al Smatsky 209-365-7079
Nov 3 (Wed)	Oak Grove Park Stockton	Board Meeting 7:00 pm
Nov 10 (Wed)	John R Williams School Stockton	Membership Meeting 7:00 pm
Nov 13 (Sat)	Oak Grove Park Stockton	Trout Bout Charlie Reames 209-369-6053
Nov 21 (Sun)	TBA	Steelhead Outing
Dec 5 (Sun)	Mokelumne River	Mokelumne River Cleanup
Dec 8 (Wed)	John R Williams School Stockton	Membership Meeting 7:00 pm
Jan 29, 2005	Stockton Inn Stockton	Annual Dinner

September Meeting

The Delta Fly Fishers September program will be a presentation by Doug Ridgway, a CDFG Fish Habitat Supervisor, and Joe Merz a fisheries biologist with EBMUD. Their program will highlight the habitat restoration work being conducted on the Mokelumne, Stanislaus, Tuolumne, and Merced Rivers by their respective organizations. The 7pm presentation will be given Wed. Sept. 8 at John R. Williams School 2450 Meadow Ave. Stockton. There is no charge and visitors are welcome. Information: Doug Ridgway 957-0170

Deadline

The newsletter deadline in the 25th of the month. The deadline for the September issue is August 25th.

Editor's Message

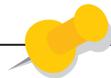
Everyone is so busy fishing that they forgot to send in photos for the newsletter so it is pretty thin this month. I am off to Vanderhoof, British Columbia, over Labor Day Weekend to judge a horse show and scope out the fishing there. Everything I have heard says that this is paradise and I hope to have a first hand report in the next newsletter. After fishing at Quesnel, British Columbia a year ago, I had hoped to actually fish this time, too, but due to scheduling, seeing where to fish will have to suffice.

Local fishing is good on the Mokelumne, the Calaveras and the Consumnes so take advantage of it and send me some photos!

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Conservation



The New Zealand Mud Snail has invaded both the Mokelumne and the Calaveras Rivers as well as Putah Creek and the Owens River. The Department of Fish and Game is testing methods to clean waders and equipment and has received donations from equipment manufacturers and fly fishing clubs and organizations including: the Northern California Council - Federation of Fly Fishers, Cal Trout, the Granite Bay Fly Fishing Club and the Delta Fly Fishers. DFG currently recommends spraying gear with Clorox Formula 409, then scrub with a stiff brush to remove all visible snails. Then rinse with tap water. snails can collect under laces and in the felt soles of wading boots. Placing gear in water maintained at 130 degrees for 5 minutes is an alternate method of removal. For more information visit: <http://www.esg.montana.edu/aim/mollusca/nzms/id.html>.

Some Good Websites about Conservation and the New Zealand Mud Snail

<http://www.nccff.org/rivermouth/mouth.pdf>

<http://www.caltrout.org/>

<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/>

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Memberships

September is the month to renew your dues. Please let us know if you would like the newsletter via email or regular mail.

Also, let us know if you would like to be on the board of directors or on one of the committees.

Programs Chairman Steve Cooper

Upcoming Membership Meetings

September: Don Ridgeway will talk about fishing the Tuolumne and the Merced Rivers.

October: The annual club potluck. Watch for the food assignments in the next newsletter.

November: Rick Martin will talk about fly fishing photography. His photos have appeared on the cover of National Geographic.

December: Members Program. This is where members get to brag and/or lie about the fish they have caught. This is one of our most popular programs.

January: Steve is working on some outstanding speakers and a class on fly tying like we had in 2004.

If you have suggestions for future programs, would like to do a presentation yourself, have heard a speaker at another club, or have seen someone you liked at one of the fly fishing shows, please give Steve Cooper a call at 209-956-1032. He would be happy to hear any and all suggestions.

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, 2004 to August 31, 2004. Please fill out then mail to: Delta FlyFishers P.O. Box 77862, Stockton, CA 95207

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