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November Calendar

November 8—FlyDay Night Tying, House of Coffee

November 13—General Membership Meeting, John R. Williams School

November 16—Trout Bout, Oak Grove Park

November 17—Delta Outing, Paradise Point

November 20—BOD meeting, Oak Grove Park

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Club business...



As I key in these words Halloween is just a few days away, the temperature outside is in the 30's and warm air is exiting the house's heater vents. Just over 60 days to the end of the year, the end of the 43rd year for the Delta Fly Fishers. I'm scheduled to turn my gavel over next January but the club has a problem, we need someone to step up and assume the president's position. I've been president for the last three years and add another year way back in 1990. I've enjoyed the position and hope I've brought the club honor and respect while in the position.

However, it's time that the office be filled by new blood. Our current vice-president, Amy Terra, is not able to take on the role, Amy's a single mom, full time teacher, finishing her doctorate at UOP. She works extra jobs to support her fishing habit. She dedicates multiple hours each month to the club as it is, she just can't squeeze any more time into her schedule.

So, the office is open and needs to be filled. If you were to step up, what support would be there? Karen Keagy has stated she is willing to continue as Club Secretary. I will make an offer to the Board of Directors to take on the role of Treasurer. I'll also continue with the newsletter and raffle. Amy is willing to stay on as Vice President, all of the members of the board are committed to remain. Ron Forbes will continue his conservation efforts, Dena Mason will focus on Education and Outreach, so the basics are in place.

The BOD nominations will take place at the November membership meeting with their election following at the December meeting. The new board then elects the new officers at the December Director's meeting. So, you have some time to decide whether to become involved. All I can say is that it's worth the time and effort.

The club has some other needs. The most pressing is volunteering to chair the club's efforts in the three County fishing events. John and Karen Keagy are unable to continue their chair and Charlie Reames is also at the point where it is difficult for him to do the job. We need three chairs, one for the November Trout Bout, one for the March Bob McMillan Memorial Trout Bout and one for the June Catfish Derby. Can you afford to give the community two days of your time, one day for shopping, and another for the event itself?

The last position needed is an outing chair. The chair does not need to lead or even attend all the outings. Their responsibility would be to recruit members to lead a variety of outings throughout the year including both cold water and warm water fisheries.

The club in some ways is a living organism and it needs fresh blood to keep it healthy. I've been active for over 30 years and have found real satisfaction from participating. Come join the fun.

A few fall highlights

The fall back to standard time and the coming holidays cause conflicts with two of the club's activities, casting practice and The Fly of the Month. Both of these programs will be suspended, Open Casting until the return of Daylight Saving Time and the Fly of the Month until January.

The really big deal in the fall is the Full Day Seminar with Jon Baiocchi to be held / December 7th. The day features Jon speaking on Eagle, Frenchmans and Davis lakes, on when and how to fish them, the flies to use and rigging. The \$25 registration fee includes all the materials to tie a series of flies and a great Lockeford Sausage lunch. The event is now open to the public as well as club members. [Credit card sign ups can be made on line by following this link.](#)

TU's Sam Sedillo will speak at the club's November meeting, also BOD nominations and a great fall raffle



by Jerry Neuburger

In the past few years an invigorated TU has stepped forward to enhance the state's fishing resources. One of their full time staff is coming to our November meeting to tell us about their current work and some recent successes.



Sam Sedillo works for Trout Unlimited as the CA Public Lands Coordinator out of the Truckee TU (TRTU) office. He works on public lands defense, restoration projects, volunteer operations, fish sampling, and outreach.

Sam will be presenting on how TU is leading projects to conserve, protect, and restore trout and salmon fisheries throughout California and how we all can partner together on the conservation initiatives and efforts in California. TU is excited to be working on projects that both directly benefit the special fish that exist in the

state and also provide increased opportunities for anglers to catch these fish. Moreover, Sam will be talking about how to fish two of the rivers that Trout Unlimited is invested in, the Truckee and Little Truckee Rivers."

We will also be accepting nominations for the club's 2020 board of directors. The members of the current board have all volunteered to continue. They are: Ron Forbes, Larry Schmidt, Dena Mason, Thomas Mason, Sam Thompson, Gary Tecklenburg, Nancy Baker, Randy Baxter and Mike Dempewolf.

As an added incentive to attend, the first of fall's mega raffles will take place. Some special items are a folding bucket and washpan donated by Sportsman's Warehouse, some very full fly boxes and a complete 7 weight delta outfit, rod, reel backing and Type VI full sinking SA fly line.

The meeting will take place on November 13 at the John R. William's school, Stockton. The doors open at 6a:30 and the regular meeting starts at 7:00. The public is always welcome. Bring a friend.

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FlyDay Night Tying to continue through the fall, next session November 8th. Fly of the Month suspended until January. Open Casting until the return of Daylight Savings Time.

The club's FlyDay night tying will continue through the fall and winter months. It takes place on the second Friday of the month at the House of Coffee, Lockeford and Vine in Lodi, with a start time of 5pm and an ending of about 7:30. Tiers bring

their own supplies and tie the pattern of their choice. In addition to the tying, participants share fishing information on what's hot and what's not. Liquid refreshments are available at the shops counter as well as snacks.

Two of the club's other monthly activities have been suspended, open casting nights due to the early darkness and Fly of the Month because of the conflict with holiday schedules. Both will resume when conditions permit.

Fall Delta outing rescheduled for Sunday, November 17th

The last club outing of the year is a re-scheduling of the Delta outing originally planned for the last weekend in October.

The outing venue is Paradise Point, at the intersection of Bishop Cut and Disappointment Slough. Anglers should plan on being in the water by 7am, about half way into an incoming tide. Tide change is around 10:30 and the bite should continue throughout the falling tide until at least 12:30. The success or failure of delta outings are dependent on three things, first, whether the fish are, "in", second, whether the weather conditions will allow fishing and finally, a decent tide.

We had two out of the three on the last weekend in October but a 45 mile an hour wind made fishing impossible. Hopefully all three conditions will be present on the make-up date. We know the fish are in. Recent experiences by club members have produced as many as forty stripers per rod and while only a few of these were "adults", they were still fun to catch.

The tide looks good as well for this date with a high tide falling at the middle of the morning, about 10:30. The mid morning tide makes it easy for those fishing from pontoon boats and other low powered craft to, 'ride the tide'. First, letting the tide carry them upstream and then, after tide change, a free ride back to the launch area.

Launch fee for towed boats is \$15. \$8 for hand launched craft such as kayaks and pontoon boats.

Participants are invited to a no host lunch at one of the various food outlets at the large shopping center, located on Eight Mile Road, just west of I-5 after the day's fishing.



Club member Marty Kjelson with a Delta striper.
Photo by Jerry Neuburger

November 7th Delta Outing

When: Sunday, November 17th. 7:00am to 12:30pm.

Where: Paradise Point Marina, 8095 Rio Blanco Rd (Take Eight Mile Road west from I-5. Turn left on top of the first levee, Rio Blanco Road, and drive to the end.

Boat, kayak, pontoon boat, canoe or other floating craft required. No float tubes please, Delta currents are just too strong.

Launch fee:

- \$15 for trailered boats
- \$8 for hand launched craft

7 to 9 weight rods, fast sinking lines, clousers and other streamers.

PFDs required.

Lunch after at Eight Mile Road and Trinity Parkway

Time for us to fulfill our community service responsibilities, Trout Bout is on for November 16 at Oak Grove Park

The Fall Trout Bout is almost upon us. As a club, we have provided assistance to the San Joaquin County Parks and Recreation Department for over 30 years in their three annual fishing derbies.

We need a good turn out from our members to continue to provide that assistance. Charlie Reames will head up this event and needs a few volunteers to show up at the Oak Grove Maintenance Yard at

5:30am to gather the necessary supplies to set up the snack bar. Things really start rolling at about 7L30 when we need a much larger group of volunteers to work the snack bar, handle event registrations, and man the golf carts for food sales.

This is a great event for new members to bond with some of the club veterans. And we certainly need the help. Please put it on your calendar.

Saturday, November 16th

Early Crew 5:30am Oak Grove Park Maintenance Yard

Food, Cart and Reg crew: 7:30am. Boat house, west side of park.

DFFers, tell gate people you're part of the DFF crew for free admission.

Put it on your calendar, the Jon Baiocchi seminar on Eagle, Frenchmans and Davis Lakes, Dec. 7th

Come Join the DFF for a full day with Jon Baiocchi, learning fly patterns, gear and rigging, seasons, and fishing techniques for fishing Davis, Eagle and Frenchman's Lake, Dec. 7th This event is open to ALL FLYFISHERS. You do NOT need to belong to DFF to attend.

This will be a full-day seminar, starting at 8:30 in the morning for coffee and donuts, (and maybe some fruit, bagels, and cream cheese, we're going upscale) and Jon's talk starting at 9:00. Jon will talk about each of the lakes in detail, covering where, when and what to fish

with each. He'll also demonstrate some flies that work for each of these lakes and those in the audience will be supplied materials to tie along. We'll take a break for lunch, a lunch of Lockeford sausage sandwiches, and some side dishes and then continue with a shorter afternoon session, with an expected end time of around 3:30pm. This is a very special day, don't miss it. To keep it warm and personal, we've limited the number of seats to 40. The seminar will take place at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 701 S. Pleasant, Lodi.

You may reserve your seat online by going to <https://link.waveapps.com/wt85ajzm32vq> and paying by credit card or mailing a check to:

Joh Baiocchi Seminar/C.O. J. Neuburger
5 North California Street
Lodi, CA 95240

Or by paying check or cash at one of the DFF club events. The fee is non-refundable but you may transfer (or sell) the seat to another should you need to cancel.



Come Join the Delta Fly Fishers for a special all day seminar with one of California's leading Sierra guides, Jon Baiocchi, Dec. 7th, 8:30am-3:30pm

Jon will cover how to fish Eagle, Frenchmans and Davis Lakes, including:

- Best times of year
- Hatches
- Access and fishing locations
- Fly Patterns and how to tie them
- Rigging
- Maps and hand outs

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To register by mail, send checks to:

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5 North California Street
Lodi, CA 95240

Your registration is transferrable but not refundable. Registration closes with 40 sign ups. Late Checks will be returned.



This event will take place at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 701 S. Pleasant Ave. Lodi, CA

The club has a super webmaster in Amy Terra, and a “thinking fly fisher as well. Here are some of her thoughts.

Second Chances

Topwater fishing, whether trout or bass, is based upon reaction. The fish emerges from below, most often unseen, and takes the fly. The angler has to react in time to set the hook. The set must be at the correct angle and speed. Too soon and the angler takes the fly away from the fish. Too late and the fish is onto the ruse and knows that that tasty morsel is just a trick of feather and fur.

As the angler, sitting and waiting for the take can be its own experience. Trying to maintain a ready status over time. Hunger, distractions and a million other things can dull the readiness and cause the angler to misreact at that moment. Fish rarely give second chances. One miss step and the opportunity is unlikely to return. Humans can be this way too-easy to grasp at what they want in the moment and quick to turn away at the first sign of trouble.

Both the fish and the people are good teachers of life lessons. If you get a fish to give you a second chance, you had better be ready. If you get a person to give you a second chance, don't screw it

up- life rarely gives you third chances.

Family Business

Everyone has family on some level or another. At times it is family we are born to but do not choose. Other times it is family we choose but are not born into. Sometimes we are lucky and it is family we would choose that we are born into. I am incredibly fortunate that my life has many of these family members.

From my parents and sibling to my niece and nephews, I would choose each of them if I hadn't been lucky enough to be born into their family. My beloved son, the child of my heart, couldn't be more my family- even if he had been crafted of my body instead of from my heart and soul.

I have extended family that I hold dear too. Amazing people that have existed on the periphery of my life- providing me with roots, support and love in times of joy and times of need. Always a phone call, visit or celebration away, they add hues of love and support like a beautiful layered sunset.

The only bummer to having all of these wonderful people in my life is that I don't get to see them as

much as I would love. A great example of that is my cousins, Brett and Katie. They are amazing people- fun loving, kind, hardworking and loving. We have all experienced transitions in our lives that pull us in different directions pursuing our joys and life challenges.

You can imagine my excitement when my cousin Brett and I scheduled an evening fishing session amongst our busy lives. We set out with Captain Bryce on the Delta and the fun started instantly. Given the chance to reconnect, catch beautiful fish, be on the Delta and be cared for by our awesome guide made hanging out with family even better.

I am so lucky to have family that loves the outdoors. I am so lucky to have family I would choose. I am really lucky to share fishing with them.

You can read more of Amy's Musing on our website at <https://deltaflyfishers.com/webmaster-musing>

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