

September, 2009

**President's Message by Stephen Johnson (the top dog in camp)**

Why do we have the month of August? What good is it any way...to damn hot to do anything, please, Lord can we speed up the coming of "Fall" just a little bit.

Fishing reports in California are a little slim...floated the Stanislaus from Goodwin Dam to Oakdale, twice, seems I couldn't get it right the first time so went back and repeated the same dull float again...with the same results ...1-- 14" rainbow and 3 smallmouth bass about the size of an average crappie.

Hit the Mokelumne on a Wednesday and discovered the inner tube flotilla from UOP, 75 yelling, screaming college kids with nothing to do but screw up a good afternoon of fishing.

Monthly trip to Oregon brought some surprises...fishing is slow on the Rogue in August as well...first day, floated the middle section from Shady Cove to Dodge bridge...7 1/2 hours...hooked one steelhead and thanks to my ex-good friend Dave Roberts lost it before I got a good look when he dislodge the hook, from said Steelie, with the oar as the fish made a mad dash under the boat. Day 2 brought one of the most amazing things I have experienced in a very long time....no noise, no people, no cars on the road, complete quiet, do you know how eerie a forest and river can be without the presence of people? We fished the south fork of the Rogue up above Crater Lake about 2 hours east of Medford.

This brings me to my question of the month...what is the difference, between hooking and fighting (on a fly rod) a 9" Brook trout or a 9LB. Stripper or even a 4 lb Black Bass?

We fished with 3wt bamboo rods and caught 40 to 50 brook trout and an occasional cutthroat the majority were under 10 inches long but wild fighting little beasts...what a complete ball. We fished for 4 hours within sight of a major roadway and never saw another human or heard a car; I thought I was in a foreign country.

Hope other members of the club have had better success fishing this month.

Book reports: Finished one of the funniest fishing related books I have ever read..."Guiding Elliot" by Robert Lee...(quote) if you love the camaraderie and horseplay that takes place on trout streams, you will love this book.

The Alaska chronicles by Miles Nolte...a firsthand account of life as a guide in Alaska bush camps with the egos and personalities of the client's ever changing from one week to the next.

Now a much more somber item...I am upset and embarrassed...Bob Souza has reported that only 35 members have signed the petition to help save of Delta waterways....only 35 members out of 100 plus...Tracy and Stanislaus clubs have a 100% membership participation in the very important item. Please folks take a minute a visit this site <http://www.calsport.org/8-22-09.htm> and join all of us in fighting the insane idea of destroying the Delta.

Sept. outing to Bridgeport looks like great times for all ...hope to see the whole club up there.

From Katie's library of quotes...

"A hobby is a good thing to have, because it keeps a man from always wishing he was fishing."

**Membership Form**

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I would like to be on the \_\_\_\_\_ committee

Please renew your membership, if you have not done so. If you are not sure, check the mailing label for your current status. If there is any questions or problems please contact: Bob Souza at 209-607-6604

or e-mail at [suzasbs@clearwire.net](mailto:suzasbs@clearwire.net).

**Wednesday Night Casting & Fly Tying**

The weekly Wednesday evening fly casting sessions will continue through the Spring, Summer and Fall. Meet at the Nature Center, in the Oak Grove Park, at 6:30. The exception is the 2nd Wednesday night when DFF has its monthly meeting.

Whether you are a novice and want tips on how to cast or an expert that wants an excuse to get out of the house, then come out for the camaraderie of other members. This is an excellent chance improve your fly Casting and/or BS abilities. For more information contact Jim Rich at 477-6404.

There also will be opportunities for fly tying. For more information contact Joe Balderston at 474-8515 or Jim Rich at 477-6404.

**Oak Grove Parking**

Jim Rich wants to inform DFF members that they will now need a DFF parking permit to display on your dash as the county sheriff's office will be writing tickets for non DFF members on Wednesday nights. Jim is going to print up placards or permits, so see Jim to get one. Information: 477-6404 or [jrich1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jrich1@sbcglobal.net)

**Fishing Buddy Request**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE CONTACTS: (1) \_\_\_\_\_

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The best time to contact me is \_\_\_\_\_ My E-mail address is: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please describe what you would like help with \_\_\_\_\_

If you need further information, please contact the Fishing Buddy Committee:

Bob Souza at 209-607-6604 or [suzasbs@clearwire.net](mailto:suzasbs@clearwire.net)

Grady Lee at 951-3623 or [gmississippikid@aol.com](mailto:gmississippikid@aol.com)

Mail the form to: Delta Fly Fishers P.O. Box 77862, Stockton, CA 95207

# **DFF's September Program**

## **Bill Jennings - A Status Report on the Delta**



Delta Fly Fishers' September Program will feature Bill Jennings Executive Director of the California Sports Fishing Alliance. Bill will speak to urgent water issues brought to our attention, most recently, by our Conservation Chairman. The September program at the J.R. Williams School September 9 will focus on water policy in Northern California, including the pending death of the California Delta as we know it.

Bill will address current plans by water agencies, water districts and the Governor's office to lay claim to virtually every drop of water south of Mt. Shasta. If for no other reason, please attend this program to learn what is going to happen to many of the waters you love to fish.

For more information, please contact Marty Kjelson 209-477-9618

## **DFF MENTOR PROGRAM**

The Delta Fly Fishers Board of Directors, intent upon enhancing the existing Fishing Buddy Program, is proposing DFF adopt a Mentor Program which is proactive and broadly inclusive. The primary objective is, by sharing fly fishing skills and knowledge of existing DFF members with new members, this will assist new members in getting acquainted with existing members, with club activities and, generally speed the transition from new member to old friend.

The Board of Directors recognizes this will take considerable commitment from the existing membership and does encourage the active participation of current members. The following broad guidelines are thought to be necessary for this program.

- Every existing member willing to serve, as a Mentor will be asked to complete a skills/knowledge list that they will share with new members as requested. The Mentor Program Chairperson will maintain these documents.
- Every new member will be asked to complete a skills/knowledge request form, which the Mentor Program Chair will also maintain.
- The Mentor Program Chair will introduce any and all new members before the General Program begins and will make an effort to introduce the new members to DFF Officers and Board Members.
- Under consideration is the additional incentive for new members of some free raffle tickets.
- The Mentor Program Chair will follow up on matching a Mentor with a new member based on skills/knowledge sought and skills/knowledge available. The mentor and new member will work out a compatible schedule by which to transfer skills/knowledge. The Mentor Program Chair as needed can make reassignments.
- Examples of mentoring include such things as guiding a new member on local waters within a few months of assignment, accompany the new member to a local fly shop to assist with gear purchases, contact the new member a few days before each monthly meeting to remind the new member of the meeting and program, assisting with casting skills, how to tie useful knots and/or fly tying, sharing information regarding fly fishing destinations including basic travel tips and promoting new members to join DFF in its outings

Over time the Mentor Program may be extended to include existing members who want to learn new skills/knowledge.

## Conservation by Ron Forbes

We are at a defining moment in the history of the Delta. For over 30 years our legislature has done nothing but band aid therapy to try to put together a workable water plan for the state. They have failed miserably.

On August 25th and 27th, I attended a joint meeting of the Water, Parks and Wildlife and the Natural Resources and Water committees of the legislature. With about 3 weeks to go in this session, the hearing was to consider the passage of 5 bills which will, among other things, lead to the building of a peripheral canal in the Delta.

The hearings were at best frustrating but, also enlightening. There are several points we should all understand. The Dept. of Water Resources (DWR) and the State Water Control Board are in favor of the canal even though they are aware that it will destroy the Delta, as we know it. The latest ploy in, the pending legislation, is to have water rights for the Southern San Joaquin Valley farms declared equal in value to the environmental concerns and laws for protection of the Delta. The term they are using is co-equal rights. This would mean that Southern Valley farmers would go from having secondary water rights to primary water rights. We know that the DWR has done nothing to protect the Delta and just look the other way when violations are brought to their attention. Now they favor co-equal rights for the South Valley farmers. Even though they know what it will do to the Delta.

As you know Governor Schwarzenegger formed a Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force "to look into the problems of the Delta". The task force was nothing more than people, appointed by him, that totally agree with his point of view. It was a rubber stamp. No one from the Delta was even considered for a post on the task force. We were totally left out of any decisions. Of course the Task Force agreed with what he wanted to hear.

Now he wants for form a panel of 7 people (4 of which will be his personal choices) that he will appoint and proceed with the building of the Peripheral Canal. His plan is to go forward WITHOUT going to either the legislature or going to the people of California in an election. You will have no voice about a Peripheral Canal if these bills pass. If he gets his way, the Delta as we know it will be dead! There will be no more salmon runs. Fishing as we have known it will be gone.

The Peripheral Canal, he wants, will be sending 15,000 cfs to the South Valley farmers (Westland et al.) It's simply his plan to send more and better water faster, to the Southern Valley. In other words our water will go to 600,000 acres of toxic subsidized desert farmland in the south and ruin 500,000 acres of some of the most prized, productive farmland in the world. He has to be stopped.

All the facts aren't in yet but here are some estimates on a Peripheral Canal. To move 15,000 cfs of water the canal will have to be similar in width to the Panama Canal. The right of way through the Delta would have to be approx. 1,300 ft wide and the canal will be from 42-50 miles in length (again, through prime farmland). In other words 1300 ft times 42 to 50 miles would equal from 10.3 to 12 square miles of prime farmland lost just in right of way. The total cost is harder to determine since the right of way cost, type of canal (overhead, underground, or surface) has yet to be determined. So far figures from \$24 to \$52 billion are estimated. Where is the money coming from given the state of our economy? All of this is without your approval.

To sum up, these 5 bills do the following:

- 1) Fail to give standards that can be enforced. The salmon will be lost along with other fish.
- 2) It will guarantee water to the lower west San Joaquin Valley farmers ignoring toxic drainage that will flow into the delta.
- 3) It will weaken environmental law by giving water, that doesn't exist, for the environment and fish through so called co-equal goals.
- 4) Will establish a committee appointed by our legislatures and the governor which will authorize a Peripheral Canal. The governor can appoint 4 of 7 the members.

As members of Delta Fly Fishers we have always spoken out for the environment and conservation of our waterways. We have to win this battle or we lose everything in the Delta and much more. We will lose the salmon that have existed here for millions of years. The Governor is pushing hard on this. He has to be stopped or we lose the Delta. This is a battle we can't afford to lose. Let's not let it happen on our watch.

We can stand up and be counted by sending letters and signing a petition to our Legislators. Go to: <http://www.calsport.org>

On the petition you will be asked if you want to send a donation to CSPA. If you wish to do so but if you don't your signature will be sent anyway. And call your assembly person and senator. That does make a big difference.

At our next meeting Bill Jennings will be our speaker. Bill is a very busy man and puts all his effort into saving the Delta. Any question you have about the Delta, Bill can answer. Plan to be there the 9th. Bill told me he is involved with the Mokelumne River salmon issue and wants to talk to us about what we can do to help.

### Mokelumne River Cleanup

Although we have our Bridgeport Trip on September 19th the Foothill Conservancy and others are having a cleanup of the Mokelumne River on Saturday September 19th. They will be working on the Electra Road, Highway 26, Middle bar area and the Mokelumne River Day Use Area. For people who aren't going to Bridgeport, what a great way to help the river and represent Delta Fly Fishers. To get involved call Randy Berg at 209 295 4900, or you can e-mail him at:

[www.foothillconservancy.org/rivercleanup](http://www.foothillconservancy.org/rivercleanup).

The next several months are crucial. Save our Delta.

Ron Forbes

### Save The Delta Petition

CSPA has put up a petition opposing the Delta Bill Package and the Peripheral Canal. If you oppose the canal PLEASE sign our petition. <http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/Peripheral/index.html>

To learn more about the issues, please read <http://www.calsport.org/8-22-09.htm>. If you feel strongly about the issue, we ask you to write your state senator and assemblyman as well. This is extremely important, actually much more important than the petition. You can find the instructions for writing at <http://www.calsport.org/8-20-09b.htm>

Jerry Neuburger, Webmaster  
California Sportfishing Protection Alliance

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See Jim Grimes 209-367-4663 for info on merchandise and videos at all the meetings.

## Membership Meeting

August 12

June Board Meeting

August 19

June Newsletter

The deadline for the  
September issue is August  
25th

## 2009 Bridgeport Outing September 21, 22 and 23, 2009



It's time again for the Delta Fly Fishers annual, September family outing to Bridgeport area. This outing is always well attended and offers a wide range of fishing opportunities for both stream and lakes. 20 to 50 fish days have been common for a lot of DFF members in the past. This year's dates, for the Bridgeport outing, will be September 20th, 21st and 22nd.

Headquarters for the club will be Robinson Creek Campground (take Twin Lakes Road east out of Bridgeport for roughly 10 miles and look for the sign for the campground sign). There will be a potluck barbecue Saturday Night. Cocktails and fish stories start at 6 pm, dinner around 7. Bring a dish or snacks to share, your entree, along with the beverage of your choice.

Directions: Getting to Bridgeport takes about 4½ hours by car or longer by RV. Take Hwy 88 to Hwy 395 at Minden NV is the best RV route. By car Hwy 108 over Sonora pass to 395 is a bit faster. Don't try this route with an RV!!!! Information: Earl Summers 209-957-6756

# Eastern Sierra Focus

By CJ Webb

## Fishing tip:

It's easier to catch fish if you learn to see where they hold to feed. Get on your hands and knees, ok some of you may have a little difficulty here, so just plop your buttocks down near a bush and become invisible then put your polarized sunglasses and look into the water and see if you can spot any trout, keep looking downstream, if no fish are visible start crawling upstream next to the bank and see how close you can get before you spook them. You will be a better fisherman before the evening hatch begins. The other thing you should remember is that all trout have a blind spot in their review mirrors; if you are just a short distance directly behind them, they can't see you. As long as you wade quietly and don't get too close to them, trout directly upstream (facing into the current) from you will never know you're there.

Whenever practical, wade and fish to trout you can see but that can't see you. This is as important for Nymphing as for dry-dry presentation. It isn't always possible or even desirable to fish straight upstream, as complex currents, water depth, very low flow, or terrain dictate that the best approach is from the side or upstream from the trout. Of course, if you have a height deficit these things are all either very easy or very difficult. I've fished in water on my knees in low current to a particular fish and have had great success and as much as I hate getting in the water, it's a better method. I try and fish in choppy or broken water because it distorts the fish's vision and provides a greater advantage. There are a lot of little things to keep in mind when stream fishing, most are learned from experience.

Next time you head for your favorite water, take some time to learn to see trout, it's not as hard as you think, and it will pay off with less physical work and great success.

## Legislation and/or News

DFG is still on a weekly planting schedule and has not missed a beat in our canyon. Please check the regulations prior to fishing unfamiliar water as to any gear restrictions, size and limits.

Here's a story that set pain in my heart. Brandon Parker (local) took a 6 hour hike (14 miles into the backcountry) and caught a 7lb 8oz golden trout on a red/gold Thomas Buoyant, he stated. I talked to the Taxidermist who has his fish, and Brandon told him "he regrets killing the fish but he thought it was a state record". He has not let out any information as to exactly the name of the lake, but there are about 5 of us here locally in both Inyo and Mono that know where it was caught and also the best lakes for big goldens, and the information is well guarded. Everyone living in these two counties has their secret spots, and locals don't tell. I can vouch for this.

**ROCK CREEK** – Has been good to fair, and most of the fish are in deeper water, so use full sink with dark burgundy woolly buggers, and damsels. Some dries are working, Elk Hair Caddis and Hornbergs. Mosquito Flats is running fair and there are a few mosquitoes still on the hunt.

**HOT CREEK** – (149cfs) is fishing well; water level is down and will present a challenge to the novice. Weed beds are showing; early and late on dries, WD40's, Pt flashback #20-24, gray or brown baetis patterns #22-24, dry-drop with scuds and small olive caddis emergers. Large foam ant patterns like Madam X,

Fuzzy Wuzzy etc. Have you seen this fly! Constant afternoon breezes so show your stuff you'll get into some nice fish.

**CROWLEY** – The algae is finally gone and weeds are multiplying like rabbits. Fishing is excellent, catching even better at about 14 feet in McGee Bay, but has had some off days. Crystal midges, zebra midges in grey/black, red/gold, and black foam-back spotlight emerger, and Captain Kent says use only ONE fly, and let it sit and lift on occasionally to entice Moby-trout. Perch are hanging in the 18 foot +/- area so get your arsenal ready.

**CONVICT** – Always produces on large woolly buggers in black and purple #6 or 8, and the Marvel wonder fly in grizzly and olive. The Marvel is a flash-body woolly bugger with a small prop at the head. Hardware is good and gets action. Try emergers by the south west bank under a bushy dry or streamer.

**MAMMOTH BASIN** – Lake Mary is still producing on some small midges and large streamers. George and Mamie are also doing well on Matukas, black leaches, and purple or dark rust wooly buggers.

**SAN JOAQUIN ROAD** – Access with your own vehicle is before 7am and after 7pm. You'll have to do some walking to get into good spots as the water level is dropping, so look for side water and pools and use stimulators, Humpies yellow and red, Royal Wulffs, Parachute Adams and definitely Olive elk hair caddis #16. Shuttle stops after Labor Day.

**JUNE Loop** – Silver and Gull have been doing the best on grey ghosts, and Hornbergs. Also try some stones, mayflies, ants and caddis near Rush Creek for best results, but water is low. June has been doing well since everyone located the level where fish were feeding.

**LUNDY** – has been doing well from boats and tubes and is seeing some really nice fish on various colored woolly buggers #6 or 8, and the Marvel. Ponds behind the resort are full and hitting very small midges and dries in sizes #18 to 20. Griffith Gnats, parachute Adams, small hoppers, fur body black and cinnamon ants.

**VIRGINIA LAKES** – has been good but not great and the early am air temp has been cool. Try small parachute black gnats and parachute Adams all #18-20. Some emergers have worked well and will start to produce with the increase with daytime temps. Try some Rickard's stillwater nymphs, AP emergers and seal buggers and hold on.

**EAST WALKER** – Flow currently is at 154cfs and the bite is terrific. Early am and late pm are the best times to use a dry/dropper in the 1st mile down from the dam. Elkhair Caddis, yellow sallies, and Cahills over any zebra, crystal, WD40, or tiger nymphs. Fish only when temp is below 67 degrees, it's healthier for the trout.

**WEST WALKER** – Water is at approx 63cfs, so look for flat water and fish the bottom and curves, and use a two fly rig with large attractor and tiger, crystal or flashback Zug as the bottom fly with a shorter distance between flies

**SADDLEBAG RESORT** – The lakes basin has slowed due to the water temp and you will have to work for them. The stream is low but there are still some nice brooks, browns and bows in deeper pools on the curves. Park by the walk-in campground and stay out of sight of the stream as the browns will spook.

See you on the water....cj 9.8

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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|---|---|--|
| Every Wed<br>(except meeting nights)            | Nature Center<br>Oak Grove Park<br>Stockton | WEDNESDAY EVENING FLY CASTING & TYING<br>Contact: Joe Balderston 474-8515<br>Jim Rich 477-6404 |
| Every 2nd Wed<br>(except July & Aug)<br>7:00 PM | John R Williams School<br>Stockton          | Membership Meeting<br>Contact Marty Kjelson 477-9618<br>John Keagy 369-5690                    |
| Every 3rd Wed<br>(except July)<br>7:00 PM       | Nature Center<br>Oak Grove Park<br>Stockton | Board Meeting<br>All Members Welcome   |
| Wednesday<br>September 9                        | John R Williams School<br>Stockton          | Bill Jennings Executive Director<br>California Sports Fishing Alliance                         |
| Wednesday<br>September 16                       | Oak Grove Park<br>Stockton                  | Board Meeting<br>All Members Welcome   |
| September 21-23                                 | Bridgeport Area                             | Annual Bridgeport Trip   |
| October 23, 24                                  | Hutchins Street Square<br>Lodi, California  | A Festival of Fly Fishing<br>Conclave 2009   |

## DFF Newsletter is Moving Towards Sending Via E-mail

DFF is working towards being able to send out DFF's Monthly Newsletter to our members electronically. By sending the Newsletter this way the DFF will be saving rising printing and postage costs that can then go towards our many programs. There is no need to send an email to Bob Souza, [suzasbs@clearwire.net](mailto:suzasbs@clearwire.net), if you want to continue receiving the Newsletter by hard copy, snail mail.

If you want to receive the Newsletter by email, send your email to [suzasbs@clearwire.net](mailto:suzasbs@clearwire.net).

Please put the following in Subject Field of your e-mail: Newsletter Email. Advise Bob of your full name and the email address you would like the magazine sent to.

This is strictly voluntary but you will be saving the Club money. also, since Bob emails out the newsletter before he takes it to the printer, you will receive it sooner.

## Save Mart Markets – S.H.A.R.E.S

DFF has joined with Save Mart Markets via the S.H.A.R.E.S. program. DFF earns 3% of most purchases made by customers using the card provided to DFF by Save Mart.

In February we passed out close to 100 S.H.A.R.E.S. cards to DFF members. Many of you have been using them. Since late February we have earned approximately \$300. We have noticed a drop in usage this past month so we encourage you to shop Save Mart and use the card. There is no additional cost to you. It merely gives 3% to DFF that otherwise would go to market profit.

## Mokelumne River Clean-up

Amador Foothill Conservancy will sponsor a Mokelumne River Clean Up Saturday, September 19 starting at 8:30 a.m. There will be four clean up sites. One will be at the Parking area downstream from the hatchery below Camanche Dam. Water and a bbq lunch are to be provided. Register for this site by contacting Dave Johnson at 209 772-8337. The second site is where Hwy 26 crosses the river. The third site is below the Electra power station upriver from Hwy 49 and the fourth is downstream from Hwy 49 at the Middle Bar area. For these sites bring a sack lunch and contact Randy at 209 295-4900.

DFF members are encouraged to take part in this clean up.

# *Have you seen A Largemouth Bass with a Yellow Tag in the Delta??*



We are researchers at UC Davis and we are using these tags (called “Floy tags”) in a 2-year study on largemouth bass populations in the Delta. We electroshock over 30 locations throughout the Delta every other month. Every largemouth bass measuring over 7 inches receives a Floy tag engraved with “UCD” and a unique 5-digit number. The number of tagged fish that we re-capture at each site can be used to estimate the population size at each of our sites. We also collect stomach contents from any bass we tag, so the tag number can also be used to reference what the fish was eating on the day of capture.

## **IF YOU CATCH A BASS WITH THIS TAG:**

PLEASE CONTACT: Louise Conrad ([louiseconrad9@gmail.com](mailto:louiseconrad9@gmail.com)) or Kelly Smith ([klsmithbio@gmail.com](mailto:klsmithbio@gmail.com)) or call: 530-754-9307.

- We would like to know: the tag number, the date you caught the fish, where you caught the fish, where you released the fish, or if you kept it. We’re happy to tell you where we originally caught the fish, and what we found in its stomach when we caught it.
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