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January Calendar

January 8—GM meeting, John R. Williams School

January 10—FlyDay Night Tie, House of Coffee, Lodi

January 15— BOD Meeting, Oak Grove Park

January 18—Installation Dinner

January 22—Fly Of The Month, Oak Grove Nature Center

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Amy's first president's monthly message



As I enter my fifth year of fly fishing, I think I am finally getting it. I have spent numerous precious hours on the water. Many hours practicing skills and learning to tie flies. I am enamored with everything fly fishing. I love the traditions. I love the solitude. I love the camaraderie. I love the feeling of standing in the water and waving a stick. Nothing beats the surprise of that tug on the line except releasing the fish back into the water and watching it disappear into its camouflage. I had no idea when President Jerry volunteered to take me fly fishing for the first time that I would fall so deeply in love with this amazing sport. But I have...

The best surprise of all has been this club. Delta Fly Fishers is the collection of some of the nicest, most generous and just plain interesting people I have ever met. It has been amazing to share fish stories, hear about adventures and learn from this amazing wealth of knowledge that is our club membership. I have treasured the long drives to fishing spots because I get to hear about the lives of the people I am travelling with. A casual fly tying night at a coffee shop becomes amazing when you hear a rendition of a lifetime's best catch. I am forever grateful for the patience and teaching that each of you have shared with not just me, but each other. This club represents the best of people and is made up of some of the best people.

On that note, I want to thank President Jerry for his service to the club. He has tirelessly worked on behalf of the club. Acting as his Vice President has given me a look at the multitude of tasks he completes to keep the club in order. He has served in office, been an active member, fishmiester and now will continue as treasurer for the club. I am truly grateful. I am also grateful that we have been fishing buddies since

that first trip. Jerry has taught me to love and fish the Delta over the last four years. I had no idea the treasures it held and encourage members to explore our namesake waterway at our monthly Delta outings. Because I have served as vice president, I have an idea of how much work is involved in the presidency and appreciate his continued presence and support as he passes the torch to me.

As for me as president, I am nervous on many fronts to take on this responsibility. My first concern is that I haven't been fishing that long. I am an active fisherman and love the sport, but I don't have the depth and breadth of fishing experience that many of our club members have. I have only been a club member for four years and I am not sure that is enough time to know and understand all of the traditions of our club. I am also the single mom of an amazing 12 year old. When club activities happen on school nights, I often have to leave to get Rocky into bed at a reasonable hour (or we both pay the price when he is tired and grumpy the next morning!). I work two jobs and am currently writing my dissertation to complete my doctorate. I have a lot on my plate. I was hesitant to accept the presidency because the club is very important to me and if I am going to serve the club, I want it to be quality service. I do not want to shortchange you, the club or the traditions of fly fishing. I also want to have time to go fishing!

However, the club needs a president so I am going to do my best. I am also going to need to rely on all of you- especially until May when I am scheduled to finish my doctoral program and graduate. I am going to need your help- whether it is acting as fishmiester, planning outings, helping plan or organize an activity, taking a new fisher-

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man fishing, coming to a meeting or making a suggestion. I appreciate it all. I also appreciate so many who consistently do these things. The board members who make decisions and organize activities. Bob Fujimura who keeps our online presence interesting and up to date. Karen and Jon Keagy for their ongoing service. Dena Mason for her educational outreach and tireless support of everyone. Ron Forbes' keen knowledge of conservation issues. Al Smatsky for making connections and bringing our meeting programs to life each month. The work that goes into manning snack bars at fishing derbies, fish-meistering outings, BBQ'ing is appreci-

ated. Those that share skills like Leo Gut- teres does, sharing equipment make all the difference for everyone that wants to learn more and do more in fly fishing. The list goes on and on. If I named everyone, this article would be pages long. Please know that you and your efforts are appreciated. I finally understand that all you are my best discovery on this fly fishing journey. Being a part of this amazing club, getting to know each of you and spending time learning and loving fly fishing is the best catch of all! Looking forward to many more adventures in 2020 with you!

Amy

The January Membership meeting will focus on conservation

Join us on January 8th in exploring conservation issues at our monthly club meeting at John R. William Elementary School in Stockton. Meeting starts at 7pm The meeting will feature either a fisheries biologist from EBMUD or a member from

the Foothill Conservancy,

Mike Dempewolf' will have hts refreshments set up as well to add some holiday spirit. The meeting is open to the pblic and members are encouraged to bring guests

Flyday Open Tying, Jan 10th

Join us for a casual gathering at House of Coffees in Lodi on January 10th. Members meet from 5 to 7. Many bring tying

projects. Some bring an appetite for one of the yummy Paninis, craft brews, hard ciders, coffees or teas. Join us!

The Installation dinner is almost upon us, get your orders in

This year's extravaganza promises to be extra special with a lifetime achievement award, a good stewardship award as well as the Fly Fisher of the Year, the President's Club Service Award, the ever quirky Incomplete Angler Award, all followed by a raffle and silent auction with a value exceeding \$4,000.

Location: Elks Lodge, 8900 Thornton Road, Stockton

Date and time: Saturday, January 18, No-host Bar 6:30pm, Dinner 7:30pm

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