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Wild fish...



If you've never experienced a five pound plus largemouth crushing a popper, paused at the end of a strip, you need to expand your fly fishing horizons.

If you've never experienced the grab of a 15 pound Striped Bass on a well stripped Clouser, stopping the line and the immediate, unstoppable short run that follows, you need to expand your fly fishing horizons.

If you've never experienced a hatch of PMD mayflies drifting down a spring creek with 18 to 24 inch trout examining each closely and then sipping them in, making that perfect presentation, watching the rise and lifting the rod when your fly is taken, you need to expand your fly fishing horizons.

If you've never experienced standing in a skiff, surrounded by a school of 20 to 40 pound lit up Dorado, their fins iridescent blue, ready to attack anything hitting the water, whether it is a popper, slider or streamer, and the screaming 150 yard run from the second fastest fish in the sea, you need to expand your fly fishing horizons.

Other challenges exist as well, steelhead, bone fish, permit, Mako sharks, even a fat two pound blue gill can produce a life changing experience, one that will burn into your memory forever.

All of these wild fish, meaning those either born in the wild, or spawned in the hatchery and released as juveniles are a different world than the fish raised in hatcheries to catchable size and then released, many, incapable of spawning. They take more effort, more skill, more time and more heartbreak before the magic moment arrives when everything comes together. But when it does... the satisfaction is overwhelming, the accomplishment epic, the memory... forever.

You don't have to go far to pursue these creatures. We have a world class fishery for two species, Striped Bass and Large Mouth Bass less than ten miles away. While not the same class as the rivers in B.C. the opportunity exists for a steelhead fresh from the sea in the Mokelumne or an American Shad, as close as the American River.

World class wild trout fishing is available in the Sacramento River at Redding or the Fall River and numerous Sierra rivers and lakes. Wild trout exceeding 20 pounds are available at Pyramid Lake in Nevada, only 170 miles away. And even the exotic is not that far away with the beautiful Dorado in the Sea of Cortez, about a thousand miles of driving or two short plane flights.

Sometimes the memories are not just the catch but a lot more. I remember the first time I had driven to Baja, towing my 14' Western. My wife and I camped at San Lucas Cove and I went fishing for Dorado the next morning. I immediately found fish, caught some and called my friend Al Smatsky, told him to get on a plane and fly down. I drove to Loreto and picked him up the next day and we went fishing in the morning. We had learned how to make trolling jigs from The Baja Catch by Gene Kira. Al had brought a ocean rated spinning rod with him and we set it up for trolling. I had a level wind star drag set up as well.

Within minutes of setting the hoochies out, Al's rod bent almost in half and the reel started screaming... and then smoking. I grabbed a bucket and poured ocean water over it to cool it. Al eventually brought the fish, a 15 pound Dorado, to the boat along with a huge school of its kind. That fish in, we grabbed our fly rods, cast flies and fought fish until our arms ached, followed by Pacificos and tacos at the stands around San Lucas and Santa Rosalia.

Wild fish make for memories.

Founding member and club “treasure,” Leo Gutterres, will demonstrate balsa popper making and present a program on bass fishing at the October 9th meet

by Jerry Neuburger

I had been a member of DFF for only a few months when a veteran member came up to me and asked if I'd like to fish for steelhead on the Trinity with him. I barely knew a mayfly from a caddis, a dry fly from a woolly bugger, a three weight from a seven weight. I was honored and so appreciative. Although we ended up cancelling the trip because of weather conditions, I still remember that day and the member that stepped forward, Leo Gutterres. It meant a lot to me.

I didn't know that Leo's abilities and fame were spread far beyond our club and that he was known throughout the Northern California area for his beautifully painted balsa bass poppers. His presentation shadow boxes of flies always drew high bids at fly fishing event silent and live auctions. And if you were to fish for largemouth with a veteran, he'd most likely open his fly box and point to Leo's flies, too valuable to actually use.

It's been over 30 years since that invitation to go steelheading but

Leo's still at it, still fishing and still making poppers. A bout with cancer more than a decade ago didn't stop him. He came back more committed than ever to his sport.

Leo, the treasure that he is, is willing to pass on his knowledge and skills to the next generation. He plans to set up at the GM meeting early, at 6:30 and demonstrate popper making for an hour, putting the start of the regular meeting back to 7:30.

The regular meeting is designed to inform members of coming club and other fly fishing events, including outings, classes and festivals as well as some fishing reports of club events and general fishing activities.

Mike Dempewolf will have refreshments available. (Don't forget to stick a buck or two in the tip jar to keep the whole thing going since it's self funding.)

The meeting will also feature the second fall mega raffle with fly fishing and camping equipment with a value exceeding four hundred dollars to be given away.

The meeting will take place on October 9th at the John R. William's school, Stockton. The doors open and Leo's demonstration starts at 6:30 with the regular meeting starting at 7:30. The public is always welcome. Bring a friend.



Is this art, fly fishing or both?

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Heenan to be revisited on October 5th

The following is a repeat of the article published in last year's Rx Fly Fishing. It has been edited to meet the requirements of this year's outing.

The first of the Heenan outings, taking place in September, was rewarding, even though only one club member, the fish mister attended. The lake was slightly warmer than expected but still produced two fish, one a 20 inch and the other a 16 inch Lahontan cutthroat. Both fish were caught on a size 12 pheasant tail but the hot fly was a #14 red chironomid. The knowable angler fished it on an indicator with about a ten foot drop to the fly. He caught fish after fish, even though he was fishing just a few feet away from his pontoon boat.

The 223 acre lake is on Highway 89, 130 miles from Stockton, on the west side of Monitor Pass. Although a few anglers fish the lake from the shore, (if you're ambitious you can walk around the entire lake) most fish it from float tubes, pontoon boats, prams or kayaks. A rough 60 yard dirt road goes down to the lake from the parking lot, allowing the launching heavier pontoon boats, prams and

kayaks. Only human and electric motor powered craft are allowed on the lake.

The lake is located at close to 7,200 feet and can be a problem, especially afternoon winds. However, most days you can fish the lake from when the gates open, a half hour before sunrise, until the gates close, a half hour after sunset.

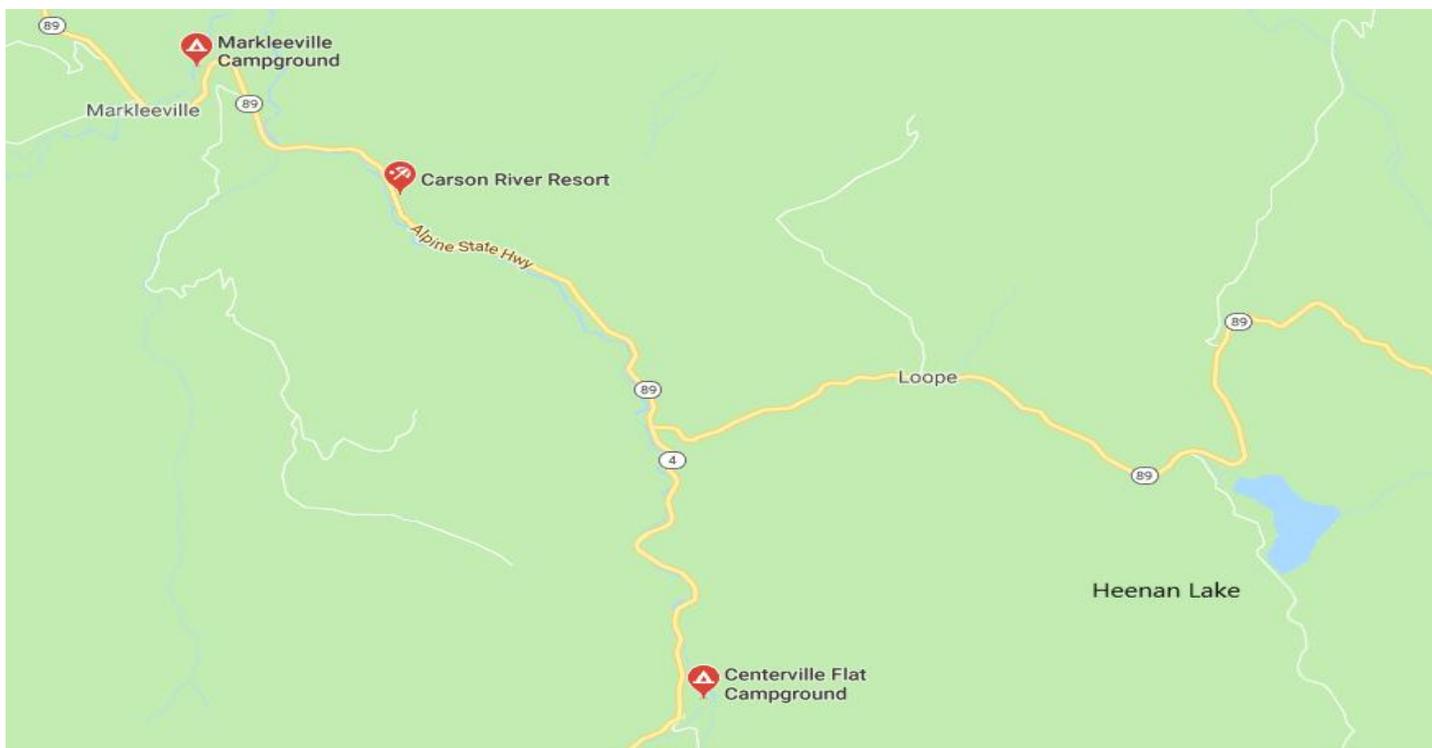
Fishing tactics include streamers and fishing chironomids and other small nymphs under an indicator using a five weight rod and floating, intermediate and #2 sinking lines. Since the lake is only 21 feet deep at its deepest part, almost all areas in the lake hold fish. While the lake fishes well all day, early mornings, as soon as the gates open, are prime with fish rings covering the lake.

The hot fly of the day can vary but anglers should be able to get into fish using #10-12 prinz nymphs, olive, light olive, cinnamon, brown, and black woolly buggers and leaches for streamers. Best flies for under an indicator are #12-16 PTs, AP nymphs, copper johns, and chironomids, especially red and wine. Using a hand twist strip with the nymphs can also be effective when fished on a slow sinking line or a floating line with a long flouro leader.

Jerry Neuburger will be fishmiester for the outing and will be heading up early Saturday morning for a one day fish of the lake, leaving Lodi at about 4am. He'll have space for another angler and their pontoon boat or float tube as well as his own gear.

For those who want to spend the weekend, camping is available at the Centerville Flats Campground, a free dry USFS campground with a single set of vault toilets located on Hwy 4, about 4 miles south of its intersection with Hwy. 89. If you want more refined facilities, the [Carson River RV Resort](#) is close by and you can make reservations. Last year other campgrounds close to the lake had already been closed for the season. The Centerville Flats campground is a dry camp. No water is available at the campsite and there is no camp host. Other fishing opportunities are available close by, the West and East Carson Rivers. and Indian Valley Reservoir are all within 15 miles of the lake.

If you're planning to go on the outing, please contact the fishmiester, Jerry Neuburger, and let him know you're coming. He can be reached via email until Thursday jneuburg@gmail.com or by phone 209-327-5993.



Have you paid your 2020 dues yet? They were due August 1st. If not, look for the recent online invoice you may have received in your email.

It's FlyDay Night Tying night and free beer (NOT!)

OK the free beer is a fib but beer is available as a choice of beverage during the evening's tying session.

So what is FlyDay Night Tying? It's an

informal gathering with everyone tying their favorite patterns. Others show up just to chat. The venue is The House of Coffee, Lockeford and Ham Lane, Lodi.

This month's session is scheduled for

Friday, October 11th. The evening starts about 5pm and everyone is usually finished by 7.

If you haven't tried it in the past, show up and say hello. You may make it a habit.

YubaFest, October 12. It's free, it's fun and it's about fly fishing. It's a really, really, big, big deal.

A conversation with Clay Hash, NCCFFI Vice President of Communications and Outreach and Chairman of Yuba Fest 2019

Hello, I'm Larry Strauss, and I'd like to introduce Clay Hash. I am on the board of the Northern California Council Fly Fishers International along with Clay. I am having a conversation with Clay who is the chairman of Yuba Fest 2019. Clay is also a Past President of the Gold Country Fly Fishers and is the owner of Fly Fishing Traditions, a co-host of the Yuba Fest 2019 event.

{Larry}: Clay, what is Yuba Fest 2019?

{Clay}: Yuba Fest 2019 is a gathering of people celebrating the Yuba River watershed. People passionate about fly fishing, conservation projects, education and sharing a sense of community are invited to come.

{Larry}: Is this the first time the event has taken place?

{Clay}: This will be the second annual Yuba Fest. The first event took place in October of 2018.

{Larry}: Where and when does Yuba Fest 2019 take place?

{Clay}: This year, Yuba Fest 2019 takes place at Sycamore Ranch County Park on the Lower Yuba River. It will take place on October 12th from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

{Larry}: Who are the hosts of Yuba Fest 2019?

{Clay}: The co-hosts of Yuba Fest 2019 are Fly Fishing Traditions, my educa-

tional fly fishing guide service, Gold Country Fly Fishers, the fly fishing club that calls the Yuba its home river, and the Northern California Council of Fly Fishers International (NCCFFI), representing fly fishing clubs from Northern California. The Gold Country Fly Fishers helped tremendously last year and are also helping this year. NCCFFI is a new co-host for the event and is promoting fly fishing clubs from Northern California and Western Nevada to attend.



{Larry}: What will be happening at Yuba Fest 2019?

{Clay}: There will be many activities for attendees including; 1) a Women's Connect gathering for women fly fishers of all levels of experience; 2) a series of exploratorium like fly fishing stations for fly fishers of all ages and skill levels. 3) Fly fishing casting instruction as well as chances to achieve a Fly Fishing International recognized bronze or silver casting credentials; 4) Fly Tying demonstrations by expert fly tiers, and 5) information about the organizations working to enhance and preserve the Yuba River watershed.

{Larry}: That is a full agenda. Are there

any other activities planned?

{Clay}: Yes indeed. We have planned an Afterparty to be held at 5:30 pm at the 1849 Brewing Company in Grass Valley. Even though the day will be full, we ask attendees to join us for an informal social gathering of friends. There will be live music with the rock band "Non-GMO" to entertain those that attend. It will be a fun conclusion to the event. Everyone should try to come. It will be a lot of fun. There will be no charge, just a request for a \$10

donation to cover the cost of the band. There will also be a live auction where people can bid on donated guide trips and lessons and also fly fishing gear. Proceeds to go to future local Gold Country Fly Fishers Youth Fly Fishing Programs.

{Larry}: Who is encouraged to attend Yuba Fest 2019?

{Clay}: The co-hosts of Yuba Fest 2019 encourage members of fly fishing clubs from all over Northern California and Western Nevada to attend.

Any person interested in fly fishing, whether you are just curious about fly fishing, just getting started, or an experienced fly fisher. A special invitation goes out to our youth and women to come and participate in activities especially designed for you. There is something for just about anyone.

{Larry}: Who is the keynote speaker at Yuba Fest 2019?

{Clay}: Mark Rockwell, president of the Northern California Council of Fly Fishers International, will speak at 12:00 noon on Conservation, Education, and Community as it relates to our Northern California fly fishers. Mark has a history of involvement with conservation issues and is a long time fly fisher.

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(Larry): Which conservation groups will be at Yuba Fest 2019?

(Clay): We are currently working on that. We have invited groups such as the South Yuba River Citizens League (SYRCL),



Sierra Streams, Trout Unlimited, and Cal Trout to attend.

(Larry): For someone looking to improve their fly fishing skills, what can they expect to learn at the Yuba Fest 2019 event?

(Clay): There will be a lot. There will be professional fly tiers to show you their expert tying techniques. There will be presentations by professional guides about how and when to fish the Yuba River. There will be fly casters to help you improve your fly casting. For the youth there will be a complete program to introduce the participants to the world of fly fishing.

(Larry): What food and beverages will be available at the event?

(Clay): There will be gourmet hot dogs,

chips, water, and soft drinks available for purchase. All the youth attending or participating in the Youth Fly Fishing Pro-

Yuba Fest 2019 Entomology Workshops

gram will receive a free hot dog lunch.

(Larry): What does it cost to attend the event?

(Clay): Yuba Fest 2019 is free to attend and participate. There will be a donation jar to help pay for the costs of the event, no obligation, just a friendly request.

(Larry): Clay, on behalf of Northern California and Western Nevada fly fishers, thanks for letting us know about Yuba Fest 2019. It looks to be a fun event for most everyone. For updates and answers to frequently asked questions, go to www.yubafest.blogspot.com

Last month's fly, the October Caddis started off the Fly of the Month year. Come to October's tying class to learn and have fun.

Member Tim Costello has volunteered to lead the Fly of the Month series for the coming year. Tim will either tie or invite a guest tier to tie their favorite pattern. The classes will be held at the Oak Grove Park Nature Center on the fourth Wednesday of the month, with a start

time of 6:00 and an expected run time of about two hours.

In addition to the instruction, materials will be furnished to tie from three to five of the selected pattern. A small charge for materials, \$5. is asked to keep the program in the black.

The falls second session is scheduled for Wednesday, 6:00pm. October 23rd. This month's pattern will be announced at the club's GM meeting and posted on the club's website and Facebook page.

Come to the club's last open casting session of the year on the fourth Friday of this month, October 25th

Because of the change from daylight savings time to standard time, the October open casting session will be the last session for the 2019 year.

The casting course will be set up at Legion Park, Hutchins and Vine in Lodi. Look to the rear of the basketball courts in the northwest corner of the park for the activity.

The sessions start at 5pm and last until 6:30 to 7:00pm, depending on the number of people showing up and the interest generated.

Want to become a Certified Casting Instructor?

By the way, if someone wants to become a certified casting instructor, the club would seriously consider funding the ef-

fort with the understanding that the person make their services available to the club on a low cost basis once certified.

I suspect that another series of groups going to Gary Turri for formalized instruction will also be organized before next spring. We'll just have to wait and see.

Haven't paid your dues and lost your emailed invoice, no problem, just follow the links below. Your payment will be matched with your invoice and a receipt sent

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The Delta's transition from a summer to a winter fishery is complete. The water has cooled and the stripers have moved in. Time to go fishing, Oct. 27th.

Although the first of the fall's outings to the delta was attended by only three members, it was a fishing success with both stripers and largemouth being brought to boat. Anglers Al Smatsky and Bob Souza caught stripers on the main San Joaquin after launching at King Island Marina, and fishmiester Jerry Neuburger landed seven largemouth, six of them on top water poppers. The three finished up with a club lunch to make it a complete day. A repeat of the day is scheduled for the 27th of October. While the water will be colder and the largemouth bite slower, more striped bass should have moved into the system. These voracious fish attack flies readily and while large fish are scarce, their smaller brethren are easy game for lighter gear.

Because the delta is a tidal basin, tide

plays an important role in an angler's success or failure. Best catches center around high tide, either in an incoming or especially on an outgoing tide.

The last weekend of October offers an exceptional opportunity for fishing with an outgoing tide starting at about 6:00 in the morning and lasting all the way until 1:00pm.

While some waters on the delta are just too big and dangerous for small craft, the sloughs on the east and south sides of the delta are prime waters for kayaks, prams, canoes and pontoon boats. Because of tidal flow, even these small craft need some fairly powerful propulsion in the form of gas or electric motors, paddles, oars and in the case of pontoon boats, fins.

Gear consists of seven to nine weight rods with the chances that you just might be undergunned with that seven weight should a big striper grab your fly.

Lines vary from intermediates to work over weed banks and type sixs and eights including lead core to work the deep runs from 12 to 16 feet.

The leader or tippet is not

a complicated affair, just five feet of #20 fluorocarbon for underwater work.

Flies can be bubble heads, deceivers and whistlers for intermediate work and clousers for dredging.

WARNING: The tide is a major outgoing for the majority of this outing. If in a craft using oars or paddles, be prepared to be carried downstream for the first portion of the event. As the tide slows at the end of the change around noon, it will be easier to work yourself back up the current.

In addition to propulsion, an anchor is recommended as equipment for all craft. And of course, life jackets for all aboard.

Paradise Point Marina maintains a well paved launch ramp. Pay envelopes are usually available at the launch area, Cost to launch has been \$15.00 for trailered craft. Unknown for hand carried craft such as kayaks and pontoon boats.

October 27 outing info

Date: Sunday, 10/27/2019

Start time: Sunrise 7:30am

Location: Paradise Point Marina, Eight Mile Road, Stockton

End time: 1:00pm

Launch fee for trailered boats: \$15



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Captain Bryce Tedford's Delta Fishing Report for October



Prime Delta Striper fishing is just around the corner! Oct.-Dec 15 is typically very, very good on the Delta & it's nice to have such an amazing fishery in our back yard. Fall generally brings mild weather with low winds, comfortable temperatures & plenty of fish to make a good day of it.

Fall is by far my favorite time of the year on the Delta as it is the most predictable time of the year & the fishing is generally pretty good.

As for now, Striper fishing is beginning to pickup, schools of smaller fish can be found throughout the Delta. These fish are generally feeding on Threadfin Shad 2-4" long. I like to use various crease flies or gurglers on top when I find feeding schools of fish. In addition to Crease

flies, smaller Chartreuse/white Clouser flies will always get the job done. This time of year is fun in that you can boat around the Delta & look for feeding turns & seagulls. Underneath these birds will be bait balls of Threadfin Shad & under

those will be Stripers & Largemouth feeding. These smaller Stripers/Largemouth(12-18") are super fun on light rods & a great way to get into Striper fishing! In addition, some Large Stripers can be found here & there if you are willing to work for them & go find them. Some days I have got into many 3-5lb fish with some larger fish mixed in, other days the larger fish have been tough to locate. For large Striper hunting I like Intermediate, type 3 & type 6 sinking lines with large Clouser type rattle flies in various colors. Topwater Largemouth & Smallmouth Bass has begun to slow down as we get more & more cooler evenings. You can still get a good Topwater bite on Largemouth but warm evenings

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with higher tides are your best bet. For Largemouth I prefer 1/0-2/0 Frog patterns, sliders & bugs that chug have both been effective as well. A good place to pickup some great flies for Largemouth is Delta Bass Bugs: <https://deltabassbugs.com>

In the coming weeks I expect Striper fishing to improve & I am looking forward to a great Fall of fishing! Fall is truly a great time of year to be on the Delta so get in a boat & get out there or please inquire if you are interested in a guided trip!

offer a discount of around 20% so please let me know if you are member when booking!

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For Delta Fly Fishers members I currently

Brian's October fishing report for Delta Bass Bugs

The Bass are starting their fall migration through most of California Delta right now. In fall bass in the delta are still targeting crayfish patterns but are starting to transition to a shad and baitfish heavy diet. Effective patterns are 1/0 -3/0 poppers and sliders, and 1/0 - 4/0 jig Clousers. Look for areas with ample cover and deeper water nearby. As early storms come through the bass will move deep

then return to their feeding areas after the storm. Main channel points and weedlines with deep outer edges are always a good place to start. The foothill reservoirs continue to produce good numbers of bass look for main lake points. Points with unique features and/or cover are always favorable. Small streamers size 6 to 1/0 in Shad patterns work well this time of year as well as the float and fly.



Early reservations reserved for DFF members. Open to the public November 1st.

A change in targeted waters for our special club event. 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.

We've made some changes in our full day program for December. Jon had planned to speak on fishing the Yuba but finding that most of our club's members primarily fished lakes, he's changed his topics to fishing three of his favorite lakes, Lake Davis, Eagle Lake and Frenchman's Reservoir.

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.

Depending on Jon's schedule, we might even be able to plan a club outing to one or more of the lakes with Jon providing a group guide service for one of the outing

days.

This event is a return to the club's events of old. In the past the club had such fly fishing luminaries as Dan Blanton, Al Kyte, Denny Rickards, Jay Fair and Andy Burk conduct day long clinics. We were limited in space by the venue, the boat house at Oak Grove Park. We've rectified that problem with the help of V.P. Amy Terra. As a member of St. Pauls Lutheran Church, 701 S. Pleasant Avenue, Lodi, she has access to their general purpose room with lots of space for presentations and a full kitchen.

In the past we've charged \$25 for the day and we've been able to keep that price and, because of the larger facility, increase the number of seats available to 40. To make sure that our membership is taken care of first, we've limited early signups to DFF members for the month of October. The event will be opened to other local fly clubs and the public from November 1st to the day of the event.

This is a very special don't miss it event. I encourage all of our members to take advantage of this very special day.

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 club events. The fee is non-refundable but you may transfer (or sell) the seat to another should you need to cancel.

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DFF deadline: 10/31/19

Walk in the steps of John Muir while fishing Yosemite with Amy on October 12th

By Amy Terra

October 12th we will be having a Yosemite stream outing on the Dana Fork meadow section on Hwy 120. Meet Dena and myself at 10:30 at the gravel pull out 42 miles from the Hwy 120 turn off in the park. You will drive by the Tuolumne store, past the turn out on the right with 2 porta potties and the next turnout is where we will be. Look for the silver Tacoma with canvas camper shell. We will put the DFF flier up on the Tacoma. The Dana Fork is right up against the road and it is an easy step down to the water. Bring a floating line and a small rod will do just fine- I use a 3 wt but anything

from a 2 wt to a 5 wt will work. Bring a variety of dry flies. I like to use flies that are easy to see. Flies sized 12, 14, 16, 18 works. Don't forget floatant and desiccant. The trout usually rise to something the size and shape they are eating but they tend not to be super picky. Ants attract the brown trout and we are in a meadow so hoppers can be a good choice too. Bring any food or snacks for yourself for the day. The meadow is a gorgeous place for a picnic. We will be there to help club members get started and then anticipate having people move up or down the fork as they are comfortable hiking. Yosemite is filled with fishable waters and you can

remain near this spot or take short drives or hikes to other waters. The techniques you use on the Dana Fork will serve you well on any similar water in the park.

It is cold in the morning. We will keep an eye on the weather but recommend bringing your waders as fall weather appears. If you have any questions, call or email Amy. There is no cell service in the park so don't rely on your phone. Call for information before Friday as I am heading up Friday morning and most likely won't have cell service Friday or Saturday. Let me know you are coming so we can expect you. Send me your cell number and I will send you a map link.

A fall club visit to Pyramid in Nevada is scheduled for the first November weekend, 1st through the 3rd

If you're new to fly fishing, you may not know that some of the largest trout in the world, the Lahontan Cutthroat, capable of growing in excess of 40 pounds, is located in a lake in Nevada, about 40 miles north of Reno.

These fish are accessible to fly anglers with double digit fish caught daily during the "season" meaning from October 1st through late spring of the following year.

The club conducted a spring outing to the lake last March and while the fishing was tough that weekend, the outing was a huge success for the anglers involved with lots of eating, drinking, fish tales, lying and even a little fishing thrown in.

The lake can be an enigma, with fantastic fishing one day followed by a day of zero catches, or hours of patient casting, stripping and watching an indicator, followed by 15 minute periods of pure panic with everyone being hooked up, lines crossing, fish pulling in all directions.

And they can be selective, some days eating only a size eight fluorescent red chironomid with a brass bead, ignoring the same fly with a white bead substituted for the brass one. Other days they seem to gobble anything wet.

An old saying about Pyramid is the worse the weather, the better the fishing but some big fish are caught on blue bird days with the water so calm it appears to be a

mirror. Others swear that to catch fish, a mixture of clouds and a wind ripple on the water are just as necessary as the right fly.

Fishmeister Jerry Neuburger plans to tow his little travel trailer up for the three days and maybe extend his stay by a day or two as well. However, if others show an interest, he'll leave the trailer home in favor of booking a room, rooms or a complete trailer for six to eight at Crosby's Lodge. Shared room costs would be about \$35 a night per person. Meals are available at Crosby's as well as fishing licenses, the latest fishing information and a large selection of lake specific flies.

It makes no difference whether male or female, Jerry will make it work that everyone has a room and the privacy that they would expect given their gender, be it in a walled off bedroom in a larger trailer or a separate cabin.

For newbies, fishing equipment required is a six to eight weight rod, a floating like if indicator fishing or a quick sinking line for stripping streamers. A reel with a decent drag and some backing is helpful but, as long as the reel holds enough line and backing and can be rim controlled, it will

work. While the fish can be big and powerful, they move fairly slow when compared to others in their species.

While anglers can be seen fishing from float tubes and pontoon boats, most of the fly fishing is done from shore, either by wearing waders and standing on a ladder or just standing on shore at the steeper beaches.

Jerry is asking any interested anglers to contact him by Friday, October 18th with a firm commitment to go on the outing so rooms can be booked. Once the people wanting to go are identified, a car-pool can be set up to cut traveling expenses. Jerry can be contacted either in person at one of the club events, via email at jneuburg@gmail.com or cell phone 327-5993. **DON'T LEAVE A MESSAGE. HE DOESN'T CHECK HIS MESSAGES!**

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The first of the club's support for SJ Co. Parks and Rec. fishing derbies is coming mid November. To make it work, we need YOUR help

The fall Trout Bout is scheduled for Saturday, November 16th. Our club has a long tradition of helping the county out with the event, manning the snack bar, taking in registrations, weighing fish and even handing out the winning prizes. It takes a crew of 15 to 20 people to make the day work with the early shift arriving

at 5:30 in the morning and the late shift finishing the day's activities about 1:30 in the afternoon.

The club encourages all members, especially new members to get involved in this community activity. It gives the new member the chance to meet other club

members, learn their names and even set up some fishing trips while performing community service at the same time. Additional information will be available at the club's general membership meeting and in the November newsletter. This early notice is to help you save the date.

Conservation by Ron Forbes

Governor Newsome has turned his back on the Delta, the environment and our fisheries

Fly -fishing is solitary, contemplative, misanthropic, scientific in some hands, poetic in others, and laced with conflicting aesthetic considerations.

It is not even clear if catching fish is actually the point.

... *John Gierach*

The state legislature passed SB-1. The bill kept strong environmental protections in place and provided water pumping restrictions for the Delta. As you know, the Delta is now facing the proposed water exports by the Trump administration. Recently, water agencies threatened Gov. Newsome that they would leave the Voluntary Agreement (VA) discussions unless Newsom vetoed the bill and allow them to complete the final agreement. Unfortunately, he did.

Restore the Delta (RTD) commented, "On behalf of our members throughout the state, we are deeply disappointed that Governor Newsome vetoed SB-1, and are now skeptical that the voluntary settlement agreements will be better for the Delta than the Bay-Delta Water Quality Plan. How could we ever trust the protective operation of the Delta tunnel?"

Environmental groups have been supporters of Governor Newsome and strong political allies. However, Newsome has turned his back on the environmentalists. The Nature Conservancy and five other environmental organizations sent strong letters of protest to the governor and Secretaries Jared Blumenfeld (California Environmental Protection Agency) and Wade Crowfoot (California Natural Resources Agency). They informed the governor the current agreement will not restore the Central Valley Watershed or make the Delta better. The current process is



After a lot of tough talk, did the governor cave to the Trump administration on Delta water issues? Consensus by the environmental community is, "Yes!"

badly flawed. It will not lead to an agreement that is scientifically, biologically, or legally sound. Nor will the agreement withstand environmental or legal scrutiny. They reminded Newsome of their promise to work with his administration and support the Voluntary Agreement process (VA). They understand the value of a VA.

They ask Newsome to clarify his support of the State Water Resources Control Board "moving forward with the Water Quality Control Plan (WQCP) update under any circumstances." If the current flaws in the VA are not addressed, the environmental organizations will leave the VA process.

In letters to Secretaries Blumenfeld and

Crowfoot, the environmentalists expressed their "serious and urgent" concerns with the VA process. Key issues for the Delta and watershed environment have been excluded from the VA process. They listed four areas that have been excluded by the process that will prevent scientific and legal acceptance of the VA. They will only support a VA agreement that:

. "Includes significant increases in both water flow and habitat sufficient to achieve or support the appropriate contributions of the VA to achieving the WQCP.

. "Includes an adequate 'backstop' to ensure that the SWRCB's new objectives are enforceable at the end of the 15 year VA

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term or if the VAs terminate early."

Prior to his election, Gov. Newsom promised an "open and transparent VA process." That has not happened. It appears we are back to ground zero again.

A MAJOR VICTORY IN THE NINTH CIRCUIT COURT

Over eight years ago, plaintiffs California Sportfishing Protection Alliance (CSPA), Pacific Coast Federation of Fisherman's Association (PCFFA), Friends of the River (FTR), Crab Boat Owners Association (CBOA), Institute of Fisheries Resources (IFR), and Felix Smith, (former employee of the USFWS who exposed the Kesterson Wildlife cover-up) filed a suit against the Bureau of Reclamation and the San Luis Delta-Mendota Water Authority.

The plaintiff's claimed the defendants illegally discharged large amounts of toxins, including mercury, selenium, salts, sulfates, and a variety of other pollutants from almost 100,000 acres of Central Valley farms. Bill Jennings' article in CSPA Newsletter noted that the defendants were required to file a Nation Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. Unfortunately, the toxins were dumped into the San Joaquin River and Delta Estuary which drains into the San Francisco Bay.

Bill Jennings, CSPA, commented, "After decades of inaction by our federal government to halt contamination that has destroyed habitat for our fish and wildlife, it is reassuring to see our federal court issue a strong ruling enforcing the Clean Water Act's mandate for fishable and swimmable rivers."



A memorable photo from the recent Bridgeport outing. While fishing Upper Twin Lake on the last Saturday, club member Jim Rich was engaged by a bikini clad young lady in a white kayak. She had just lost a big fish while fishing with spinning gear. Jim just happened to catch a trout of major proportions shortly after. Gentleman that he is, he offered his catch to the skimpily dressed damsel. All eyes were on the fish during the hand off.
Photo by Jerry Neuburger

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