

Rx Flyfishing

President's Message by Steve Cooper

It's August, and that means business as usual for the DFF. The Board meets the first Wednesday of the month and general meeting is the second Wednesday of the month. Don't miss the August general meeting, We have a real hot shot guest speaker. I'll be presenting a slide show documenting my adventures and misadventures exploring California's central coast with the long rod. I'll also be looking forward to hearing all of your fish stories. If you don't have one, shame on you.

The past few weeks I've been hard at work searching the talent pool for monthly speakers.

Prospects include everything from coastal Steelhead fishing to Russian Trout adventures. Remember, if you have a special interest or possibly know of a speaker you would like to have present a program, please give me a holler.

Please check out the calendar of events. Marilyn has done a great job with reformatting the calendar.

Grady, along with the fish miesters, have a full list of outings planned and are just sitting by the phone waiting for your call. Just think, you can plan your

entire year of angling in just a few minutes.

Please note the Northern California Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers Conclave will be October 15th and 16th in Redding. This year's conclave has an outstanding array of programs and should not be missed. The council web address is nccfff.org, you'll find the full list of speakers and classes.

Conclave co-chair Stew Stewart is looking for folks who are interested in lending a hand or donating to the cause. Stew can be reached at (530) 474-5748, Stew's a nice guy and will be happy for the help

See you at the August 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!

Fly-Fishing Awareness Week

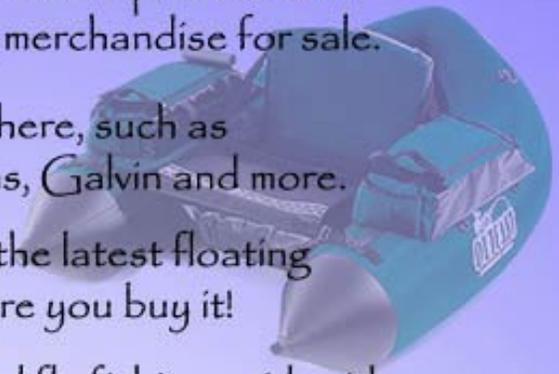
This is the Event
of the year!

When: August 21, 2004

Time: 10 am until 2 pm

Where: Nimbus Flats
Across from the hatchery
off of Hazel

1. Beginning with a swap meet, so bring your gear!
2. All our local fly fishing shops will be present with Fly Fishing Specialties bringing merchandise for sale.
3. Many great vendors will be there, such as Sage, Scott, Outcast, Able, Simms, Galvin and more.
4. Hands on trying for you to try out the latest floating devices from Outcast, try it before you buy it!
5. Casting lessons with Dave Shaffer local fly fishing guidewith American Fly-Fishing.
6. Safety Clinics on float tube/pontoon boats.
7. Fly Tying for the public (kids included).
8. Many great door prizes like Scott and Sage Rods, Outcast Fat Cat Float tube & much more.



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Although the majority of fly fishers prefer dry fly action, a good portion of the time your flies will require scuba gear. Caddis has a cycle that will “treat” you to some exciting dry action. This stage is called oviposting, where female caddis deposit or lays their eggs in swarms that are low over the water surface. Different species of Caddis deposit their eggs in several ways so it’s important to be observant to see if trout are sipping or slow rising. Also, there are specific methods of casting to both. This is worth a bit of investigation and probably the best read I’ve found on this is by Gary LaFontaine, Caddisflies.

Early July produced cooler than normal temps then right into warmer than normal the rest of the month with daily clouds building into thunder storms, but not much moisture. This is the 6th year of drought, and we are 20% of normal.

Fishing Report

ROCK CREEK Lake is producing some nice fish with a full sink using olive and black wooly buggers #6, 8 over a bead head midge #18-20. Try Stimulator’s over olive zebra midge 18-20. Try the stream for some wild action.

LOWER OWENS is running about 150cfs, and afternoon caddis hatch has been great. Wait until cooler air for the best action so early a.m. on small PMD’s, and an adult Caddis for the afternoon take.

CROWLEY LAKE algae has diminished a lot and cutts and browns are in the 12-16 foot range so troll the weedy areas on a perch fry, and look for some 20 plus inchers. Chironomid’s are also producing over tiger or zebra midges.

CONVICT LAKE has seen some good action on streamers #8-14 in olive and black on medium sink tip.

MAMMOTH LAKES has had some good action trolling full sink with a streamer and bead head midge. Alpers are hanging near debris in lake.

SAN JOAQUIN results will depend on how much walking you want to do. Due to DFG budget cuts they fork. Alpers is stocking Sotcher and Starkweather and DFG is stocking Sotcher. Loads of small wild fish, and the dry action is good on Caddis and mayfly imitations.

JUNE LAKE loop is doing very good on black and olive wooly buggers #8-10, rainbow hornbergs, carey buggers over midges #16-18.

GULL LAKE has been great with a full sink line also with a tandem rig and loads of Alpers are on the take.

LUNDY Lake has been breezy to windy, so try the south side near the inlet using olive matukas, olive/black woolly’s and pistol Pete’s over midges.

VIRGINIA LAKES has been fair to good with olive matukas, with and without red throats. Single fly rig will be easier to cast and the best bet. Big Virginia water temp is better all day due to the depth of the lake. The best evening action is on small grey hackle peacock, Griffith’s Gnat, and olive elk hair caddis (my special trimmed edition).

EAST WALKER flow is at 173cfs, and it’s recommended you stay out of the water. Mostly midges getting the action, crystal, zebra, gillies, fox poopah, WD-40, and sparkle pupa under an attractor. Some dry fly action in the afternoon (spotty) with #12 elk hair caddis, or PMD’s. Water temp holding around 65-66 degrees, so early and late is the best.

WEST WALKER is clear and flow has improved, so fish the water near the bridge north up to one mile is the best spot. Lots of dry action on caddis, hoppers, and mayfly imitations. I fished Lane and Roosevelt with dries and zero hits, seemed to be only taking “meat”. Skunk was in the air that day.

Please DON’T WADE without cleaning your gear for the next water, and keep fido out of the water so he doesn’t transport the snails either. Cleaning methods; go to flyline.com or contact your local Fish and Game office.

Ralph Cutter’s latest article Slate Wipers in the last issue of Fly Fisherman states the best method to stop the spread of the invasive mud snail is NOT to wade.

See you on the Water! CJ

By Herman Spalinger

Umpqua River Outing

UMPQUA RIVER - JULY, 2004

About 30 club members made the long trip north to the Umpqua River RV Park for another drift down the river on everything but air mattresses and bath tubs to catch smallmouth bass. Thursday was set as the day to drift the river either from the RV park or a couple miles downstream at the bridge to the Big K Ranch about 7 miles away catching smallmouth bass from 8 to 18 inches or more along the way. A majority of the

members drifted the all-day drift keeping in mind there was to be a smorgasbord "feast" that evening at the Big K Ranch previously arranged by Steve Cooper. My son Larry who lives in Lincoln City, Oregon, was to arrive hopefully before noon so we could join the drift, but, alas, he was not able to arrive until

late afternoon so we joined the other members who didn't drift all day, along with those who did, at the Big K that evening for dinner that had been prearranged with the ranch so those who did drift could take their floating devices out of the river on the ranch. Those attending were not disappointed as Big K put on an excellent smorgasbord in a room separated from the

other guests of the ranch. I'm sure it wasn't because of the smell emanating from all the fishy clothes, right?

It was at that dinner that my son and myself arranged a drift Saturday to take out on the Big K, minus the great dinner of course. As it turned out, my son and I were not disappointed at all as were the other club members who did the drift on Thursday. My son and I didn't keep count, but we easily boated and released close to a hundred fish that day all within the 8 to 18 inch range. In fact we stayed so long in some "good holes" earlier in the day that we had to row over some of the better water on the Big K just to get out before dark. Of course the

wind had to start blowing upstream the last mile and a half and my son and I spent a good almost two hours rowing to our take-out spot on the Big K. Despite the exercise at the end of the day, the trip was well worth



it. Steve made sure all attending had enough of the flies that caught the fish to use on the drift. Several do break off or the fly comes apart after so many fish "slobber" all over it.

For those of you who didn't attend, you missed a fantastic outing as the weather was not quite as hot as last year plus there was even entertainment provided by Mitch Kay and Steve Cooper on the guitar. I don't think they're ready for a tour yet, however. After our own club dinner Friday evening of barbecued tri-tip steak and other fine dishes prepared by members and their wives, including a blackberry dish prepared by Grady freshly picked in the RV park, Walt Kotecki entertained us over a campfire reminiscing his Alaskan adventure he and Ed Sill took last year during July out of the back of an old Nissan pickup truck pulling a trailer. You won't find that tour advertised in any travel brochure, I'm sure!



Photos by Herman Spalinger, Nate Cooper, and Steve Cooper

Umpqua River Outing Photos



Ever notice how well everyone eats at the outings?



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Every Wed (except 2nd Wed)	Oak Grove Park Stockton	Fly Casting Lessons
Aug 11 (Wed)	John R Williams School Stockton	Membership Meeting 7:00 pm
Sept 1 (Wed)	Oak Grove Park Stockton	Board Meeting 7:00 pm
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

August Meeting

Presidents program:

Blue fish to Blue shark, One man's search for adventure on California's Central Coast.

President Steve Cooper will document over twenty years of fishing California's Central Coast. Steve will discuss the trials and tribulations of exploring this productive, under-explored body of water.

7:00 pm Oak Grove Park, Stockton

Deadline

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

Editor's Message

Hope everyone is having a great summer fishing. The Umpqua Outing was well attended and sounds like everyone had a great float and a great time.

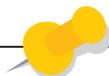
The Truckee Outing was lightly attended, which meant individual attention and great fishing for those who went. Ron Forbes said it was the most productive fishing time he has ever had and his son-in-law, who had never fly fished, caught a lot of fish, too. I did not sign up and assumed that the trip would fill immediately. Now I wish I had called at the last minute and attended this great outing and enjoyed the Truckee River and our outing.

I know a lot of you have been fishing and would love to have your photos and stories. Brag a little!

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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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(Please check one)

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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:

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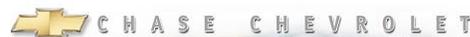
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