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January 1, 2019 New Years at the Moke January 5, Beginner's Fly Fishing Class January 6, Bay area casting class January 9, General Membership meeting January 11, Fly Day Night tying session January 12, Beginner's F/F Class #2 January 13, Bay area casting class January 16, DFF BOD meeting January 19, Annual Installation Dinner January 23, Beginning Fly Tying Class January 26, Beginner's F/F Class #3

Last date to order your Installation
Dinner tickets
By USPS mail,:Friday,
January 11th
Online at
www.deltaflyfishers.com,
Sunday, January 13th

Happy New Year, My intuition tells me it's going to be awesome!



Christmas marked the end of 2018. While it was a good year, I think the next will surpass it by leaps and bounds.

Just look at January alone! We start the month (and the year) with an outing! January 1st, at the break of dawn on the stream I caught my first fish with a fly on, and our home water, the Mokelumne at Van Assen Park. Long time members, Larry Schmidt and Earl Summers have pledged to have the club pavilion up with hot coffee and donuts at daybreak and the famous, "tube steak" lunch later in the day. It's expected that a good many members will show up with some to fish and others just to gab. We'll have the 2019 club waivers for members to sign ready. If you plan to fish, don't forget your 2019 fishing license.

The next activity,, a beginner's fly fishing class, starts the next Saturday, January 5th at 8am in the morning. The five session class is designed to take a beginning fly fisher from knowing absolutely nothing to being fairly competent when fishing a stream. The enter series cost only \$25 with a return in kind well exceeding the registration fee. If you're interested, contact Jerry Neuburger gneuburg@gmail.com or 209-369-5752.

The next day, January 6th, six of our members head to the bay area for their second in a series of five casting classes with Gary Turri. Nothing but rave reviews so far.

Just a few days later, the general membership meeting takes place on January 9th. Chris Shutes from the California Sportfishing Protection Alliance will speak about retiring governor Brown's WaterFix program and where it goes from here. The meeting will feature a fly tier's raffle, something different from the last few months.

Hey, we're only half way there!

FlyDay Night Tying is scheduled for the House of Coffee, Lockemore and Ham in Lodi, at 5pm, on January 11. Show up with your kit to tie or just show up to enjoy an after dinner snack and some company.

Two days later, on January 13, the second group of 6 students head down to the east bay for their second set of lessons with Gary Turri. Again, nothing but rave reviews.

The first Board of Director's meeting of 2019 takes place at the Oak Park Nature Center on January 16th, 6:30pm. We'll be discussing the clug's 2019 budget and the 2019 outings schedule. All members are welcome to attend.

OK, now the BIG ONE! The club's annual installation dinner takes place at the Elk's Lodge 8900 Thornton Road, Stockton, on January 19th. Open bar at six, dinner at seven. Awards, a changing of the guard, speakers, and over /\$6.000 in raffle and auction prizes mark the evening. This is a MUST event for most of our members. Dinner ticket and raffle/auction information is available elsewhere in this document.

We end the month on January 23 at Oak Grove Park at 6:30pm with the first of our spring fly tying series, an event set up to teach new members how to tie their own flies. Each class has a fee of \$5 to cover materials. Again, we hope to make this class one that you get more than you pay for.

That's a total of nine activities, all in our first month. If you're not taking advantage of the resources, you're truly missing out.

Yes I think it's going to be a very good year.

And don't forget to buy your 2019 fishing license before wetting a line.

January 9th is the club's conservation meeting. Come to the GM meeting and listen to Chris Shutes, the California Sportfishing Protection Alliance Federal Energy Regulatory Commission expert on WaterFix, the current plan to plumb the Delta with two gigantic tunnels.

No, it's not a sizzling hot program about big fish breaking rods and stripping reels but it's such a important topic for Californians and especially those of us who live within the bounds of the California Delta.

The Delta is made up of over 1,000 miles of water-ways and is the largest estuarine structure on the west coast of both North and South America. And what is so important about the delta to us? Well, we use it to drink its water, raise our crops, run our factories, supply our cities with fresh water, and most important to us, catch its fish.

While most people believe that the principal idea of the tunnels is to move water south for domestic (household) purposes in the big metropolitan areas of Los Angeles and San Diego, the truth is that 85% of the water will never cross the Tehachapies. It will be used to irrigate the huge industrial orchards and farms of the western San Joaquin desert. While the farmers there would want us to believe that it is used to produce California's food crops, the truth is that most of the products are raised for cash. They include almonds, cotton, alfalfa and feed corn, with much of the product shipped overseas.

And to make the whole thing profitable, all Californians subsidize the cost of the water to the corporations. We're talking millions of dollars annually going to corporations like Texaco and Stewart Resnick's vast empire of corporations, most living off public assistance in the form of subsidies.

Our departing governor, Jerry Brown, in wanting to add to his daddy's legacy of the current state and federal canal system, proposed, first a peripheral canal, and now, two giant tunnels, larger than the "Chunnel" tubes that run from England to France and twice as long. Cost estimates

for the project reach 40 BILLION dollars, That's a cost of ONE THOUSAND dollars for every person now living in California. Once built, operating costs are expected to exceed TWO BILLION dollars per year, or FIFTY DOLLARS,

again, for each person now living in the state.

Not only are the costs astronomical, the beneficiaries of the water, the western desert irrigation districts have said they have no intentions of helping to pay for the construction or operation costs.

And what about the communities that currently live adjacent to the delta? They currently have no voice in the proceedings. The once

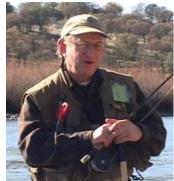
fresh water estuary will turn into a salt marsh, undrinkable and unusable for local irrigation.

As far as the fish, they are expendable as well. Experts predict the total loss of the Chinook salmon runs and the decimation of current estuarial species such as striped bass, largemouth bass and sturgeon.

So, while the January program is not about some exotic location or fishery, it does speak to something that will dig deep into your wallet and change your environment forever. If you like all of the above, just stay home and dream about it. If, however, you think the costs are too high and the changes to where you live too detrimental, make it a point to come to this meeting.

In addition to our speaker, Mike Dempewolf is preparing a great snack table and our prez is putting together a special fly tier's raffle.

Doors open at 6:30, meeting starts at 7, John R. Williams School, 2450 Meadow Avenue, January 9th. The meeting is open to the public. Bring a friend.



Chris when he's not fighting in CA's water wars. CSPA photo

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"Grab your coat and get your hat," and head to the Moke on the 1st. Bring your fishing gear too if you want.

By Jerry Neuburger, president DFF

What is the number one way to start the New Year if you're a fly flinger? Fly fishing of course! And the DFF people have that long standing tradition of welcoming in the New Year by heading to Van Assen Park at the base of Camanche Dam on the Mokelumne to share the experience of seeing the sun rise for yet another year.

If you're a club veteran you know all about it, however, for the "newbies," it's THE thing to do. Sunrise at the park is 7:22am, but the set up crew of Larry Schmidt, Earl Summers and Jim Rich will be on site well before that time. And they'll be busy, setting up the club pavil-



New Years on the Moke, 2017. Photo by Jerry Neuburger

ion and brewing the coffee, after picking up some donuts for the masses, while on the way.

If you drag your feet and want to show up a little later, the crew also has a fantastic lunch spread planned, tube steak sandwiches and bowls of chili.

The Chinook salmon run has been excel-

lent this year and that should bring some steelhead up the river. That makes for an exciting first day on the water for those who plan to fish. If you plan to wet a line, don't forget your 2019 CA fishing license and you steelhead report card.

And hey you new members, please don't be shy. Us veterans really want to get to know you. It's really hard connecting at a member's meeting. Between the speaker and the raffle, there's

just not a lot of time to talk. This is a golden opportunity to make yourself known.

I plan to arrive early and leave late. Test me and see if I know your name. If not, I'll give you a special DFF New Year's gift. But you'll have to ask and refer to this article.

The, "Beginning Fly Fishing" class starts Saturday, January 5th. We still have two spots open.

This five session class will introduce the beginning fly fisher to the equipment and skills necessary to begin a successful fly fishing career.

The first session, January 5th, covers rods, reels, lines, knots and assembling your equipment.

The second session gets into the habits of the trout, entomology and reading the water. The third session covers nymph fishing. The fourth session deals with dry fly presentation.

The last session is a "put it all together" exercise in the student applying what he or she has learned.

The class has a registration fee of \$25 which covers all the materials and hand outs for all five sessions.

To sign up for the class, contact Jerry Neuburger, 209-327-2993 or by email, gneuburg@gmail.com.

Twelve DFFers head to the bay area this month for the second in a series of flve casting lessons. More classes available

After a very successful first round of classes in December, 12 club members are heading back to the east bay on January 6th and 13th to take class two in a series of five classes offered By Gary Turri, certified IFFF casting instructor and member of the Golden Gate Casting Club.

Gary is known to the club had previously come to Stockton in 2017 with a team of Golden Gate casters to work with DFF club members during the club's Casting Day events.

Club vice president, Amy Terra, is in charge of the events and plans to arrange more lessons at any level if club members wish to improve their skills. The classes cost \$45 per session with a class size of six. Classes last about three hours each. You can contact Amy via her email address, deltaflywebmaster@gmail.com

Two fly tying opportunities this month including the start of classes for beginning tiers.

The first opportunity occurs on Friday, January 11th, 5pm at the House of Coffees, at the corner of Lockeford and Ham in Lodi. The evening is an open tying session and runs from 5pm to 7pm when the business locks its doors.

Amy Terra is usually present and the club president, Jerry Neuburger plans to make a special effort to be at this month's sesson, to answer questions about the coming beginner's series to start on Wednesday, January 23, 6:30pm at the Nature Center, Oak Grove Park.

Those interested in joining the second class can observe some flies being tied and ask questions about the costs, and time investments necessary to be a successful fly tier. With commercial flies sometimes costing as much as \$2.50 each, the savings can be tremendous as well as the satisfaction of catching a fish on your own creation. The beginners series will cost \$5 per session to cover materials.

Deadline for dinner reservations, January 11th to mail in orders, January 13 for online ordering

Date: Saturday, January 19th Open Bar: 6:00 pm Dinner Served: 7:00pm

Location: Stockton Elks Lodge 8900 Thornton Road Stockton, CA

Menu

Beef dinner—Prime rib, pasta, roast vegetables, Signature spinach and Romaine Strawberry Basil Salad with homemade Raspberry Vinaigrette dinner rolls, dessert.

Chicken dinner—Stuffed Chicken Breast with Fresh Asparagus (or Broccoli when Asparagus is not in Season) Topped with Cheese, pasta, roast vegetables, Signature spinach and Romaine Strawberry Basil Salad with homemade Raspberry Vinaigrette dinner rolls, dessert.

Vegetarian dinner—Eggplant Parmesan, pasta, roast vegetables, Signature spinach and Romaine Strawberry Basil Salad with homemade Raspberry Vinaigrette dinner rolls, dessert.

All dinners are \$35. Sorry, no kid's menu.

Cancellation Policy—Should circumstances require a cancellation, dinners may be cancelled for a full refund up until ten days before the event, January 9th.

After that date, you may transfer the dinners to another person but because the number of dinners will have been ordered, no refunds are possible after January 9th.

To Order Online—Go to the club website, www.deltaflyfishers.com and page down to the section on the dinner. You may have to make multiple orders, if the combination you desire is not listed. You will receive on-line receipt(s) for your purchase. Please print your receipts.

You may also pay by check using the form below.

Let's make this a year to remember.

Installation dinner order form

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Please include the type and number of dinners on the memo line on your check.

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Please do not send cash in the mail.

Number of Prime Rib dinners

Number of Chicken Breast dinners

Number of Eggplant Parmesan dinners

Total number of dinners

@ \$35 each

Family and friends are welcome to attend as well.
What a great way to introduce them to the club.

I hope all DFF members attend this year's dinner. The officers and directors have worked hard to give you a year's worth of great activities during 2018 and are planning an even better year

Raffle and Silent Auction prizes for this year's January 19th installation dinner. And the list is still not finished!!!

Editor's correction: Earlier versions of this list showed Scott "Fujimura" as donating the Lower Sac guided trips. While "Bob" Fujimura is a great fly fisher and a good guy, the trips are actually offered by Scott "Sugimoto." Sorry Bob and Scott.

Silent Auction List

- Full day guided trip on the lower Sac Value \$400 – Donated by Scott Sugiamoto, On the Riffle GS
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- Half day guided trip on the Delta Value \$375 – Donated by Bryce Tedford Fly Fishing
- \$100 gift certificate for fly fishing private water – Value \$100 – Donated by Baily Creek Lodge
- Two passes to Kelsey Bass Ranch Value \$200 – Donated by Al Smatsky
- One full day of Shad fishing on the Yuba – Value \$450 – Donated by Al Smatsky
- Galvan "Brookie" 4/5 Fly Reel Value \$150 – Donated by Bill Beckett, Headwaters Kayak Shop
- 8' EagleClaw FG 6 weight rod, Martin Auto Reel and line – Value \$90 – Reel donated by G. Parker
- Rio 6 weight Midge Tip line Value \$80
- Rio Gold 5 weight floating line Value \$80
- Rio Grand 5 weigh floating line Value \$90
- Maxcatch Extreme 9' four piece 5 weight rod value \$60
- Maxcatch Extreme 9' four piece 7 weight rod value \$60
- Eagle Claw 9' FG #5 rod, Shakespeare auto reel and line – Value \$60 – Reel donated by G. Parker
- Beginners fly tying kit including Colorado rotary vice – Value \$65 – Box donated by Gil Parker
- Beginners fly tying kit including Colorado Rotary vice – Value \$65 – Box donated by Gil Parker
- Colorado "Regal" style vice value \$60 Colorado "Regal" style vice – Value \$60
- Albright "Tempest I" 5/6 reel Value
- Albright "Tempest I" 5/6 reel Value \$100

\$100

- Webbed fly fishing vest Value \$70
- Two medium fly boxes Value \$20
- Allen North Fork Breathable Waders XL Value \$100 Donated ?
- Sea Level canvas boat bag Value \$65
- Piscifun Sword 9' 4 piece 5 weight fly rod Value \$50
- TFO 8'6" 4 piece 5 weight fly rod Value \$130
- Rio Outbound Short WF8F Value \$100
- Rio Outbound Short WF7F Value \$100
- Fly box with 50 trout flies Value \$50
- Powerfloat system for pontoon or float tubes - Value \$65 – Donated by Larry Schmidt
- Beautiful brass Thompson pedestal vice and fly tying kit – Value \$65 – Donated by Larry Schmidt
- Anglerhause standard fly tying tools in wooden case Value \$25
- Caddis float tube fins Value \$40

installation Dinner Raffle List

- Grand prize Surprise (Value \$300+)
- Grand Prize Complete Redington Vice 5 weight outfit, rod, reel, line, rod tube – Value \$300
- Maxima T Shirt XL Value \$12 Donated by Jerry Neuburger
- Maxima T Shirt L Value \$10 Donated by Jerry Neuburger
- Fly tying lamp (used) Value \$20
- Sunchecker gloves, Sol sun block, croakers Value \$40
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- Sunchecker gloves, Tie fast tool, croakers Value \$40
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- Tie Fast fly tying scissors Value \$15
- Rio leader wallet Value \$15 Donated by Larry Schmidt
- Croch WF6F fly line value \$29
- Croch WF6F fly line value \$29
- Croch WF8F fly line value \$29
- Vest life jacket Value \$30 Donated by John and Karen Keagy
- Intova Duel waterproof digital camera Value \$30
- Anglerhause standard fly tying tools in wooden case Value \$25
- Large waterproof two sided fly box Value \$20

Trophy River video digital fly fishing game – Value \$40 – Donated by Al Smatsky

Two medium fly boxes - Value \$20

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- Large Tie-fast Saltwater tool Value \$15 – Donated by Charlie Reames
- Maxcatch Echo 5/6 reel Value \$25
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- Mainstream WF6F fly line Value \$25
- Thompson vice Value \$20 Donated by Amy Terra
- Thompson vice with hackle gauge Value \$15
- Two Plano plastic boxes Value \$6 Donated by Jerry Neuburger
- Wooden wading staff value \$20 -Donated by Amy Terra
- Sougayilang 7/8 reel Value \$50
- Wooden catch and release hand net Value \$20 – Donated by Larry Schmidt
- Wooden hand net Value \$15 Donated by Larry Schmidt
- ClearCreek Travel Rod Tube Value \$40 – Donated by Jason Stapleton
- Proberus 9' 4 piece 4 weight fly rod value \$45
- Trout of North America Calendar value \$10 Donated by Jerry Neuburger
- Total value over \$5,400 Dollars
 - Yet to be catalogued:
 - Donations by C.J. Webb, Virginia Lakes Resort, Sportsman's Warehouse
- Total value yet to be determined

Ladies Raffle

- \$50 gift certificate, fly fishing earrings Value \$50
- \$50 gift certificate, fly fishing earrings Value \$50
- \$50 gift certificate, fly fishing earrings Value \$50
- \$50 gift certificate, fly fishing earrings Value \$50
- Total value \$200

Total of all raffle and silent auction prizes, approximately \$5,800, and we're not done yet!

Members are encouraged to bring their surplus equipment to the January members meeting. Let someone put that gear to work.



It's been a busy year at the California Sportfishing Protection Alliance. Long name, small organization, big results.

In 2018, CSPA was a leader in the fight for California's fisheries, habitat and water quality. Here are some of the things we've worked hard to achieve.

- The Delta tunnels have stalled. Jerry Brown will leave office with dredges and pile drivers in the Delta quiet. CSPA fought them in Year 3 at the State Water Board. CSPA and allies persuaded the Delta Stewardship Council to throw back the tunnel project as half-baked.
- The State Water Board adopted the first part of the Bay-Delta Plan. CSPA
 advocated for San Joaquin River flows and told the State Water Board to act
 despite a secret deal for half the flow.
- CSPA continued its public trust, pattern and practice lawsuit against the State Water Board for not enforcing water quality, flow, and temperature standards during the 2014-2015 drought. Trial begins in February 2019.
- 4. CSPA fought back against political interference in the licensing of hydropower projects on the Tuolumne River, and helped persuade the San Francisco Board of Supervisors to support the Bay-Delta Plan.
- CSPA worked with line staff from fisheries agencies to model, develop, and defend a complete flow recommendation for the lower Yuba River.
- PG&E is giving up the DeSabla Centerville Project on Butte Creek. CSPA has led diverse stakeholders in organizing to assure an outcome to protect Butte Creek's salmon

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847 N Cluff Ave #2, Lodi, CA 95240 But there is so much more to do. The Department of Water Resources and the Bureau of Reclamation are working overtime to bring the tunnels back to life. They want to release half the water that's needed protect the Delta and its fisheries, and they are mobilizing water users across the state to support "voluntary agreements" to keep it that way. They plan to keep giving away too much water and to keep asking the Water Board for special fish-killing rules when their reservoirs get low.

Help CSPA protect California's fish. Help CSPA stop California's water-spending insanity. Help CSPA develop a new business model for California water where fisheries are protected and all water users live within their means.

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