

Main Stream

Mission Peak Fly Anglers

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August 2012 Club Meeting

PLACE: Silliman Community Activity Center
6800 Mowry Avenue, Newark CA 94560
510- 742-4400

DATE: **Wednesday, August 22nd** (Note day and date)

TIME: **6:30 pm**

PROGRAM : Chile (The Country)

Upcoming Events

- Wed. Aug. 15 **Fly Tying Night** 7:00 PM, Fremont Activity Center, 3375 Country Dr., Fremont
Wed. Aug. 15 **Veterans First Fly Fishing** - VA Hospital, Livermore, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
- Thur. Aug. 16 **Veterans First Fly Fishing** - VA Hospital, San Jose, 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM
Fri. Aug. 17 **Veterans First Fly Fishing** - VA Hospital, Menlo Park, 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM
- Wed. Aug. 22 **Club Meeting** - Silliman Community Activity Center, 6:30 PM
Sat. Aug. 25 **Club Picnic** - Chateau Liberte
- Wed. Sept. 5 **Veterans First Fly Fishing** - VA Hospital, Livermore, 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM
Wed. Sept. 5 **BOARD MEETING** 7:00pm Fremont Activity Center, 3375 Country Dr. Fremont
- Sat. Sept. 8 **CLUB BREAKFAST:** At the Denny's in Hayward on Whipple - 9:00 AM
- Fri. Sept. 14 **Veterans First Fly Fishing** - VA Hospital, Menlo Park, 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM
- Wed. Sept. 19 **Veterans First Fly Fishing** - VA Hospital, Livermore, 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM
- Wed. Sept. 19 **Fly Tying Night** 7:00 PM, Fremont Activity Center, 3375 Country Dr., Fremont
- Thur. Sept. 20 **Veterans First Fly Fishing** - VA Hospital, San Jose, 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM
- Wed. Sept. 26 **Club Meeting** - Silliman Community Activity Center, 6:30 PM
- Fri. Sept. 28 **Veterans First Fly Fishing** - VA Hospital, Menlo Park, 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM

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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 Craig Gittings.

Notice

Members

The Newsletter will be coming out on the 15th of each month. Send your articles or information to the editor by the 12th of each month to Ray Gauthier.

President's Message

I hope all of you have managed to get in some fishing this past month. I went with Bill Peakes up to Clark's Fork for several days. The weather was nice and we had a nice time boulder hopping and weaving our way past the various log jams on the river.

Fishing was slow, but we did manage to catch several nice size fish and many of the smaller variety. We both used light weight bamboo rods and had a blast catching fish with the rods. I used a 7.5' rod that I had rebuilt many months ago and a line that is supposed to be for the smaller guides on bamboo rods (Cortland Sylk). It was a perfect match.

For any of you that came to casting night, this is the rod I used. I had taken a couple more rods to Clark's Fork, but liked this rod so much; I didn't fish any of the others. Hopefully we can find some dates this fall and winter to have that bamboo rod building class that I mentioned several months ago.

On another topic, I sincerely hope most of you can make the BBQ this year. It should be a lot of fun and will be at a unique spot. Sure the travel distance is greater than going to Niles, but we will not have the peewee football group to complete with for space. Also, this meeting this month should be very interesting with Craig Gitting presenting a trip to Chile and the fishing experience, for some, of a lifetime.

Dean Lewis

Annual Trout Bum Award

Starts Jan 1, 2012

Awarded by MPFA Board of Directors at December board meeting

Requirements:

AMPLIFICATION Candidates

must:

Have fished 10 or more waters during the calendar year (no private pay to play waters) *This means that the general public have unrestricted access at all times, without any special fees to the waters fished*

Waters may be tributaries of any river or lakes domestic or international *Meaning any named stream, river, or section of river (As in Upper Sacramento R. or Lower Sacramento R. - would be two waters) in any country.*

Used fly fishing tackle only *Simply that!*

Have fished for trout (This is a Trout Bum Award) *Simply that!*
The award generally will go to the person who fly fished for trout in the most public waters

Have reported to the club and shown photos to the club at a regular meeting

Reporting means informing the membership-simple as that - Does not mean that the person must give a slide show presentation, just tell the club where you fished, how you did, what you used - show some pictures.

The purpose of the award is to encourage members to explore, fish as many new waters as they can, tell the membership about the experience there-fore encouraging others to do likewise.

Veterans First Fly FishingAttention Mission Peak Members

Veterans First Fly Fishing

Who would like to join us and be part of helping our veterans through this worthwhile program?

What you might ask is involved? It can be as little as a group of us going out to Livermore and and/or Menlo Park once a month to teach fly casting and fly tying to our wounded veterans. It could go as far as accompanying a group of veterans on a fishing trip to be their 'gillie' and personal assistant on that trip.

I have made the initial contact at Livermore VA Nursing unit and there seems to be an interest, but I cannot do it alone.

I'd bet we can get funding help from the FFF, NCCFFF, the Elks Lodge, Kiwanis, VFW, and other service organizations, all we need to do is give a little of our own time to those who have given so much for us. If interested please contact me, Thanks. Ken Brunskill

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 the editor.

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.

******* NOTICE *******

August 25th, 2012 Club Picnic at Chateau Liberte

22700 Old Santa Cruz Highway, Los Gatos CA 95033

- Take Highway 880 South – Turns into Highway 17
- Take the Summit Road Exit at the top of the pass
- Turn right over the bridge
- Turn left onto Summit Road – Drive approximately 1 mile
- Turn left onto Old Santa Cruz Highway – Drive approximately 300 yards
- Look for the driveway on the right side of the road with a white mail box and turn right onto the property and drive through the gate. Follow the road about ¼ miles until you see signs directing you to the parking area.

Don't forget to bring.....

- **Good walking shoes and walking stick.** Trails are easy to moderate or you can walk the paved road that loops around the property. If you want to hike a trail please take a buddy along with you. All of the trails lead back to the main road on the property.
- **Fly Rod for Bass Fishing.** (barbless flies only) If you catch a koi please return it back to the water. If you catch a bass please take it home or put it in the cooler with water located by the boat dock. There are some algae blooms in the pond so bring flies with weed guards.
- **Bring your Cameras.** There are many varieties of critters up here, beautiful redwoods and plant life to photograph.
- **Bring a chair.** There will be picnic benches for the BBQ but bring a chair if you are interested in lounging by the pond. The picnic area will be nice and cool and shady.
- **Please arrange car pools.** There is parking available on the property but let's try to carpool as many folks up as we can. **by Dean Lewis**

MISSION PEAK FLY ANGLERS BOARD MEETING August 1, 2012

President, Dean Lewis brought the meeting to order at 7:08 P.M. Present were; Treasurer, Bill Peakes, Secretary, Ron McGlaughlin, Board Members: , Stephen Culp, Frank Rodriguez, Bruce Butler, and Past President, Wayne Culp.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Approved minutes for:** BOD minutes for July 17, 2012. Moved by Stephen Culp and Seconded by Wayne Culp. Passed.
- **Date for Club Picnic** set for August 25, 2012 . Send out E-mail and count responses to determine how many will attend.
- **Dean Lewis** discussed \$ for Barbeques and how to budget.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Treasurer's Report:** Healthy balance.
- **Board discussed** need to settle on a place for the annual dinner.
 1. Stephen suggested: The Elk's Club, with caterer. \$750 plus food.
 2. Bruce suggested: His church recreation center – will look into cost.
 3. Bill Peakes suggested: Dino's in Castro Valley.
 4. Dean suggested: Chinese Buffet.
 5. Stephen also suggested Sinodino's in Newark. Several members were to go to dinner to check it out.
Board of Directors discussed alternatives.
- **Dean Lewis** brought up the need for a policy on how to handle the approval and oversight for Club donations, budgets, and alternative donations.
- **Stephen** reported on the agreement he has made with the FFF regarding the sharing of sale proceeds from fishing equipment we have in inventory.
- **Bill Peakes** asked the Board of Directors to decide on what the fee should be for the Club Picnic. Board set the fee at \$5.00

Board Member Items:

None..

- Frank moved, Stephen 2nded and it was passed to adjourn the Board of Directors meeting at 8:02 P.M.

Submitted by,
Ronald McGlaughlin,
Secretary.

Conservation News

August 2012

Whether San Francisco eventually will cede claim to a reservoir in Yosemite is subject of vote

By Jason Dearen, Tracie Cone, The Associated Press | Associated Press, 8/6/2012

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK, Calif. - This fall San Franciscans will vote on a local measure with national implications: It could return to the American people a flooded gorge described as the twin of breathtaking Yosemite Valley.

Voters will decide whether they want a plan for draining the 117-billion-gallon Hetch Hetchy reservoir in Yosemite National Park, exposing for the first time in 80 years a glacially carved, granite-ringed valley of towering waterfalls 17 miles north of its more famous geologic sibling.

The November ballot measure asks: Should city officials devise a modern water plan that incorporates recycling and study expansion of other storage reservoirs to make up the loss?

The measure could eventually undo a controversial century-old decision by Congress that created the only reservoir in a national park and slaked the thirst of a city 190 miles away.

The battle over Hetch Hetchy, first waged unsuccessfully by naturalist John Muir, had turned the Sierra Club from an outdoors group into an environmental powerhouse. The fight gained momentum in recent years when unlikely allies joined forces.

On one side are Republican lawmakers and environmentalists, including Ronald Reagan's former interior secretary, who want the dam removed and valley restored. On the other are Democratic San Franciscans, led by Sen. Dianne Feinstein and Rep. Nancy Pelosi, fighting to hold onto the city's famously pure drinking water in a drought-prone state.

"Eventually it will be broadly understood what an abomination a reservoir in a valley like Yosemite Valley really is," Donald Hodel, the former interior chief, told The Associated Press. "I think it will be hard to quell this idea (of restoration). It is like ideas of freedom in a totalitarian

regime. Once planted they are impossible to repress forever."

Over the past decade, studies by the state and others have shown it's possible for San Francisco to continue collecting water from the Tuolumne River further downstream.

But the city never seriously has considered giving up its claim to the valley.

"This is a ridiculous idea," Mayor Ed Lee said. "It's a Trojan Horse for those that wish to have our public tricked into believing we have an adequate substitute for the Hetch Hetchy reservoir. We do not. There isn't any." The gravity-fed system serves 7 per cent of California's population, city water officials say. Turbines from its dams generate hydroelectric power for city buildings, streetlights and traffic signals, the airport and the transit system. And two-thirds of the water from the system is sold to neighboring municipalities.

All of this for just \$30,000 a year. That was the rent set by Congress when it passed the Raker Act in 1913, giving San Francisco exclusive control and use of the Hetch Hetchy valley, despite opposition by 200 newspapers across the country and after a week of contentious debate.

For the next decade stands of black oaks that had shaded deer and bear along the Tuolumne River through the half-mile-wide valley were removed along with 6 million board feet of lumber used to build the dam. By 1923, water began flooding what once were lush meadows.

In recent years, politicians have argued that San Francisco is getting a bargain and that the rent should be increased. Others have said San Francisco is violating the Raker Act because the city's transmission lines stop 30 miles short of the city and that Pacific Gas & Electric profits by carrying it the rest of the way.

With opposition from then-Mayor Feinstein, Hodel brought the issue back to life in 1987 as a way of alleviating crowds and traffic in Yosemite Valley, which now sees 4 million visitors a year.

Most recently the George W. Bush administration tried funding a

feasibility study, but it was quashed politically by Democrats when Pelosi was Speaker of the House.

"San Francisco is known as a progressive city in many ways, especially environmentally. But in water, it's just not the case. We've got a very sweet deal," said Spreck Rosekrans of Restore Hetch Hetchy, who has studied the issue for 20 years.

"Restoring the valley would undo the greatest wrong that has ever been done to a national park."

Studies by the federal Bureau of Reclamation, the state Department of Water Resources and others show restoring the valley is technically feasible. The cost estimates range from \$3 billion to \$10 billion.

"On top of that staggering price tag, replacing the water supply is unrealistic when California already lacks infrastructure to provide enough water for its economy or environment," said Feinstein. "We should move past this debate and focus on real solutions to California's water challenges."

The opposing sides also dispute the impact of reservoir removal. The Hetch Hetchy group says the city would lose 20 per cent of its 1.7 billion kilowatt power-generating capacity, roughly the amount of excess production sold at cost to the Modesto and Turlock irrigation districts. The city says it would lose about twice that much, which would cost \$41 million.

In addition, utilities officials say water rates would increase by up to \$2,777 per household a year and the city would be vulnerable during droughts.

Mayor Lee and others argue that the timing is wrong to spend so much money on a project that ultimately could make Bay Area water deliveries less reliable.

Proponents say passage of the measure in November would give San Francisco a chance to plan for restoration on its own terms. Voters would decide in four years whether to move forward with the plan.

"The opposition to removal is akin to the famous expressions many years ago about relinquishing the Panama Canal: 'We stole it fair and square and we should keep it!'" Hodel said.

Fly of the Month



Hook: TMC 100, size 12-18

Thread (and Body): 6/0, Yellow, Chartreuse, Red, or Black

Tail: Yearling Elk, natural

Shellback & Wing: Yearling Elk, Natural

Hackle: Rooster, brown

At the July 2012 Fly Tying Night, Jeff Lorelli demonstrated tying the Skinny Humpy Fly.

[Skinny Humpy Fly Video](#)

Monthly Programs

Dated	Speaker	Program Title
Aug. 22nd	Craig Gittings	Chile (The Country)
Sept. 26th	Dennis Lee	American River, Steelhead Trout

August Program

Craig Gittings will be presenting at the next meeting on his trip to Chile with Dean, August, Frank and Al Smatsky.

by Ron Smith

THE JOHN FUKUMOTO FLY TYING AWARD

The criteria:

- Only current members of Mission Peak Fly Anglers are eligible.
- The fly must be presented and tied at a monthly fly tying session.
- Special consideration will be given to original patterns and unique variations of a standard pattern.
- The award cannot be won by an individual in consecutive years.
- Selection of each year's winner will be made by the current Fly Tying Chairman and two club members of his choosing.

Outstanding Videos

Video No.	Title	Author	Type	VH S	DVD	Out Since	Borrower
91	Tying Western Dry Flies	Lawson & Dennis	Fly Tying, Intermediate	X		1/25/12	
131	Fly Tying Yellowstone Hatches	Craig Mathews	Fly Tying, Intermediate		X	2/22/12	
63	Spey Casting Inst. - Skagit/Snake Roll/Snap T	Jeff Putnam	Casting, Advanced		X	4/25/12	
132	Yellowstone Ties	Bob Jacklin	Fly Tying, Intermediate		X	4/25/12	
75	A Casting Approach to Dry Fly Tactics in Tight Brush	Joe Humphreys	Fly Fishing, Intermediate		X	4/25/12	
3	Skagit Master	Ed Ward	Casting - Spey		X	4/25/12	
2	The Fly Rodders Guide to Carp	Barry Reynolds	Fly Fishing, Basic		X	5/23/12	
42	MPFA Fly Tying w/Abellar & Gittings	Abellar Gittings	Fly Tying, Intermediate		X	5/23/12	
110	The Best Knots for Fly Casting Systems Vol. 2 of 2	Bill Nash	Fly Fishing, Basic, Knots		X	5/23/12	
48	Favorite Steelhead Flies	Mike Kinney	Fly Tying, Intermediate, Steelhead Flies		X	5/23/12	
89	International Spey Casting	Vincent/Gawesworth/Stavmo	Casting - Spey		X	5/23/12	
79	Basic Two Handed Spey Casting	Jim Vincent	Casting, Advanced		X	5/23/12	
80	Spey Master Class	Derek Brown	Casting, Advanced		X	5/23/12	
15	How to Catch More Trout	Gary Borger	Fly Fishing, Intermediate, Still Water		X	6/27/12	
6	Great American Trout Streams	Trout Unlimited	Travel - Western Rivers		X	6/27/12	
18	Fly Fishing for Bass	Kneah Clouser	Fly Fishing, Basic		X	6/27/12	
134	The Underwater World of Trout - Feeding Lies	Wendell Ozefovich	Under Water Video Photography		X	6/27/12	
9	Advanced Fly Casting	Doug Swisher	Casting, Advanced		X	6/27/12	
21	Anatomy of a Trout Stream	Dick Halle	Water Type		X	6/27/12	

**** Video Library****

MPFA Maintains a 200+ library for the benefit of its members and we need the help of every member to keep it available to the entire membership.

We ask that you check out a video (Honor System) and return it within 2-3 months. After the 2nd month, the librarian will send the borrower an e-mail or note reminding them that there is a video(s) checked out in their name.

After the 3rd month, the librarian and/or the secretary will send a note asking for the video or \$40 to cover the purchase of it's replacement. Thanks.

Your Video Librarian,
Kris DeCossio

**MISSION PEAK FLY ANGLERS
2012 FISHOUT LIST**

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE OF FISH	FISHMASTER	COMMENTS
Sept 8-9	Clark's Fork	Trout	Bill Peaks	Campout and Potluck BBQ
Sept	Central Sierra Stillwater Scramble	Trout	Ken Brunskill	
Sept	Feather River	Salmon		
Sept/Oct	Davis Lake	Trout	Mitch Matsumoto	
Sept/Oct	Lake Almanor area	Trout, Bass	Ed Huff	
Sept/Oct	Alpine Lake	Trout	Dean Lewis	
Oct 13-14	Eastern Sierra	Trout	Jeff Lorelli	Meadowcliff Lodge 530-495-2255 http://meadowcliff.com/
Oct	American River	Salmon		
Nov	Trinity River	Steelhead		
Dec				

The above fishout calendar is tentative and subject to change. Always contact the fishmaster the week of the fishout to be notified of changes due to weather and unforeseen circumstances. Also check the newsletter for detailed information on fishing tackle, flies, directions and accommodations, as recommended by the fishmaster.

Note that only the fishouts shown in **BOLD** on this calendar are actually confirmed at this time; all others are tentative.

The actual dates of wintertime fishouts are highly dependent upon the weather conditions and will be confirmed by the fishmaster the week of the fishout.

Your ideas for fishout locations are always welcomed by the club. Phone Jeff Lorelli to volunteer as a fishmaster. The qualifications for a fishmaster are that you have a place in mind, know how to get there, and would welcome some fishing companions. That is it, so sign up now.

Photos taken at the July Fly Tying Night



2nd fly tied by Jeff Lorelli was the **Zug-Bopp** Wet Fly

[Zug-Bopp Fly Video](#)



Hook: Mustad 9761, size 10-14 or Tiemco 3769

Lead: .015"


Bead: Fire Red, size 1/8" or to match hook size

Thread: Dark Olive

Tail: 3 Peacock swords

Body: Peacock Chenille

Hackle: Partridge



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