



Main Stream

Mission Peak Fly Anglers

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May 2002 Meeting

- PLACE:** CENTERVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER
3365 Country Drive, Fremont, CA
(510) 791-4336
- DATE:** Wednesday, May 22, 2002
- TIME:** 7:30 PM (Social hour begins at 6:30 PM)
- PROGRAM:** Annual equipment night. Come and oogle what others have brought or bring any equipment you may want to sell, swap, clean or get tuned up.

EVENTS THIS MONTH

- SAT. May 11 **CLUB BREAKFAST AT EMIL VILLA'S ON FREMONT BLVD. AND WALNUT AVENUE IN FREMONT – 9:00 AM .**
- WED. May 15 **FLY TYING @ TRI CITY SPORTING GOODS, 7:30 PM, 40900 GRIMMER BLVD, FREMONT.**
- WED. May 22 **CLUB MEETING 7:30 PM (see details above)**
- WED. May 29 **BOARD MEETING – 7:30 PM, at the home of Dave Heyes house (See map following).**
- SAT. June 8 **JUNE CLUB BREAKFAST**

President's Message:

The Mission Peak Fly Anglers are fortunate to have a host of individuals with varied and sometimes hidden talents. We all enjoy the beauty and serenity of a mountain stream or lake, a significant number of us enjoy tying our own flies, a smaller number have built our own fly rods, these all bring us together to form our fly fishing club. The hidden talents are the ability to research, create, teach, edit, and volunteer. I am speaking here about the folks that make our club meetings interesting & lively, so give a pat on the back and let them know you appreciate, the programs, the fly tier's of the month, the newsletter editor, the conservation updates, the refreshments, the tape library, I am sure I have missed something but you get the notion.

Ken Brunskill

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MAP TO BOARD MEETING, Wednesday May 29

APRIL CLUB MEETING SUMMARY

This month Steve Walser from Sierra West Adventures presented the stunning fishing opportunities from the three main Central Valley rivers, the Merced, the Tuolumne, and the Stanislaus. Starting from the great trout fishing in the headwaters, he went down the rivers, covering the different types of game fish found in each section. From warm water species like smallmouth and bluegills to steelhead and trout, it seems like we are neglecting a very diverse fishery. Steve also stressed the importance of conservation and the responsibilities of every angler to protect the waters we love.

The beginning fly-tying class has been cancelled, due to the low numbers of sign-ups. Several events are coming, including a May 1st Ministry of Fishing event helping handicapped kids learn to fish. Jerry Snyder is collecting donations to be taken to the Arroyo High School. The club website is now online and running. Please visit us at www.missionpeakflyanglers.org.

MAY BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

Mike Walden reported a good turn out for the April 27th Earth Day activities. The new club banner was very effective in drawing interest. Kudos go to Larry Dennis and all the volunteers who helped out with fly-tying. Please show the same support for the May 11th Steelhead and Watershed Awareness fair at Niles Community Park.

The Trinity River Fishout is canceled due to high flows.

REMINDER FROM OUR TREASURER BILL PEAKES

Reminder that all club member dues are now overdue. Please send your \$35 checks to Bill Peakes.

“The Inside Angler” - Newsletter of the Informed Fly Fisher by Michael Fong. The club subscribes to this semi-monthly newsletter on fly fishing trips to some of the best spots in the west (and a few other parts of the western world). The reports are comprehensive and include all aspects such as: location, accommodations, food, gear, flies, guides etc. The club has a complete collection of the Inside Angler. You may check the newsletter out at club meetings from Dave Heyes or call at (510) 657-6566. A complete list of fishing destinations covered by the Inside Angler is available.

NEW MEMBERS OF MISSION PEAK FLY ANGLER’S

Name	Address
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Douglas Fear	
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Yang "Margaret" Liu	
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The Tackle Exchange – For Sale & Want Ads

Nothing for sale or swap this month

e-mail address list

The club is compiling an e-mail address list for the use of club members. If you want your address included or wish to have a copy of the list send an e-mail to Mike Walden

BUDDING FLY FISHING WRITERS

Here is your chance to gain some experience writing about your fabulous fly fishing trips to places near and far. The club newsletter is seriously lacking in members written and photographic accounts of our fishouts. Of course you may not think a trip to Putah Creek is worthy of such notoriety, but remember, many members have never been there and would welcome a description of how your fishout went. And as for a trip to Alaska or Baja, a story of your adventure would be most appreciated. Send articles to Kathy Schwarz, 33849 Capulet Circle Fremont, CA 94555.

NOTE FROM TREASURER, BILL PEAKES – Mission Peak Fly Angler’s patches and pins are available from Bill at a nominal price. New members should have received either a pin or a patch when they joined; if not, call Bill Peakes

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MISSION PEAK FLY ANGLERS 2002 Calendar of Events

Fishouts JEFF LORELLI

Fishouts MITCH MATSUMOTO Events

Mike Walden

** Please note: Fishouts with out specific dates might change, contact the Fishmaster who is listed for exact information. Items in **Bold** are Confirmed Dates.

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE OF FISH or EVENT	FISHMASTER or CONTACT	COMMENTS
May 11	Niles Community Park 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM	Steelhead Festival MPFA Booth	Larry Dennis	Fly Tyers and Fly Casters needed
May 18-19	Kistler Ranch	Bass & Panfish	Rich Lobrovich	Joint fishout with Tracy Club
May-June	American River	Shad	Ken Brunskill	
June	Upper Sac	Trout	???	
June 7-9	Milton Lake/ Davis Lake	Trout	Tom Knoth	One Day at Each.
June 2 1-23	Manzanita Lake	Trout	Mark Kaharick	
June-July	Little Truckee	Trout	???	
July 12 - 14	Lake Christine and Rock Creek Lake	Trout	Tom Knoth	http://www.theflyshop.com/utfitters/privatewaters/christine/christine.htm or http://www.theflyshop.com/utfitters/privatewaters/rock/rock.htm
July 21 - 25	Loreto (Baja).	Dorado and Sailfish	Tom Knoth	http://www.bajabigfish.com/Home.html
Aug 23 - Sept 1	Alaska - Kenai Penninsula	Dollys, silvers, rainbows, grayling, halibut	Malcom Dunn	
Sept 7 & 8 th	Clark's Fork	Trout	Bill Peaks	
Sept 13-15	Eastern Sierra - Bridgeport	Trout	Jeff Lorelli	
Sept 21	Garin Park, Hayward	Club Picnic	Don Hirzel	
Sept 28 th - Oct 5 th	Yellowstone	Trout	Gene Kaczmarek	
Oct 11, 12, 13	Kings Beach, North Lake Tahoe	FFF Conclave	Rich Lobrovich	
Oct	Almanor area	Trout	Marty Van Slyke	
Nov 22,23, 24	Eagle Lake	Trout	Ken Brunskill	

The above Fishout and Activities calendar for 2002 is tentative and subject to change. Also, check the newsletter for detailed information on fishing tackle, flies, directions and accommodations, provided by the Fishmaster.

Your ideas for fishout locations and volunteering as Fishmaster would be appreciated by the club members. **Phone Fishout Co- Chairman Jeff Lorelli** , or **Mitch Matsumoto** , to volunteer as a fishmaster or to express your desires on where you would like to hold future fishouts. The qualifications for Fishmaster are that you have a place in mind that you would like to fish and would welcome some fishing companions. That's it, so sign up now!

Paul did very well with a Poxyback Callibaetis at Milton Lake last year, taking 5 fish between 17 and 22", despite cold and windy conditions. He will also tie a damsel pattern that will be good for Milton and Lake Davis (or any Stillwater). Our Milton Lake/Lake Davis fishout is scheduled for the weekend of June 7-9.

The following instructions are for flies that will be tied at the Wednesday May 15th Fly Tying Meeting.

POXYBACK CALLIBAETIS (Mike Mercer)



Hook: TMC 200R, size 14-16

Thread : 6/0 Olive

Tail: Emu or Ostrich – Gray

Rib: Strand of Olive/Pearl Flashabou

Abdomen: Tan/Olive Antron dubbing

Gills: Gray Marabou to the sides

Wing Case: Dark Brown Turkey Quill, 5 Minute Epoxy

Legs: Mallard Dyed Wood Duck

Head: Tan/Olive Antron dubbing

Thorax: Tan/Olive Antron dubbing

1. Start thread one eye length back from eye. Wrap back to above barb.
2. Tie in a few strands of Emu, length of abdomen.
3. Tie in rib.
4. Dub thread – one wrap under tail and wrap a slender body 60% of hook shank.
5. Tie a small clump of marabou to each side – wrap back against body to flare the gills to the sides.
6. Tie turkey quill on top of shank extending back over abdomen.
7. Dub thorax a little heavier than the abdomen. (do not crowd head)
8. Pull turkey quill over top of thorax to form wing case, tie off and trim.
9. Tie a few dyed mallard fibers each side; wrap back against thorax to flare legs.
10. Dub head area. Whip finish and cement thread wraps.
11. Line up finished flies on Styrofoam block. Mix 5-minute epoxy and place a small drop on each wing case. (wing case only).

TRI-CITY Sporting Goods

DOUG'S DAMSEL (Doug Jorgensen)



Hook:	TMC 101, Mustad 94859, Daiichi 1180; Size 12
Thread:	Olive 6/0 or 8/0
Tail:	Olive Marabou, shank length
Abdomen:	Olive Rabbit dubbing
Thorax:	Olive Rabbit dubbing
Wing case:	Olive Duck Quill, shiny side down
Legs:	Olive Marabou
Eyes:	30# Mono heated to form eye shape(or packaged plastic eyes)
Head:	Small thread head

1. De-barb the hook. Cover the shank with thread.
2. Take a small bunch of olive marabou and tie in a tail at the hook bend, just above the back end of the barb. The tail should be shank length.
3. Dub a slim body up to a point just forward of the halfway point of the shank.
4. Tie in the wing case, with the long end pointing out over the bend of the hook. Tie it in so that the shiny side is up, because you will ultimately want the dull side up after bringing the wing case over the thorax.
5. Tie in the mono eyes, about 1 eye-length behind the eye of the hook.
6. Dub the first half of the thorax, making it a bit bulkier than the abdomen.
7. For the legs, tie in a small bunch of olive marabou on each side of the hook, just in front of the half of the thorax that you just completed. Pinch off the marabou so that it extends no farther back than the point of the hook.
8. Now dub the front half of the thorax, taking care not to disturb the legs. Dub a small amount of olive rabbit around the eyes, using a figure eight motion.
9. Bring the wing case over the thorax and tie off in front of the eyes. Trim the excess and form a nice, small head.

APRIL FISHOUT REPORT

No report for this month

SHOOTING HEAD CLASS

with BOB VON RAESFELD

Bob von Raesfeld will be teaching a shooting head class through the San Jose Fly Shop on Saturday 9/28/02.

This is a day long class that will cover all aspects of shooting heads - from rigging to casting.

Presently, the class size is limited to 6-8 students. This would be a good opportunity for interested Mission Peak members to fill the majority if not all of the class slots. According to George Bouvoine, Bob is a superb casting instructor with shooting heads. Class cost is \$95 and it will be taught at an as yet undetermined location in San Jose. At this time I would like to get an idea of how many people would be interested in signing up for the class. I have 5 people definitely confirmed. Please send an email to Steve Schramm if you would like to sign up. I will provide additional info on how much of a deposit will be required once I have a complete list of participants. The class fee is \$95. The full amount is required, as deposit upon signing up for the class. If you would to sign up please contact Steve Schramm ASAP

It always hard to pick a date for the Shad trip because the weather and flows have such a big influence. Anyway I feel the Shad will be late this year because it has been cool of late, then we have the Kistler Ranch Fishout the ideal weekend. Leaving the best option as the Memorial Day Weekend. I am choosing Sunday the 26th of May, as we will have less traffic for the drive up & back. Bring plenty of water, a lunch, wear sunscreen & big hat to protect you from the sun. It get plenty hot but the cold water keep you cool. 6-9 wt 9' rods with shooting heads from type II to type IV are recommended. We will talk about this at the meeting & at the fly tying Wednesday in May.

We will meet at the McDonalds at Cordellia exit just East of the 680-80 interconnection and leave there promptly at 7:30 AM to caravan to the American River, Old Log Hole at Paradise Beach (end of Carlson Dr).

Directions are:

Make your way to Sacramento then;

Go east toward Lake Tahoe on Hwy 50 then,

Take the 65th St. exit & make a LH turn at 65th St. then

Proceed to Folsom Blvd & make a LH turn onto Folsom Blvd then,

Go about 6-8 blocks (not less) & make a RH & go to J st & make a RH turn onto J St. then

Staying on J until Carlson Dr, & make a LH onto Carlson Dr., then follow Carlson to the end where you will find Glen Hall Park. We usually park on Sandburg Dr. under the trees, which you will enjoy when leaving.

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED FOR THE STEELHEAD AND WATERSHED AWARENESS FAIR

Volunteers are still needed to demonstrate Fly Tying and Fly Casting this coming Saturday, May 11, 2002, anytime from 10:00 AM through 3:00 PM for the Steelhead and Watershed Awareness Fair at Niles Community Park. After the club breakfast come on out and give back a little to the sport. This is a great time to make converts of the young by teaching the advantages of Catch & Release.

Call Larry Dennis

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CONSERVATION NEWS

By
Larry Dennis

May 2002

Lake Davis Pike

If you were at Lake Davis on Tuesday afternoon, April 23, you would have been privileged to witness the DFG's latest test in their attempts to rid the lake of Northern Pike. Tests were conducted with primer cord to see how much will be needed to kill these pesky predators. Unfortunately, this explosive is non-selective and all fish die.

Since 1994, when pike were first discovered, over \$14 million has been spent trying to eradicate the fish from the lake. In 1997, a poisoning of the lake ultimately cost the state \$11 million for mitigation when the attempt failed to destroy the pike. Last year Fish and Game used gill nets, electric shock and purse seines to capture over 6300 pike. The fish are still in the lake and are as prolific as ever.

Now that the city of Portola uses Davis Lake as a drinking water source, another attempt at poisoning or draining the lake seems very unlikely. The DFG has allocated \$500,000 annually to fund control and containment efforts until a complete eradication of the pike can be made. A reward of \$50,000 is still available to anyone who provides evidence about who planted pike in Lake Davis. Rumor has it that the DFG knows who illegally planted the pike but cannot come up with hard evidence in order to prosecute the offenders.

Klamath Basin Saga

Commercial Fishermen filed suit on April 25, demanding that the federal government release more water into the Klamath River, arguing that fishermen have just as much right to water as farmers in the Klamath Basin. The lawsuit claims that the Bureau of Reclamation is "playing fast and loose with the Endangered Species Act" and seeks a court order releasing water, currently being stored for farmers, for the out-migration of young salmon to the ocean. This problem began two years ago when federal agencies halted water deliveries to farmers in the Klamath Basin in order to protect endangered species, the sucker fish in Upper Klamath Lake and coho salmon in the Klamath River.

More Water For the Trinity?

US federal judge Oliver Wanger has ordered that 40 percent of the available water in the Trinity River watershed must stay within the system. In the past, up to 90 percent of the Trinity water has been diverted to the San Joaquin Valley, for the almost exclusive use of the Westlands Water District. Ironically, Judge Wanger is the one Westlands Water District runs to when they want or feel they have the right to more water. Last year Wanger 'found' flaws in the river plan signed off on by, then Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt which allocated a minimum of 60 % of available water to the river. The current Department of Interior has launched another study to 'defend' the original finding. The case will be decided at a hearing to be held July 2.

Water Wars Maybe Ignited Again

Westlands Water District, fearing that it will no longer receive all the water it wants, has appeared to declare war on virtually everyone including cities and even fellow farmers. Tom Birmingham, director of the water district, is maneuvering to seize control of vast amounts of California Water for his districts' use. According to long time opponents, Westlands has picked fights with government agencies, environmentalists, farmers from other irrigation districts, municipal water districts and has even threatened the continued existence of CalFed. Birmingham has managed to alienate virtually every major water stakeholder in the state. Birmingham's anger stems from water allocations for environmental restorations which he feels has negatively affected Westland's water delivery contracts

Overall, Westland Water District, seems to be losing ground despite the assistance of federal judge Oliver Wanger and Rep. Ken Calvert, R-Riverside. All of this may become an exercise in futility because inadequate drainage from all the irrigation is putting a tremendous strain on the land by increasing salt and heavy metals levels in the soil.

Lake Tahoe Controls Legal

The US Supreme Court has upheld regulations limiting development around Lake Tahoe. Environmentalists applaud the decision which is aimed to protect the lake's famous clarity. In 1967, a dinner plate could be seen at 102 feet. Last year it could be seen at only 67 feet. Landowners claimed that past moratoriums against building around the lake constituted 'taking' of their property without compensation. The US Forest Service and other government agencies have had standing offers to buy vacant land from willing sellers. Currently, Tahoe planners allow construction of 300 homes annually in the 500-square mile basin.