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Calendar

October GM meeting, John R. Williams School

October 15-16, NCCFFI Yuba Fest

Oct 19, BOD meeting, Oak Grove Nature Center

October 22, Lower Sac Outing

October 26, Open Tying, Oak Grove Nature Center

November Heenan Lake open for the extra month, seven days a week, due to COVID 19

November 9, GM meeting, John R. Williams School

November 16, BOD meeting, Oak Grove Nature Center

November 24, Thanksgiving

Living off Amy's legacy

By Jerry Neuburger, editor

Ninety of our 123 members have taken advantage of the early/on-time renewal option, making them eligible for the renewal drawing prize of an eight weight striper outfit valued at over \$450. I believe that is a record and probably a part of our past president Amy's legacy of an extremely diverse club offering a huge selection of activities.

Amy stepped down after a tumultuous two years in which she dealt with a viral epidemic, at the same time growing the club activities and increasing club membership. She is still a great part of our club, taking on most of the casting instruction, maintains the club website and is a big part of the Wulffie outings as well as a single mom to a teen ager and earning her doctorate. Yes, it is Doctor Amy Terra and perhaps that's how we should refer to her in the future.

Unfortunately, when Amy stepped down, no one took her place and our club has functioned without a president since the January installation dinner. We had some great plans including adding a first Wednesday of the month skills night which would have included fishing and rigging skills, casting and all the things fly fishers do both on the water and in preparing to fish. After a few sessions, that effort died, no chair.

We also had planned to continue the Fly of the Month on the fourth Wednesday of the month. That too died, again, no chair. The board added an open tying date for October and the end of the year holidays, Thanksgiving and Christmas get in the way of the last two months of the year.

Thankfully, Bob Fujimura, club secretary prepares the agenda for the director's meetings and helps chair the meetings, and at the same time, taking minutes.

Al Smatsky continues selecting the best speakers he can find and arranges their appearance at the general membership meetings, including the pre-meeting dinners. He also takes on the planning and hosting of the an-

nual full day semiar (This year featuring our favorite Lower Sacramento River guide, Scott Sugimoto, to be held December 10th at the Stockton Elks Club, cost, including a catered buffet lunch, all tying materials, a morning registration snack bar and an over the top tying raffle. Limited to 40 participants. [Sign up here](#))

Dena Mason bravely keeps the Salmon in the Classroom program going almost unassisted and is a large part of the monthly casting practice.

Charlie Reames, with a recently injured foot, is a large part of the trout bouts and catfish derby as well as helping to maintain all of the club's equipment.

Our directors keep the club moving and help at club activities such as the trout bouts and help keep the ship afloat.

A group of almost predictable volunteers help when necessary, regardless of the activity and require appreciation.

Mike Dempewolf keeps the snacks and coffee flowing at our meetings almost like a machine.

Ron Forbes produces our conservation column like clockwork.

And I keep the books, prepare the newsletter and run the raffles.

But we need new blood to take on the positions now occupied by some of our officers and directors. We need chairs to take on things like skills night and the Fly of the Month. We need volunteers to sponsor outings to new locations, be it stream or lake. And finally, we need someone to step up and take the reins of the club president for the 2023 year.

In the mean time, come to the October meeting to enjoy our speaker, Maury Hatch, talking about Delta stripers, if you paid your dues early or on time, I hope you win the raffle and bring money for the regular raffle. Think about becoming a worker bee.

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Tob guide Maury Hatch will speak on Delta stripers at the October meeting

Capt. Maury Hatch will discuss catching a California striped bass on the fly rod. This presentation is a summary of Maury's 27 year addiction to the pursuit of striped bass, on the fly rod, in Northern California. This great fish lives in the rivers, Delta, salt and lakes in our region and is an excellent target species for the fly angler. Maury's presentation also includes info on the unique smallmouth fishery in our area and a Costa Bass-N-Fly Video/Advertisement if time allows.



Maury has been fly fishing the western United States and Mexico for 40+ years. After honing his skills with trout, he hooked his first striped bass in 1995, and has been chasing, catching, and releasing stripers ever since. As a Captain, he guides both out of the San Joaquin Delta in a center console bay boat in the fall and spring, and then on a jet sled on the Feather and the American Rivers in the summer for Stripers and Small Mouth Bass. All trips include top of the line equipment as well as custom tied flies. He is the sales rep for Costa Sunglasses in Northern California as well as an ambassador level pro staffer for the following products: Simms clothing, Sage rods, RIO lines and Galvan reels.

In addition to Maury's presentation a drawing will be held for the striper outfit to be given away for

membership renewal and another regional meeting raffle at the end of the evening. A large part of the evening's raffle will be five pairs of tickets to the YubaFest to be held the coming weekend of the 15th, 16th. The tickets have a value of \$10 each so winning them in the raffle would mean you doubled your money with a ten dollar ticket investment.

The club will host Maury for a pre meeting dinner at BJ's Brew Pub on Pacific Avenue at 5:15pm and all club members are welcome but asked to RSVP [Al Smatsky](#) by the Tuesday before so he can make adequate reservations.

The meeting will be held at the John R. Williams School, 2460 Meadow Avenue in Stockton on Wednesday, October 12. Doors open at 6:30 with the meeting starting at 7pm. The meeting will be an in person affair and will NOT be zoom broadcast. And of course, the meeting is open to the public.

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Update on Oct 22 Lower Sacramento River Outing

By Bob Fujimura

The closing date for the end of signing up for the guided group float on the Lower Sacramento River is coming soon on Oct 8. We have ten participants already signed up and only 2 spots are still available at the time of this writing. The Lower Sacramento River is one of the best and consistent trophy rainbow trout fisheries in the West. Guide Scott Sugimoto will again host for a group float trip during the salmon egg hatch season. Participants are invited to a wrap-up dinner on later Saturday evening to share fishing stories. Last year's outing was a success with good fishing and great time for those who participated.

As of September 15, the Redding Fly Shop continues to report 'great' fishing with some Chinook salmon already showing up and improved fishing for resident trout with the cooler fall weather. Daily hatches are occurring with midges emerging in the early mornings, Baetis mayflies in the afternoon, and Caddis in the evenings. Read the full report at: <https://www.theflyshop.com/streamreport.html>. Andrew

Harris of Performance Outfitters also rated fishing on Sept 21 as "great". His novice client caught excellent numbers of rainbow



through their drift and saw salmon digging redds. Read Andrew's report at: <https://www.confluenceoutfitters.com/singlereport.aspx?reportid=9919>.

This float trip will cost \$275 per person (based on double occupancy of each drift boat; includes a hot lunch and guide tip). More details and instructions on how to sign up are in the August newsletter:

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Contact Scott Sugimoto at Scott@ontheriffle.com or [Bob Fujimura](#) for more information on this event. A signed 2022-2023 DFF liability waiver is required for registering for this outing.

Don't miss out, this event is open to all, not just club members, and has a limit of 40 participants

Scott Sugimoto featured tier at Fly Tying Day Dec. 10, 2022 and a catered lunch

By Al Smatsky

Scott Sugimoto, one of the DFF's favorite guides on the Lower Sacramento River at Redding, started his fly-fishing journey approximately 7 1/2 years ago. With a commitment to learn and the help of his friends, he taught himself how to set up his fly line, cast, entomology, and how to catch and land fish. One year later his guide friends told him that he should start a guiding business, which he did. Scott now guides the Lower Sacramento River, McCloud, Hat Creek, and the Pit River. He also found a new love, the beauty and artistry of fly tying. For Scott fly tying this is a way to relax and express part of himself into a sport and I love sharing it with others.

Scott will be tying some of his most favorite and productive nymphs, steamers and dry fly patterns. These effective patterns



can be used on all of our Western creeks, streams and river.

This will be a full day event to be held at the Elk's Lodge, 8900 Thornton Road, starting with registration and set up in the morning featuring coffee, donuts and other goodies to eat, enough for a full breakfast for most, followed by about three hours of presentation.

Lunch will be a catered buffet by Sondra's Creative Catering and a full hour will be allotted allowing for some chatting after.

Following lunch, Scott will continue with his presentation, winding up about 3:30. A fly tier's raffle with 30 to 40 prizes will follow with huge bundles of fly tying materials offered, ten dollars for 15 tickets plus a door prize.

This is the third year of the event and it has been a sell out on both previous occasions.

The event is open to all fly tiers, regardless of club membership so it's suggested that participants register early via the online facility. The cost for the day including the breakfast goodies, the catered lunch and all fly tying materials is \$40. [Register online by following this link.](#)

Join Bob and Jean for some fall Nevada fishing, it's awesome!!!

Bob and Jean Fujimura are looking forward to their first major still water trip since last June. Last year's fishing trip saw good to epic fishing at most reservoirs that Bob fished. We are looking forward to seeing if this year's fishing will be as memorable as my first fall trip. The weather should be more pleasant and less crowded than in the spring.



organizational meeting for participants the week of Oct 16. Trip itinerary and campground locations will be determined closer to the event based on local fishing reports and weather forecasts. DFF members are free to participate – however, club members are responsible for their gear, transportation, lodging, license/access fees, and meals. Participants

This club outing is for intermediate skilled fly fishers who are already familiar with still water fishing techniques and have the flexibility and time to travel and fly fishing in Elko

County Nevada. Contact Bob Fujimura at deltaflyfishers@gmail.com by October 8 if you are interested in joining this outing. Bob plans to hold a brief

are required to sign and submit a 2022 -2023 DFF liability waiver form.

Open Fly Tying Night Continues on October 26

By Bob Fujimura
Come out this month at hang out at the Nature Center every fourth Wednesday evening for a no-host fly tying session. It will be a monthly opportunity to tie with your fellow members, sharing the latest fishing stories, and hang out with new and old friends. This will be a free event and open to club members from 6:00 to 8:30 pm at the Oak Grove Regional Park's Nature Center, Eight-Mile Road, Stockton. Tell the entrance attendant that you are participating in a



Delta Fly Fishers meeting. Contact Bob Fujimura at [deltaflyfish-](mailto:deltaflyfish-ers@gmail.com)

ers@gmail.com for more information.

Membership is more than just paying your dues, we need your liability waivers as well!

The annual membership year has already started as of September 1st, and all members are being asked to pay their annual membership dues (except for Life Members). Another annual membership task is soliciting the reading, signing, and submission of the club's liability waiver. This year we are coordinating our waiver solicitation drive with the annual renewal drive which Jerry Neuburger and Dena Mason are leading. Members who sign these forms allow our club officers, outing volunteers, and our club insti-

tution to continue provide the many outings and other outdoor activities that members enjoy and seek out. Please take the time to read, sign, and return your original, signed copy to either: 1) Dena Mason or Bob Fujimura at the next in person event or meeting, or 2) mail it to:

Bob Fujimura
DFF Secretary
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A form is provided on the next page

for your convenience. We will have forms available for the next club event or meeting. An outing leader may also ask you sign and submit this form as a requirement of participation if a valid waiver isn't already filed with the club's Secretary. If so, you can download a copy of this form from the DFF Website in the Membership section. Once done, each member should not need to deal with another request until the next new membership year. It is a small chore but allow everyone to enjoy the wonderful outings

Conservation by Ron Forbes

CSPA's Bill Jennings, one of California's lions on water, fisheries and conservation slowly recovering, in the meantime Chris Shutes, well known to DFF members, is taking over...



"One thing becomes clearer as one gets older and one's fishing experience increases, and that is the paramount importance of one's fishing companions."

John Ashley Cooper

A deep concern for all of us.

Those of us who know Bill Jennings have been concerned about his health is-

sues. His health issues became more acute recently as he was blind-sided by a car that ran a stop sign. In talking with Chris Shutes, I was told that Bill's injuries are moderate. But unfortunately, a leg injury has been slow in healing and Bill is currently in a convalescent hospital. Those of us who are seniors fully understand age isn't very cooperative in the healing process and takes its own slow time to achieve positive results.

Until Bill recovers his health, Chris Shutes will assume the role as Executive Director of the California Sportfishing Protection Alliance (CSPA). Those of us who know Chris know he is extremely competent and will fulfill his duties as acting Executive Director well. Chris was very positive of those working at CSPA for "stepping up to the plate" during this time of adjustment. He was very complimentary

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Name _____ Date _____

Signature _____



CSPA's Bill Jennings, a water conservation legend. Photo courtesy of CSPA.

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of Cindy Charles' work for upgrading operating procedures within the organization. CSPA is in good hands.

For those of us members of DFF who know Bill and have worked with him there is little I can add or explain about Bill. For new members, or those who don't know Bill, let me explain his importance to the Delta, its environment and fisheries, and our state's water issues. Bill is unique. He has devoted his entire life to the Delta and our environment. I met Bill at the first meeting to form Restore the Delta in 2007. We talked for about a half hour after the meeting and I soon realized he was someone of great ability and exceptional knowledge of the Delta. Bill has devoted over 30 years of his life working for the Delta, its environment, and California water issues. I believe it's accurate to say no one in California understands more about the Delta, its problems and water issues than Bill. Fifteen years ago I ran into Bill at a

Stockton coffee house and we talked for well over an hour. I explained I wanted to be involved in fisheries issues and the Delta but was at the low end of a long, complex learning curve. For over a year we met almost weekly and Bill shared his knowledge and helped me immensely. I will never forget his help. Get well soon Bill. We need you back in the saddle!

CALIFORNIA IS NOT THE ONLY STATE WITH A 500 LBS GORILLA IN THE ROOM.

We have a tendency to think California's water problems are unique and more serious than other states' water issues. Obviously, we are directly affected by our state's difficulties. But despite the seriousness of California's drought and water situations, other states face drought problems that are as serious and are potentially as catastrophic. Last June the New York Times published an article, "As The Great Salt Lake Dries Up, Utah Faces An Environmental Nuclear Bomb". That caught my attention. Last summer the Great Salt Lake recorded its lowest water level since records have been kept. There is a high probability, with climate change, it will fall even more this year. During the late 1980s the lake surface area was about 3,300 square miles. It has fallen to less than 1,000 square miles. That's a water volume loss of over 70% in the last 37 years. In the past years the salinity levels of the lake varied from 9 to 12%. As water levels continue to drop the salinity levels are now expected to increase to 17%. That level is expected to occur late summer or early fall this year. As it occurs the lake's algae, flies, and brine shrimp that feed on the algae will die. The Great Salt Lake's

flies and brine shrimp are the primary food source for 10 million

migratory birds flying south for the winter. This year's southbound migration may well be a huge environmental disaster.

As serious as the impending loss of an entire bird migration is, it pales when with the potential catastrophe facing Salt Lake City itself. Of all the city's problems, none is more serious than Salt Lake's air becoming poisonous. The soil under Salt Lake contains poisonous heavy metals including arsenic, zirconium, antimony, and copper. Some of the metals occur naturally, but most have leached into the soil during mining operations. As the lake has continued to dry, the heavy metal soils have become exposed. They were once covered by a hard crust. However, as the wind blows it exposes these toxic metals and they become airborne. These particles are referred to as PM10. PM10 is a dust particle 10 micrometers or less which has become air borne and can be easily taken into the lungs. The PM10 particles are especially serious for people who have asthma and heart attacks. Some of the at risk people have suffered premature deaths. The concept of being outdoors and breathing wind blown dust into your lungs, laced with arsenic, is a sobering thought.

The people of Utah live and thrive in a unique environment in the second driest state in America. They live just west of the 12,000 foot Wasatch Mountains in a 100 mile long strip of green land bounded by Brigham City in the north and Provo in the south, Salt Lake City in the middle of this strip of land. Utah's population is just over 3.2 million with 2.5 million people living within the 100 mile strip of green land they call the Wasatch Front. Utahans refer to the Wasatch Front as a megacity. And it is one of the fastest growing areas in America. Rain and snowmelt form three rivers (the Jordan, the Weber, and the

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Bear) provide water for the area's cities and towns and Utah's rich farmland. The Wasatch runoff eventually flows into the Great Salt Lake.

This "megacity" can exist only because of a hydrological anomaly. The snow that falls in the Wasatch Mountains melts and flows into the three rivers. The run-off provides water for urban use, agriculture, and urban and industrial uses. It then flows into the Great Salt Lake. The influx raises the lake level about 2 feet every spring. Then, during the summer, about 2 feet of water is lost to evaporation. The cycle then repeats itself in a delicate balanced cycle. Now the delicate balance cycle is over. It has disappeared for two reasons. One is climate change and the other is a massive, uncontrolled growth in population.

Robert Gilles, professor at Utah State and state climatologist, explains the dilemma. "The other shift is climate change. Higher temperatures cause more snowpack to transform to water vapor, which then escapes into the atmosphere, rather than turning to liquid running into rivers. More heat also means greater demand for lawns or crops, further reducing the amount that reaches the lake. A shrinking lake means less snow. As storms pass over the Great Salt Lake, they absorb some of its moisture, which then falls as snow in the mountains. A vanishing lake endangers that pattern. If you don't have water you don't have industry, you don't have agriculture, you don't have life." This is now the cycle in effect.

The Times article notes the solution is relatively simple. "Let more water from the melting snowpack reach the lake, by sending less water to homes, businesses and

farms." The fix is simple in theory but the reality is far more complex. The current population of Salt Lake City is 2.3 million people. In less than 40 years the population is expected to double. The current population is burgeoning with no end in sight. Laura Briefer is head of the city's public utilities department. She notes there are only three ways Salt Lake City can increase its water supply. First, is to use more water from its three river supplies. Second, is to recycle waste water. And finally, like California, draft its groundwater. But all of her proposed solutions exacerbate the problem: all three of these water solutions will be used for other purposes rather than increase the flow into Salt Lake. It's not a viable solution and will not solve the problem.

Salt Lake City has been ineffective at best in reducing water use. Nine months ago the city stopped issuing water permits for businesses they claim require large amounts of water to function. The Utahans seem to have trouble with the concept of what will happen if they have no water. The local politicians are not progressive enough to take a leadership role in solving the problem and leave the status quo intact. The federal government reports Salt Lake City has one of the lowest water rates in the nation but uses more water than any other city that suffers from desert conditions. In 2021, the day use per person was 96 gallons. Other arid cities like Tucson Az. and Los Angeles Ca. used 78 and 77 gallons per day. That's over 15% more water compared to other desert cities and they show signs of changing their water use patterns.

The population of Utah is just over 3.2 million people. Two thirds of the population is Mormon. Utah uses more of a mu-

nicipal water supply than any state in America and has, along with Idaho, the most highly subsidized water price structure in the union. A belief among the Mormons is that they are, required by the church, to have a dark green, well-manicured lawn. In a suburb of Salt Lake, Elie El Kessrwany did not water his lawn." I was trying to do the right thing for the community. He was "rewarded" by his homeowners association threatening him with a lawsuit and fines if he didn't maintain his lawn to their standards. To counter their actions, State Representative Robert Spendlove introduced a state bill to block communities from enforcing "lawn restrictions." It failed. In 2019, Erin Mendehall was elected mayor and pledged to address climate change and air quality. She stated that the city would look at pricing "to send a stronger conservation message". But she has failed to do anything. Mayor Mendehall has also refused any requests for interviews.

Furthermore, in researching the environmental literature on the Colorado River, it's not possible to see any sites without stories about impending disaster. The river may soon become a "dead pool" river. A dead pool river is a river that does not have the ability to flow because it has no water. The Colorado River supplies water and power for over 65 million people, including Californians. It's hard to wrap your mind around the fact that we, and other states, have no viable drought plans in action given the enormity of the consequence.

It becomes clear how badly flawed Utah's water policies are. It is easy to criticize them. And it's easy to become sanctimonious about their actions. But upon reflection, California's water policy is as bad, if not worse, than Utah's. All states seem to make poor decisions based on economic, political, religious, or misinformation rather than decisions based on reality and science. In retrospect, it seems all states suffer the same problems. When I was in college, a professor asked our class what made a species most likely to survive. We guessed it was strength, speed, intelligence, the ability to escape predators and the list went on and on. The professor said we were all wrong. The ability to survive is based on a species ability to adapt to a changing environment. Nothing more. But that seems to be the human's Achilles heel.



The (Once) Great Salt Lake, then and now.

Join Us for a Celebration of Fly Fishing and Conservation Yuba Fest 2022



On October 15th & 16th we will hold the fly fishing event of the year in Northern California... Yuba Fest 2022. If you are interested in fly fishing, protecting Northern California fisheries and learning how to fish on the Yuba River, This event is for you!

Specifically on Saturday for the novice or newer fly fisher, we have a number of free sessions available, including Introduction to Fly Fishing (a three hour class covering the basics), Introduction to Fly Casting (where you can learn how to cast, even if you have never had a fly rod in your hand), and how to Fly Fish on the Lower Yuba River (including tactics and flies to be successful). In addition, you will have access to Fly Fishing Skill Stations all day to learn about Entomology (the bugs that fish eat), knots and rigging and fly tying from guide level fly fishers & experts.

Saturday will include great food available for purchase (lunch & dinner), along with drinks, booths all day with Conservation Groups like Trout Unlimited & Cal Trout (to name a few) and you'll enjoy the music of The Harmony Groove Band in the afternoon. We will also have a raffle, silent & live auctions for fly boxes and other great gear and high value items.

On Saturday night, it's time to relax and enjoy. We will have a gourmet BBQ dinner with all the trimmings and will pay tribute to our late friend Jon Baiocchi (famous Yuba River Guide).

After dinner we will be treated to the wonderful voice of Karrie O'Neil, singer/songwriter from Reno. She's a joy to listen to. Don't miss the dinner!

Sunday will offer an Introduction to Fly Fishing Class taught by Mark Rockwell (President of NCCFFI) and Larry Strauss (of Gold Country Fly Fishers) designed to get you started on your adventure into Fly Fishing. Clay Hash (local Yuba River Guide) will do a workshop on how to fish highly technical waters, providing tips & tricks and insights. Both of these classes require prior registration and cost \$75.

In addition, we have "The Salmon Expedition" offered at a discount by our partner, SYRCL (follow the link on the NCCFFI/ YubaFest site to register & pay). It's a raft trip with a Naturalist down the Yuba to see salmon spawning and what river restoration really looks like. Sign up early to hold your seat.

There is a lot to do in and around the Grass Valley/Nevada City/ Yuba City area and it is a great place to spend a delightful full weekend. For more information about Yuba Fest, go to: <https://www.nccffi.org/yubafest> to get all the information and register to join us for this great celebration at Sycamore Ranch County Park on the Lower Yuba River.

We look forward to seeing you there!



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- How to Fly Cast
- How to Tie Flies
- Conservation Groups
- Fly Clubs
- Bugs – What They Do
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- Learn to Fly Fish Class
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