

Rx Fly Fishing

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When I was young we used to go "skinny dipping," now I just "chunky dunk." --Unknown

Events Schedule

January 24 -Saturday!

Annual Banquet and Fund Raiser

Guest Speaker - Andy Burk

Update

Tickets were mailed out on Dec. 19th. If you did not receive them you can contact Bob Souza at (209) 478-8344 after 5:00PM or e-mail your order to suzasbs@netzero.com . I will send tickets and dinner order slip to you. Dinner orders must be in by Jan.12th. Hope to see you there. -Bob

Coming Events

Feb. 7: Saturday Trout Bout at Oak Grove Park. Event Chairman Steve Cooper 956-1032

Feb. 21 Saturday Outing Shadow Cliffs Lake in Pleasanton. 143 acre lake in a former quarry has a picnic area, boat launch, electric motors only, good shopping area for wives. Fish Meister: Grady Lee 951-3623

March: Sunday March 7 Beaver Slough Stripper Outing. Pre trip stripper seminar at the Reel Fly Shop 7 pm Wed. March 3rd. Information: George Cecchetti 365-7335

January Program

Wednesday, January 14, 7 PM

John R. Williams School

Have you ever wanted to travel to Alaska for some spectacular silver salmon fishing? Ken Jensen from the Merced Fly Fishers will describe his Alaskan adventure for our January Program. Ken and MFF club members traveled to Alaska last year and were surprised when they arrived at their final destination. Needless to say it wasn't the lodge or river that they had booked. Instead, they were taken to a coastal river around the Cordova area that was full of surprises and loaded with silver salmon. Please join us and learn more about Ken's adventure.

Saturday, January 24, 2004

Activities and Annual Dinner

Andy Burk will be our special guest at our Annual Installation Dinner this year. Andy is an extremely talented fly tier with many patterns to his credit which include: the aggravator nymph, the v-worm, Burk's Hex, bead head nymphs, etc. He is also a contributing editor to the California Fly Fisher and a frequent guest fly tier at many of the sport shows.

There will be a fly tying class with Andy instructing us on how to tie some of the most effective fly patterns for trout and warm water species. Since this is a hands on fly tying class, all fly tiers are encouraged to bring their own equipment. Some basic materials will be provided at the class. The fly tying class is limited to 25 tiers and will start at 9 am and continue until 2:30 p.m. A refundable deposit of \$20 is required to reserve your space. The deposit will be refunded at the class. A gourmet lunch of hot dogs and chili will be served at the event. A sign up list will be available at the December meeting or you can reserve your space now by calling 368-9261.



Steve's Spot

The January president's message is a hard one to write. I've spent some time scanning newsletters from other clubs and found most presidents messages very predictable. I think one reason most folks Fly fish is because they like the unexpected. You know, like a fish rising unexpectedly to a dry fly. The "If your reading this, you must have survived the new year" is really getting old. Wishing everyone a great new year also gets tired. Talk about upcoming events can be found elsewhere in the bulletin. (By the way don't forget the annual banquet, Sat. January 24th at Best Western Stockton Inn. You'll find the details somewhere in the news letter.) Back to the dilemma of what to say in the president's letter. This year I think I'll let the committee chairs, fish meisters and officers handle most of the information side of club happenings and I will concentrate more on the metaphysical side of life.

Other than trying to eat healthier, fish a little more, and work a little less, I really have no resolutions. I would like to talk about some of the things that have bothered me in the year 2003. First off, I'm tired of seeing housewives driving Hummers (large four wheel vehicle). I'm tired of Hummers (large four wheel vehicle). Do people really need a Hummer to pick up the groceries. Was the dealer fresh out of Sherman Tanks the day they went looking for a new car? No more Hummers (large four wheel vehicle).

Another thing that I just can't understand is company marketing Fly Fishing underwear. I've spent my entire life fishing in regular under wear. Never had a problem. I've even fished without wearing underwear. Again, no problem. So what's with special underwear? Do they attract fish? I doubt it. I won't spend \$42 on fishing underwear, but if someone wants to lend me theirs I'll give 'em a try. (I prefer the European cut).

All and all I guess last year was a pretty good one. Hope everyone enjoys a great new year with lots of friends, tax refunds and big fish. See you on the 24th, -Steve

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Meetings & Such

Monthly Meetings: 6:30:p.m. 2nd Wednesday at the John R. Williams School, 2450 Meadow Ave, Stockton (off Hammer Lane between Pershing Ave. and I-5) During June, July, and August, meetings are held at Oak Grove Park Nature Center. Also, Spring, Summer and Fall, (During Daylight Saving Time)
Skilled fly casting instructors of The Delta Fly Fishers give FREE fly casting instruction every Wed. at 6pm, (except the 2nd Wed of the month when we have a meeting), at Oak Grove Park. The club even furnishes the equipment. A hat and eyeglasses are required. Oak Grove Park is located on Eight Mile Road just east of I-5. For more information call Jim Rich at 477-6404

Wanna contribute?

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The Secretary's Corner

It actually came to pass, the president and vice-president made themselves "unavailable" December 3rd so I had to "run the show." As a result I can't talk and write at the same time so this should be brief.

On December 3rd with the Secretary calling the meeting to order, the minutes of the November 5th meeting were read and approved.

The main topic of business was the Articles of Incorporation of Delta Fly Fishers. Dan McDaniel presented papers for the incorporation along with our By Laws. After a lengthy discussion with explanations thereto, it was moved, seconded and passed the Articles be approved as presented by Dan. Signatures of eight Board members, including two incorporators, Ron Petitt and Dan McDaniel, were obtained and the necessary papers were then to be hand delivered to the Secretary of State's office the next day at which time they were stamped "approved."

The minutes of the first meeting of incorporators will take place at our next Board meeting. That's just legalese for us getting together for a meeting. If any member is interested in attending that meeting, it will be held at the Oak Grove Park location Wednesday, January 7th, 2004. Ron Petitt will take on the task of preparing the necessary paperwork required by the State and Federal taxing authorities so we comply therewith.

The Articles of Incorporation, By Laws of Delta Fly Fishers and Board minutes will be kept in a binder for any member's perusal at any time in the future. Contact myself or any officer if you wish to review them.

Annual Dinner chairman Bob Souza reported most details for the dinner are in place with the tickets ready to be distributed.

Outings Chairman Grady Lee presented his rough draft of our 2004 Outings Schedule for final approval, and they will be printed in the Bulletin for all to see and make plans therefor.

Good news from Raffle Chairman Earl Summers: Chase Chevrolet wants to join

with Big Valley Ford in donating money for our future raffles so look for some good "raffle stuff" at future meetings.

Approval was obtained to purchase a 10 X 10 foot portable canopy to be used at future outings to keep out the rain or provide needed shade so our food won't spoil!

After that the meeting adjourned.

-Herman

December Outing

Only 8 hardy souls turned out for the DFF outing on Thur. Dec. 11. Actually the weather wasn't all that bad, light drizzle in the morning then clearing for a very nice sunny afternoon. Fishing was about average for Amador this time of year on flies. Everyone caught at least one fish, the average was about 3 fish per rod in the 18-20 inch category. Top rod was Ed Sill with five landed, Bob Souza landed three with a couple of breakoffs forcing a switch to heavier tippet. Most of us had several more hookups than fish landed which again seems to be the pattern at Amador right now. Seemingly solid hookups vaporize into nothing after a short fight. Better hookups than not hits at all. I feel very fortunate just being able to be on the water. Wishing all of you a very calorie laden Christmas and many fish to lie about, oops I mean to brag about in 2004. Ps Don't forget the New Years Day outing at Van Assen park. Grady

HENDERSON SPRINGS TRIP

March 8 - 9 -10, 2004

Due to the response from members at the December meeting, I have reserved lodging and fishing accommodations for 8 people at Henderson Springs, the private water fly fishing resort east of Redding. If we are a group of 8, the resort could be exclusively ours. We will arrive on Tuesday, March 8 around 1pm and leave Friday, March 11 around noon. This is an excellent time for float tubing and stream fishing using wet and dry flies. Cost for lodging, all meals and fishing is \$252.pp per day for a total of \$756. I am offering my services to guide those who would like some assistance. Please call me ASAP if you would like to reserve a place or if you have any questions.

Ron Petitt 209-931-2997 or
Floatubefisher@AOL.com

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Information: George Cecchetti
365-7335

April 3: Saturday Kelsey Ranch
Lake for bass. Fishmeister: Al
Smatsky 365-7079

April 24: Saturday One fly contest
at White Pines with the Calaveras
Fly club.

May 1: Saturday Lake Amador
Float Tube Derby, limited to 100
tubers, cash prizes for 1st ten
places, first place, \$1000. \$40
entry fee includes fishing fee,
launch fee and lunch.

May 23: Sunday Shad Outing.
River to be determined later
depending on where the shad are
running. Information: George
Cecchetti 365-7335

June 5: Saturday Catfish Derby
Oak Grove Park. Chairman Bob
Bradley 369-4048

June 9 Wednesday Club Barbecue
Oak Grove Park Chairman Glen
Bockman 887-3970

June 12 & 13 Outing to Manzanita
Lake: Fishmeister: Ron Petitt 931-
2997

July 15, 16, 17, & 18 Umpqua
River Outing for small mouth bass
Fish Meister Steve Cooper 956-
1032

July 31-Aug 1 Truckee Outing
Fish Meister: Dan McDaniels 951-
7900 Guide Frank Pescota has
been booked for Sat. July 31.

Sept. 11, 12: Bridgeport Fish
Meister Don Gillett, 464-1240
Lunch Meister Ron Pettit 931-
2997

Oct. 8-10: Mammoth Lakes Fish
Meister Al Smatsky 365-7079

Oct. 13: Wednesday Fall Potluck
Steve Cooper 956-1032

Oct 30-31 Trinity River Lewiston
Lake Fish Meister Al Smatsky
365-7079

November: Fall Steelhead Clinic
Al & George

Nov. 13: Trout Bout Chairman
Charlie Reames 369-6053

December ????????

“Alexander Hamilton started the
U.S. Treasury with nothing - and
that was the closest our country
has ever been to being even.”

--Will Rogers



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popularize and advance our
sport. He has left a legacy that
will benefit future generations
of fly anglers, and for this the
Federation of Fly Fishers will be
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*Jim Rainey, Federation of Fly
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Buying a NU2U Rod by Wayne Taylor

Some things to ponder prior to purchasing a new 2u fly rod. Foremost, on what fish and water will the rod be used? Consider your strength and coordination. What is your fishing experience?. Correct choice of line weight, rod length and action depend on this evaluation.

You want a good casting and fish fighting tool. You want good value for your money. So, what makes a quality rod? Generally speaking the more expensive the rod, the better the quality of material used in the guides, reel seat, and grip. Look for good workmanship maybe better aesthetics, too.

For guides, a rule of thumb is one guide, not including the tip-top, for each foot of rod length. Fewer guides permit the line to sag and slap on the rod, creating more friction when casting. There is a right size for guides, too. Very small guides will create more friction and very large guides will permit more sag and slapping. The number of stripping guides varies. Lighter weight rods need only one stripping guide, while heavier weight rods should be equipped with two.

Should you have an up- or down-locking reel seat? Most fisherpeople prefer uplocking. If you wish to hold your rod near the reel, a downlocking seat subjects your hand to agitation at the juncture of the cork and the reel seat. On heavier weight rods it is nice to have a double locking screw system.

Cork is preferred for the handle, as theoretically it feels warmer in cold weather and cooler in warm weather. Cork doesn't get overly slick when wet, and it has great cushioning properties. Check the cork for quality. Are there any soft or loose spots? The less filler, the better. Shape and size

of the handle are a matter of personal preference. Is the grip sized right and comfortably shaped for your hand for casting and fish fighting?

Next consider the workmanship and overall aesthetics of the rod. Most manufacturers polish their rods upon removal from the furnaces to eliminate any rough spots and the thread used to hold the graphite on the mandrels. (One company does not polish their rods. Know which company that is?) Well-epoxyed, short, thread wraps extending just off the foot of the guides is the order of the day. The more thread and epoxy, the more weight, which dampens the rod's action.

Speaking of which, I recommend that one check the action of the rod. Most people pick up a rod and shake it several times, and that is that. Here's the way to really learn something about the rod. Hold the rod firmly, parallel to the floor, and whip the rod with some vigor. Watch where the rod flexes the most. If the rod bends in the upper one-third, you know that the rod is considered fast action; in the middle, it is medium action. If the rod bends down into the butt section, and you can even feel the handle bend in your hand, you know that the action of the rod is considered slow.

When you have a likely candidate, give it the real test. Take the rod, equipped with reel and line, to a pond for some casting, and check for these qualities. (Fishing is not a good way to make these evaluations.) Start with balance. Is the fully equipped rod tip heavy or butt heavy? Cast the rod for feel. Does the action suit your casting stroke? The rod should perform a number of tasks well. Test it thoroughly. Roll cast. Pick up thirty-five feet of line from the water and lay it out in a different direction. See that it mends and controls line on the water

easily and accurately. Turn over a leader with a large fly, and present it with some delicacy at long distances. Will the rod deliver a fly accurately seventy feet and beyond? Does it shoot line easily? Will the rod load sufficiently with thirty to thirty-five feet of line off the rod tip for quick pick up and shoot? Try to form tight loops to get line speed and distance Does the rod generate high speed for quick, powerful delivery into the wind? Is there enough strength in the butt section to pressure a running fish? Could you cast repeatedly for long periods without fatigue?

If in your opinion the rod fulfills all the above criteria, then just possibly you have found the rod that is for you

(Wayne Taylor is a popular and well known Orvis guide who has extensive experience in most of the western US and Canada. Wayne puts on a Peninsula Fly Fisher fly casting clinic the first Thursday of the month over in the Bay area. He is a FFF certified casting instructor and a retired teacher who can't stop teaching. As a member of the Peninsula Fly Fishers, I have had the great pleasure of his company on a few fishing outings and can assure everyone that he is a wonderful companion. He is the only guy who ever walked over a river bed for 400 yards to pull out my line so I could change the reel over to a right hand retrieve. He then spent an hour trying to teach me how to cast. You may laugh, but you didn't see me before his lesson. And now, I owe him thanks again for providing this informative article for this issue. It was originally published in the PFF Flyer. Wayne's email is: barway@earthlink.net
- Tom)

DELTA FLY FISHERS

Annual Banquet and Fundraiser

Saturday January 24, 2004



PLACE: BEST WESTERN STOCKTON INN
4219 E.WATERLOO RD.
STOCKTON, CA.95215
TIME: 6:30-7:30PM SOCIAL HOUR
7:30PM DINNER



**MENU: CHOICE OF PRIME RIB, BAKED 1/2 CHICKEN
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Andy Burk

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(Detach and return by January 12)

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