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Editor's Message

Send in your Fishing Stories and Reports!

We had a great meeting for April although John R. Williams school was closed for Spring Break and we had to move over to another location. Many thanks to Rick Greene for providing a classroom at his workplace, the United Christian Schools in Stockton. Jay Murakoshi was the speaker and put on a great show with slides from north of Cairns, Queensland, Australia. The fishing is tremendous there and looks like a place to put on the wish list. Steve has pretty much covered the May meeting and thanks for the compliments on the newsletter. I had a lot of help.

The June meeting will be the Club BBQ so take a look inside for the potluck list. There are always great raffle prizes there and Glen Bockman will be supervising the cooking once again.

Our local rivers, the Mokelumne and the Calaveras, open on May 22nd. Don't forget about the New Zealand Mud Snail problem. We will keep including information and websites about this damaging pest.

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President's Message

Spring is here and fishing opportunities abound. Because of those opportunities, the president's message will once again be short and sweet. Like Joe Friday often said, "Just the facts, ma'am." First fact, new editor Marilyn Mowry has done an outstanding job on upgrading the newsletter. Marilyn has obviously spent a great deal of time and effort on this project. I believe the last letter was one of the best I've seen. Great job Marilyn. (I really like the pictures, although my guess is some of the fish pictures from the Henderson Springs trip may have been doctored) Next fact, outings chair Grady Lee has the year's outing schedule posted. Check out Grady's picks and sign up. If you can't find something to suit your style, you had better check your pulse. Third fact, no excuses to not get out and go fishing. Trout season is here. The lakes are icing out, most local rivers are in good condition, warm water lakes are fishing well and shad season is just around the corner.

Last month I mentioned a slight change in our monthly meeting format. Our monthly meeting for May will feature some of

the DFF's most knowledgeable anglers sharing their secrets to success. This will not only be a great time to gather information, it will also give us a chance to meet some of our new members and actually have some time to get acquainted. Check out this line up: **Don Gillett, Bob Souza** and **Dan McDaniel** on hand tying their favorite local patterns; **George Cecchetti** discussing fly selection; **Al Smatsky** on Shad fishing;

Master leader builder **Leo Gutterres** working with knots and leaders; Yours truly will be on hand discussing the ins and outs of using

indicators. If you have a special area of expertise you would like to share, please let me know and we'll make sure you have space to set up.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the May meeting. Bring your pictures. I'll have mine, Steve



June Program
Wednesday, June 9th 6:00 pm
Annual BBQ
Oak Grove Park
at the Boat House
A list of what to bring is on
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By Al Smatsky

Perfect Conditions Yield Big Numbers

The Club members happened to catch one of those perfect spring days, no wind and warm weather. When we arrived early Saturday morning, lake surface was like

a mirror, reflecting the morning sunrise and you could see the bass actively on the surface. As everyone in the group was getting ready,

Roger Bitz (a guest of mine) made his way over to the dock and proceeded to catch the first bass of the day on a popper. A few minutes later, Dan McDaniel caught a small bass using a damsel nymph. With the pontoon boat armada on the lake and if you were tuned into channel 10 you could have heard all of the chatter on



who was and wasn't catching fish. By lunch time, Don Gillett had landed 13 bass; he left early and finished the day with 19 bass, all on the red rider. Larry Schmidt, from the Tecate Pro Fishing Team, described his morning action this way, "on every cast, then they took it (popper)".

After lunch, four of us made our way over to the small pond. As we drove up to the pond, you could

see active bass working next to the shoreline. It didn't take long before we were all hooked up. At one point Dan McDaniel landed 15 bass all from the same spot on the shoreline.

Each of us landed over 20 small bass on this small pond.

The evening was just as good as the morning, bass all over the lake actively attacking adult damsel and dragon flies. Most anglers that ended up staying until dark, had double digit numbers for the day. Bob Sousa finished the day with over 20 fish. The big fish of the day was caught by Mike Sousa Jr., topping the scale at 6 lbs. I'm sure that this proud

father will have wallet sized photos at the next meeting.



Photos from www.kelseybassranch.com

“ On every cast, they took it. ”
Larry Schmidt

By Ron Petiitt, Fishmeister

June Outing at Manzanita Lake

By popular demand, Manzanita Lake in the Lassen Volcanic National Park has been selected for the June 12 & 13, 2004 outing. Club members indicated they wanted to return to Lassen Park as it has always been a very good fishery and terrific outing for the entire family.

Located just inside the West entrance of the park, the lake at 6000 feet sits in an idyllic setting and is one of the parks major attractions.

Tom Stienstra writes in his book California Fishing "On a good day, Manzanita Lake provides the kind of fishing that makes you forget about the park's other attractions." Many Delta Fly Fishers will attest to that! The club has held several

outings at Manzanita Lake, all of which produced a large turnout of members, their families and guests. The lake is an ideal vacation destination for the whole family. Often, members arrive a few days early and stay a few days after the outing. Saturday evening we will hold the traditional "Club Potluck" so be prepared to bring something to put on the BBQ and a dish to share with others.

Manzanita Lake is small but quite beautiful and the conversion to a natural trout fishery has been a huge success. It is an exceptional lake for float tubing or fishing from a pram or canoe. Wading the shoreline is extremely productive for trout holding in the weed beds. Rules mandate using a fly only with a single barbless hook, and a limit of two fish no greater than 10 inches. As Stienstra writes, "Having a maximum size limit instead of a minimum means that the big trout prized by anglers - the 15 to 20 inchers - remain in the lake instead of a frying pan." Most anglers at the lake practice "Catch & Release".

The best fishing technique here, is to offer the trout what they feed on - insects. Fly patterns that seem to work best

are #14 Callibates, #14 or #16 Hares Ear Nymph, leaches, Woolly Buggers and I'm sure the famous Red Rider will do its job. Most fishing is subsurface so be sure to bring a slow sink stillwater line or sink tip. There is also a fishing opportunity at nearby Reflection Lake across the road to the North. This is a great place to take youngsters or novice anglers as it is heavily stocked with a five trout limit and no fish size or gear restrictions.

If you are going to join us June 12 & 13, Manzanita Lake is easy to get to. Drive north on I-5, exit in Anderson on

Deschutes Road (The Factory Stores exit), turn East at the signal on Deschutes Road and follow it a short distance to Dersch Road (A-17). Turn right on Dersch and follow it to Hwy. 44. Turn right and follow Hwy. 44 to the West Entrance

of the Park. Campground fees are minimal and Golden Access,

Golden Age and Golden Eagle passes are accepted for a reduced rate. Once in the campground look for the Delta Fly Fishers banner for our headquarters.

All campground sites are first come, first served and reservations are not accepted. There are 179 sites and a store which carries most supplies you may need. There always seems to be sites available, but arriving early is a plus. If you need more information, check out the outing flyer distributed at the meeting or call me at 209-931-2997. - Ron Petitt

Check out Manzanita Lake photos like the one above at: <http://www.terrageria.com/parks/np-image.lavo1475>.

<http://www.virtualguidebooks.com/NorthCalif/MountLassen/LassenParkRoad/ManzanitaLake.html>

A beautiful, beautiful place to fish.

Dan McDaniel





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 12 (Wed)	John R Williams School Stockton	Monthly Meeting 7:00 pm
May 23 (Sun)	Goethe Park Sacramento	Shad Pre-trip May 20th, 7:00 pm Reel Fly Shop George Cecchetti 209-365-7335
June 2 (Wed)	Oak Grove Park Stockton	Board Meeting 7:00 pm
June 5 (Sat)	Oak Grove Park Stockton	Catfish Derby Contact Bob Bradley 209-369-4048
June 9 (Wed)	Oak Grove Park Boat House Stockton	Club BBQ 6:00 pm Contact Glen Bockman 209-887-3970
Jun 12 -13 (Sat-Sun)	Manzanita Lake	Contact Ron Petit 209-931-2997
Jul 15-18 (Th-Sun)	Umpqua River	Smallmouth Bass Sign up now! Contact Steve Cooper 209-956-1032
July 31- Aug 1 (Sat-Sun)	Truckee River	Trout Dan McDaniel 209-951-7900
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
Oct 31-31 (Sat-Sun)	Trinity River/Lewiston Lake	Al Smatsky 209-365-7079
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
Jan 29, 2005	Annual Dinner	

Annual Club Bar-B-Q at Oak Grove Park at the Boat House

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

A-G - Salads

H-O - Hot Dishes

P-Z - Deserts

(portions for four is all you need bring but then, we do love to eat!)

The raffle will be super, as usual!

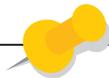
So bring some money, too!

We are looking for donations for raffle items. They may soon be tax-deductible. Call Earl Summers at 209-957-6756

Shad Trip May 23rd

Delta Fly Fishers annual shad outing and clinic guided by George Cecchetti and Al Smatsky will take place on the American River Sunday May 23 beginning 7am at Goethe Park. A pre-trip seminar will also be given by Al and George at the Reel Fly Shop in Lodi at 7pm Thursday May 20. The seminar will cover all the basics of shad fishing including equipment needed, lines, rods, reels flies, casting, and reading water etc. Information: George Cecchetti 209-365-7335.

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/>

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

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By George Cecchetti of The Reel Fly Shop 209-365-7335

May Fishing Report

Shad Fishing

American River: fish are at the college and log hole with a few at Howe Ave.
Feather River: Boyd's pump and Shanghai Bend are doing well
Sacramento River: Butte City, Princeton and Road 48 all have fish.
Verona has a few fish if you want to anchor.

Trout Fishing

Lower Sac Redding to Red Bluff: Great Caddis fishing dry or nymph
Yuba River: 20 Bridge down to Daquirre Dam - hot trout fishing with E C
Caddis, Pheasant Tails, Rubber Leg Princes. Ryan and David Scott Merin
of Stockton belted the fish from 4 - 7 pm.

Striper Fishing

South fork of the Mokelumne, the shoals, B W, I-5 Bridge in Stockton:
Stripers to 10 pounds, some days up to 30 fish in a day. G. Mettler of Lodi
hit 21 fish in 2 hours. It is hot!

White Pines

Good dry action on trout to 14 inches. Parachute Adams and Cripples do it.

Silver Lake

Doing great on Browns using Streamers & Clousers. Bruno Huff (guide) has
been getting some nice fish trailing flies.

West Carson

Use Nymphs & Eggs to pound up the Rainbows. Swensen's and the Meadow
have been hot.

Beaver Creek

Good fishing with a dry fly and dropper. A Red Humpy and a black AP pick up
the nice 'bows.

Membership Form

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