Rx Fly Fishing!

The monthly newsletter of the Delta Fly Fishers!

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Calendar

October 14, General Meeting, John R Williams Elementary School, 2450 Meadow Ave. Stockton. Open 6:00 pm, meeting stars 6:30.

October 11, Friday Night Casting. Hutchins St. Square, 125 So. Hutchins St., Lodi, 5-7 pm.

October 21, Board of Directors Meeting, Oak Grove Nature Ctr, Eight Mile Rd., Stockton, 6:30 pm

Club Announcements

- Club Outing -- Fishing the lower Mokelumne River Thursday evenings. Only a few Thursdays left before the season closes. (see page 2)
- Club Outing to O'Neill Forebay for Striped Bass; Orientation October 7; Trip November 7. (see page 16)
- Fly Tying will resume Wednesday October 28. (see page 4)
- It's the start of another DFF membership year, and time to pay dues. You can pay online -- follow the links from the DFF webpage -- or in person.
- Celebrating 50 years promoting fly fishing, conservation and comrodery!

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Next Delta Fly Fisher General Meeting

Date: Wednesday October 14

Location: John R Williams School, 2450 Meadow Ave. Stockton

Time: 6:00-8:00 pm

Join us for some light snacks and conversation before the 6:30 meeting start. Catch up with friends on fish stories and future fishing plans.

Presentation Information: Amy Terra, Certified Fly Casting Instructor, will talk about fly casting (see pg 2).

October Speaker Background.

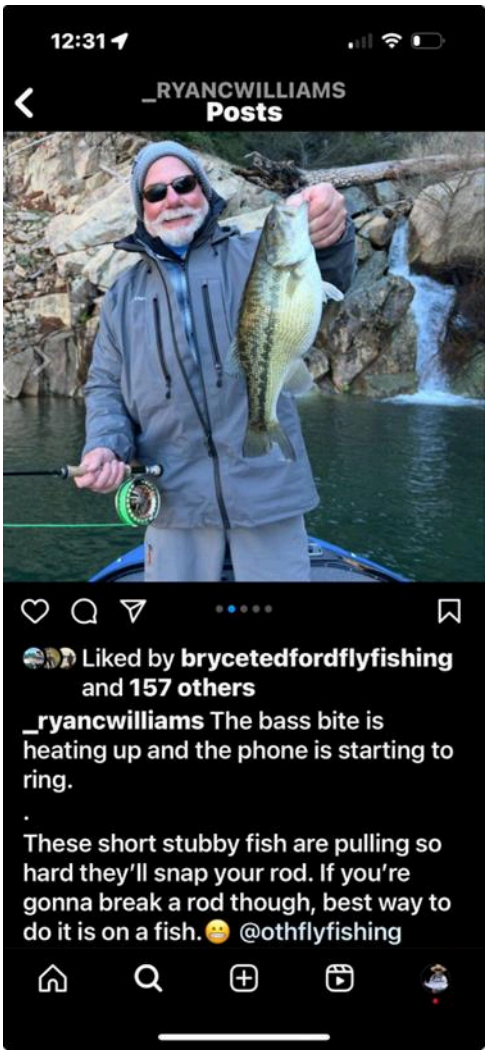
Amy Terra is a native Delta Fly Fisher, having been introduced to fly fishing over a decade ago after sending a Facebook message to the club account asking if someone could take her fishing and show her how to fly fish. The amazing Captain Jerry Neuburger took her out on the Delta and got her into topwater stripers on the first cast. This powerful start has led to a more than decade long infatuation with all things fly fishing amongst the amazing DFF members and activities.

Just before Covid, Amy began working through the FFI's Fly Casting Skills Development Program and formed friendships and relationships with the wonderful casting community. After achieving bronze, silver and gold casting certification, she entered into the Golden Gate FFI Casting Instructor preparation program and attained single hand casting instructor certification two years ago.

Amy puts her casting instruction skills to use by teaching individual and group instruction, and club presentations on casting as well as donating casting instruction to a variety of programs including PHWFF, Casting for Recovery, fellow clubs, youth programs, our DFF casting program and FCSD events within the state.

Amy believes that all fishing experiences are valuable and increasing your casting skills can heighten your on-the-water experience if that is important to you. Her motto is "Cast better- Fish better" but at the end of the day, she just loves seeing people on the water. Don't worry that she will pepper you with unwanted pointers when you fish with her; she won't unless you ask.

Amy's program will include casting principles and fundamentals with a second half on how to prepare your casting for specific fishing settings and styles. Looking forward to seeing you there!



Upcoming Events with the Delta Fly Fishers

By Bob Fujimura

Lower Mokelumne River - Every Thursday Evening – Amy Terra invites all DFF members to fish with her at the Mokelumne River Day Use Access Park every Thursday evening; contact her for more information.

O'Neill Forebay Orientation – Wednesday October 7: We'll have orientation session for members who plan to attend the November 7 outing to O'Neill Forebay to fish for striped bass. We will be viewing an excellent video by the GGACC which prepares fishers on how to fish this inland reservoir from personal watercraft. If you plan to attend, please RSVP Bob Fujimura by email (deltaflyfishers@gmail.com) or by phone at (209) 329-1692.



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Lower Sacramento River Guided Float Trip – Saturday October 10: Guide Scott Sugimoto will again host for a group float trip during one of the prime seasons of the year. Participants are invited to a wrap-up dinner on later Saturday evening to share fishing stories. All available spots for this trip have been sold to 15 participants.

Free Casting Classes in SF Park – Saturday October 10: Free casting lessons at Golden Gate Casting Ponds at 1232 John F Kennedy Dr. San Francisco, CA 94122 resumes this month. Lessons run from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. Rods available for loan for the lessons. Clinics available for all levels of casting led by the Golden Gate Angling and Casting Club of San Francisco. Participants must preregister online via the GGACC website. A few of the DFF officers and members participate in this monthly GGACC event; contact Amy Terra at (209) 329-4801 for more information on this event.

General Membership Meeting – Wednesday October 14: Our guest speaker will be our Amy Terra who is an amazing Certified Fly Casting Instructor. Amy's program will include casting principles and fundamentals with a second half on how to prepare your casting for specific fishing settings and styles. Come meet Amy before the meeting and share dinner with him at BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse, 5733 Pacific Ave, Stockton starting at 5 pm. Contact Bob Fujimura at (209) 329-1692 or email at deltaflyfishers@gmail.com to let him know that you are coming.

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O'Neill Forebay Outing and Campout with Santa Cruz FFC – October 15-18: DFF members have been invited to join the Santa Cruz Fly Fishing Club's annual campout at O'Neill Forebay during October 15 through 18. O'Neill Forebay is one of their club's favorite inland striped bass fishouts, and SCFFC have experienced members who fish this nearby waterbody regularly. It would be a good opportunity to prepare for our DFF outing on November 7th.
More information on this outing can be found in this link: https://www.santacruzflyfishing.org/.../oneill-forebay.../
If you are interested in joining this outing, contact the event host, Kevin Burdock: troutdock89@gmail.com

Friday Night Casting Session - Friday October 16: Monthly casting instruction continues at Hutchins Street Square, 125 S Hutchins St, Lodi, CA from 5 to 7 pm. FCSD Bronze and Silver courses will be available, but we can work on anything you want! There will be loaner rods and eye protection available. All participants must have a 2026 liability waiver signed and on file. All instruction is free and open to the public. Contact Amy Terra (209-329-4801) for more information on this monthly session.

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NCCFFI Hall of Fame Dinner – Saturday October 24: The Northern California Council of Fly Fishers International will hold the Hall of Fame event on October 24, 2026 to honor Mark Rockwell, at the Lafayette Veterans Memorial Center located on Mount Diablo Boulevard. The event will cost $150/ person, and feature a catered dinner, the induction ceremony, plus a silent and live auction. See more information in this issue.

Open Fly Tying Session – Wednesday October 28: Join other DFF members for a no-host fly tying session. This will be the last opportunity to tie with your fellow members, sharing the latest fishing stories, and hang out with new and old friends until 2027. 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. Bob Fujimura will be sharing another fly of the month pattern: Duke Nukem Frog. The first part of this event is light enough to practice your fly casting if you rather do this activity.

Contact Bob Fujimura at deltaflyfishers@gmail.com for more information on this event and how to enter and exit the Park gates. Beginners should not hesitate to attend. Please contact Bob at least 48 hrs ahead of time if you need individual instruction or use of the club's loaner equipment.

O'Neill Forebay Outing – Saturday November 7: Fly fish for striped and largemouth bass in this watercraft friendly reservoir. Fall is one of the best times of the year for this special inland bass fishery. Mark your calendar - more details can be found in this issue. Contact Bob Fujimura (email: deltaflyfishers@gmail.com) for more information.

General Membership Meeting – Wednesday November 11: Our guest speaker will be determined. More information on his program in this issue. Come meet Maury before the meeting and share dinner with him at BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse, 5733 Pacific Ave, Stockton starting at 5 pm. Contact Randy Baxter at (209) 200-9739 to let him know that you are coming.

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Fall Fun

By Amy Terra

The Wulffies have one of our favorite upcoming outings happening this Monday through Thursday, October 5th through the 8th. We are off to fish the Bridgeport area. The itinerary looks like this: Drive through Yosemite hitting some of our favorite waters and exploring Lee Vining Creek below Saddlebag Lake. We may hit a few more spots but we will for sure hit the cafe at the gas station just outside of the park's eastern entrance. If you haven't eaten there- it is a great little eatery.
We are staying at Virginia Creek Settlement which has a convenient creek right behind our cabin which has historically fished well.

We have an amazing guide booked for Tuesday and Wednesday- Andrew Sears of Walker River Outfitters is our go-to guy and we are taking turns in pairs heading out with him. Those not with Andrew are likely to go and say hello to CJ Webb at Virginia Lakes Resort and I for one will be having her amazing pancakes. I love to fish Little Virginia Lake and explore the creeks around it. Green creek and Robinson Creek are always great options too. Thursday we are heading north on 395 and plan to stop as the whim strikes at any water on the way homeward. This is the last of our big outings for 2026. Our activities in November and December will have a fly tying focus including our December Fly Tying Day.



It has been a great and busy year for the Wulffies. We look forward to another great year of activities in 2027!

Rancho Seco

By Amy Terra

I remember going to Rancho Seco as they were first developing the area alongside the nuclear power plant. The trees were tiny seedlings that cast no shade but our family would pack a picnic lunch, swim in the swim area, play games and nap. As my brother and I grew, the park continued to develop. My brother saved his money and bought a small SNARK sailboat. The late afternoon winds forced him to become the master of tacking his way back up towards our picnic site. My Dad would fish from the shore. I remember him catching giant trout in the late fall and winter. Yes- we picnicked in the winter too.

The nuclear power has long since closed and my Dad's jokes about us glowing in the dark are tucked away in my memories. They have left the towers up- some say for aircraft navigation but I don't know if that is true. I find myself going back to Rancho Seco a few times a year to fish and I have dialed in enough that my catches are in the double digits consisting of a variety of sunfish and the occasional bass. I have seen evidence of monster bass but haven't hooked into one. But days at Rancho Seco are usually relaxed and productive.

At the end of this school quarter, I celebrated by taking myself camping the first few days of break. I took my Dad's dog, Lilah, that we inherited and my float tube as well as a few books and my tying vise. While the tent sites were packed, the RV sites were only half filled and it made for a nice relaxing adventure. Little Lilah proved to be a great fishing partner and our adventures on the water garnered about a dozen fish each time we went out. The relaxing was wonderful with tying, reading and napping- a taste of retirement I am eager to experience longterm.



Lilah the fishing dog lounging on the float tube.

While fishing and staying at Rancho Seco involves a charge and a mussel inspection, the non-gas boat ordinance makes for relaxed days on the water. The Wulffies go every summer and the campground manager (who is a former Florida fly fishing guide) shared that trout planting is to begin in late October. The cooler temperatures allow for trophy size trout plants and make for a fun, relatively local trout fishery. Sometimes great fishing adventures are closer than you think!



Thursday Nights on the Mokelumne River

By Amy Terra

Our Thursday nights on the Mokelumne have been a blast. We have had new and seasoned anglers come out and explore our home waters. While the dynamics of the river are changed, there are fish to be had and the size of the fish has been increasing each week. A few weeks ago we had two brother-in-laws come out and one caught his first fish on the fly and the other caught his first fish ever! It is fun like this that is at the heart of this club. We have also had members of the Sacramento Project Healing Waters program come out and get a line wet. While the season closes on October 15th, the river flows are fluctuating to draw the fall run salmon up the river so wading and fishing are becoming less accessible. Salmon have been moving up the ladders in Woodbridge so it is a matter of time until they are up at the dam.Next Thursday I will be in Bridgeport but I plan on coming for the 15th and we will have some warm food available- either tacos or some soup. Come on out and wrap up the season with us. We will fish if we can and if we can't we will eat and socialize. I get there between 5 and 5:30. We leave at sunset. Thanks to everyone who has made it out to our homewaters!



Jason, Dena and I on a Thursday adventure.

What's Old is New Again

By Amy Terra

Let's revisit the past for a moment. This club has had 50 amazing years filled with fishing, fun and camaraderie. Nothing is more evident than when you look through old newsletter articles. I have been exploring old copies given to me by Jerry and Earl, and love reading them. Every month I will post some fun information from these archives. So here goes- a blast from the past:

From the March 1983 newsletter:

From Robert Traver:

"*I fish because I love to: because I love the environs where trout are found, which are invariable beautiful, and hate the environs where crowds are found, which are invariably ugly; because of all the television commercials, cocktail parties, and assorted social posturing I escape; because in a world where most seem to spend their lives doing things they hate, my fishing is at once an endless source of delight an an act of small rebellion; because trout do not lie or cheat and cannot be bought or bribed or impressed by power; because I suspect that men are*

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going along this way for the last time, and I for one don't want to waste the trip.; because mercifully there are no telephones on trout waters; because only in the woods can I find solitude without loneliness; and finally not because I regard fishing as being so terribly important, but because I suspect that so many of the other concerns of men are equally unimportant and not nearly so much fun." (from Anatomy of a Fisherman, McGraw-Hill).

From February 1984: The club made available a tying kit including a Thompson Vise ($25), bobbin ($3.75), half hitch tool set ($3.25), scissors for $5, dubbing needle for $1.00 and hackle pliers for $3.75 for a total of $45 to be fully outfitted to tie flies!

Imagine getting completely outfitted for $45 dollars! What a deal! I was going to price this in today's dollars but didn't want to sit here and cry on my computer so I just used an inflation calculator which indicates this would cost at least $150. However, I know I spent more than that on just my vise.

Thanks for taking a trip down memory lane!

This Month's Fly Box

FLY TYING

Duke Nukem Frog Pattern



Photo from the FFI Fly Tying Group

By Bob Fujimura

My summer fishing and non-fishing travel commitments adversely impacted my routine tying time and I struggled for a new pattern worthy of sharing. However, I recently joined the FFI Fly Tying Group and was introduced to this pattern via their September Fly of the Month offering.

The Duke Nukem frog is effective, adaptable, and relatively simple to tie according to Jason Hochstetler, fly tying manager at Rod & River Fly Shop in Des Moines, Iowa. The resin coated head is key feature and provides a distinctive plopping action and sound. Jason offers an excellent instructional video on tying this pattern at this link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SW0pGTW8tqQ

Here is Jason's materials list:

Hook: TMC 8089, B10S, Fulling Mill 60 40, other wide gap hook; Sizes #2,4,6
Thread: UTC ultra thread in 210 D, chartreuse
Tail: Marabou, rubber legs
Body: 2MM craft foam, green and yellow
Eyes: 7MM 3D living eyes
Head Cement: Thick UV Resin
Other: various permanent markers

I strongly recommend joining an active fly tying community like the FFI Fly Tying Group to encourage your journey in developing your fly tying skills. It can be an additional aid to learning new flies, meeting other tyers, and accessing an awesome library of classic and new fly patterns via the FFI website. More information on how to join FFI and their Fly Tying Group can be found at: https://www.flyfishersinternational.org/Support-FFI/Join-Renew

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Casting Corner

By Amy Terra

Our casting season is drawing to a close with our October 16th Friday night casting. Heat should not be an issue so we will start at 5 pm and go until 7ish (or dark) at Hutchins Street Square near the marquee. It is always bittersweet when the season ends. It has been a great year bringing new people into fly fishing through the club's casting activities as well as spending time connecting with our Delta Fly Fishers membership. I love seeing everyone's casting improve and hope it is translating to better fishing experiences for everyone! In the winter Golden Gate Casting and Angling continues to have free casting lessons at all levels on the second Saturday of each month. Our casting season will begin with our annual casting day in April. Thank you to everyone who has participated in our casting activities. I am so grateful to share my love of casting with all of you!

Contribute to the club's welfare

I was asked to put this box in the newsletter so that those club members that live at unreasonable travel times to the club's monthly meetings might have a way to contribute to the club's welfare. At their request, I've set up a group of alternative contribution amounts. Those who participate will receive a tax deductable receipt via email.

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Make checks payable to DFF, Salmon in the Classroom. Please include your email address. You will receive a receipt online, when the check is received.

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A Hidden Gem -- Cosumnes River Preserve

By Amy Terra

My class is lucky enough to be a part of the Wetlands program and, as a part of this program, we get to go on a field trip to the Cosumnes River Preserve. During the introductory meeting, I was excited to see the name Bill Beckett in the virtual meeting. For those of you who frequented Headwaters Kayak Shop here in Lodi, you will remember Bill as the shop manager. Bill was also a member of Delta Fly Fishers and an avid Delta Kayak fisherman. Bill led monthly outings on the Delta and was one of the first people to lead a women's specific outing on the Delta. Bill is a Wildlife and Fisheries Biologist, super smart and a darn nice guy. He is now serving as the education director at Cosumnes River Preserve, hosting hundreds of kids and adults each season. And, if you remember Bill, working so close to the water means he always has a vessel strapped to the top of his truck and explores the waters around the preserve.



Cosumnes River Preserve trail and access map.

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Bill showed me the beauty of the area Friday afternoon. The preserve has a paved trail from the parking lot to the boat launch ramp. It is an easy but not short walk so a wheeled transport is recommended to launch canoes and kayaks. The dock allows for easy access to Middle Slough which connects with the Cosumnes River.



Making my way toward boat launch



Bill and I threw topwater and subsurface patterns. We caught bass, blue gill and crappie. While we only had a short time, there were spots to stop and get out of our canoes and cool off on sandbars and plenty of structure that holds fish. While out we saw a few kayak and SUP anglers but most of the evening was spent in relative quiet and solitude.



Parking and launch are free. Gate Hours: Boardwalk and lower parking lot, 9:00 AM–5:00 PM; upper parking lot, 9:00 AM–6:30 PM. Visitor Center Hours: CLOSED MONDAY AND TUESDAYS. Visitor Center hours vary to best align with staff and volunteer availability. This is a hidden gem right in our backyard.



Bench Basics —

By Tim Costello



No content this month. Look for the next installment of Bench Basics in the November Newsletter.

Invitation to Fish and Camp with the Santa Cruz Fly Club

By Bob Fujimura

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More information on this outing can be found in this link: https://www.santacruzflyfishing.org/events/oneill-forebay-stosh-memorial-fishout-october-15-18th/

If you are interested in joining this outing, contact the event host, Kevin Burdock: troutdock89@gmail.com

Fishouts

Date: October 15, 2026

Time: 12:00 AM

Place: Medeiros Primitive Campground – Oneill Forebay

O'Neill Forebay 'Stosh' Memorial Fishout October 15-18th



October 15, 2026 at Medeiros Primitive Campground – Oneill Forebay

Led by: Kevin Murdock
Target Species: Striped Bass

Event: O'Neill Forebay 'Stosh' Memorial Fishout

Date: October 15th – 18th

Target Gamefish: Striped Bass

Location: Medeiros Campground located on the Southern Shoreline of the O'Neill Forebay, access off of Santa Nella Blvd. (Highway 33)

Hosts: Kevin Murdock troutdock89@gmail.com

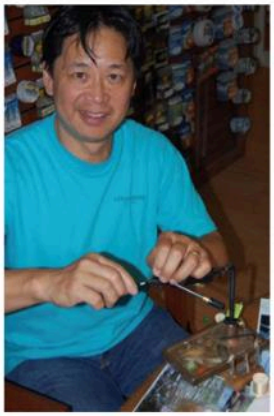
Our Featured Guest Tyer for 2026

By Bob Fujimura

Delta Fly Fishers are honored to announce that **Tim Au-Young will be our guest tyer for our annual Fly Tying Day clinic scheduled for December 5, 2026**. The Northern California fly tying community will be familiar with Tim's contribution to fly tying education. He has over 25 years of experience demonstrating and teaching fly tying and earned the title of **"Fly Tyer of the Year" by the Northern California Council of Federation of Fly Fishers in 2005**. Tim has been the Fly Tying Chair for Sacramento's California Fly Fishers Unlimited since 1999. Tim has been a regular featured tyer at the Sacramento International Sportsmen EXPO for many years and is responsible for recruiting all the tyers who demonstrate at the ISE panel tying demonstrations.

I have seen how he has educated, mentored, and promoted new tyers - and I am looking forward to Tim's presentation on tying soft-hackle flies at this year's Fly Tying Day event. Tim plans to bring his low key and interactive style of teaching using step by step instructions, handout materials, and live video projection to show how and why to tie his featured patterns. Details on the location, agenda, and how to register for this event can be found on the flyer below. This event is **open to all fly tyers** and is one of the most well received DFF events of year under the direction of host Amy Terra and her team.

2026 Annual Fly-Tying Day presented by Delta Fly Fishers



Attend **Tim Au-Young**'s presentation of wet flies including the Carey Special and soft hackle/spider flies.

December 5, 2026, 9 AM until 2 PM
Fairfield Inn & Suites, 262 Rocky Lane in Lodi

Tim has 25 years of fly tying and teaching experience so this promises to be a fun and educational day.

$35 per participant. **Space is limited so sign up soon**.

As we tie these flies, Tim will share fly tying tips and tricks. Plan on gaining valuable knowledge as you improve your tying skills throughout the day.

All fly-tying materials will be provided. Please bring your vise and basic fly-tying tools. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.
Sign up using the QR code, https://link.waveapps.com/fq29ry-h782hb or email deltaflywebmaster@gmail.com

O'Neill Forebay – Striped Bass Fly Fishing Outing

By Bob Fujimura



We'll have outing to O'Neill Forebay Reservoir near Los Banos to fly fish for striped bass. The reservoir is accessed through State Park facilities. It is one of the most personal-watercraft -friendly waters to target striped bass in our area. In fall, O'Neill Forebay Reservoir can be a good fly fishery for small striped bass although record size striped bass has been caught by fly fishers here in the past.

Orientation. We will show an excellent video from the GGACC fly club on how to fish this water at the Nature Center Classroom, Oak Grove Regional Park, Eight Mile Road, Stockton on October 7 from 6:00 to 8:30 PM. Contact Bob on how to enter the Park after hours.

Outting. We will meet on Saturday morning of November 7th at 7 AM in the parking lot at the park entrance. Park day use fee will be $12 per vehicle and a watercraft inspection is required by park staff. More information on the lake can be found on San Luis State Recreation Area website: https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=558. The reservoir is about a 70-minute drive from Stockton. There are several State campgrounds and lodging options nearby in either Los Banos or Santa Nella.

Participants should bring a personal watercraft, personal floatation device (required), anchor and line, and an emergency signaling device. A 7 or 8 weight, 9-foot rod with a matching intermediate and fast sinking lines are recommended to fish clousers and streamers. Bring a floating line and poppers or crease flies if you are interested in surface action. This outing is appropriate for fly fishers who are familiar with casting sinking lines and fishing from watercraft.

After we complete our watercraft inspections, we will drive to the launching location and set up our boats and fishing gear. We'll have coffee and light breakfast pastries in the morning and hot lunch at noon. Contact Bob Fujimura (email: deltaflyfishers@gmail.com; cell: (209) 329-1692) if you are planning to attend; participants must have their signed DFF liability waiver on file.

CONSERVATION

By Ron Forbes, Conservation Chair

Only an extraordinary person would purposely
risk being outsmarted by a creature often less than twelve
inches long, over and over again.

Janna Bialek

No content for this month. Check again next issue.

Come to NCCFFI Hall of Fame Dinner – October 24

By Bob Fujimura

The Northern California Council of Fly Fishers International will hold the Hall of Fame event on October 24, 2026 to honor Mark Rockwell, at the Lafayette Veterans Memorial Center located on Mount Diablo Boulevard. Mark has worked on numerous salmon and steelhead restoration projects and water policy issues to protect fisheries in Northern California and Bay Delta for many years. The event will cost $150/ person, and feature a catered dinner, the induction ceremony, plus a silent and live auction. Some of the auction items include a seven-day fishing trip to The Matapiojo Lodge in the Chilean Patagonia Region with the main property on the Futaleufu River (double occupancy), Henderson Springs Private Stillwaters Cabin (sleeps 6), guided trips from The Fly Shop, Mike Pease, John Feaster, JAG Fly Fishing , and other high value fly fishing equipment. This event attracts people from all over California and the Western United States, and we only have room for 150 people to attend. Please sign up today at www.nccffi.org to assure your place at the NCCFFI Hall of Fame event to honor Mark Rockwell on October 24th!

