



Main Stream

Mission Peak Fly Anglers

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August 2014 Club Meeting

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

DATE: **Wednesday, August 27th** (Note day and date)

TIME: 6:30 **pm**

PROGRAM : Steel-head fishing

***** UPCOMING FUTURE EVENT **** *Annual Installation Dinner* on [January 31st 2015](#)

Upcoming Events

Wed. Aug. 20 Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Hospital, Livermore, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Wed. Aug. 20 Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Palo Alto, 2:30 PM to 4:00 PM

Wed. Aug. 20 *Fly Tying Night* 7:00 PM, Fremont Activity Center, 3375 Country Dr., Fremont

Thurs. Aug. 21 Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Hospital, San Jose, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Sat. Aug. 23 **Club Picnic**- 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM, Oakland Casting Ponds

Wed. Aug. 27 **Club Meeting**- 6:30 PM, Silliman Community Activity Center

Wed. Sept. 3 **BOARD MEETING** 7:00 PM Fremont Activity Center, 3375 Country Dr., Fremont

Wed. Sept. 3 Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Hospital, Livermore, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Wed. Sept. 3 Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Palo Alto, 2:30 PM to 4:00 PM

Fri. Sept. 12 Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Hospital, Oakland, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Fri. Sept. 12 Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Hospital, Menlo Park, 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM

Sat. Sept. 13 **Club Breakfast:** At the Denny's in Hayward on Whipple - 9:00 AM

Wed. Sept. 17 Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Hospital, Livermore, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Wed. Sept. 17 Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Palo Alto, 2:30 PM to 4:00 PM

Wed. Sept. 17 *Fly Tying Night* 7:00 PM, Fremont Activity Center, 3375 Country Dr., Fremont

Thurs. Sept. 18 Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Hospital, San Jose, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Wed. Sept. 24 **Club Meeting**- 6:30 PM, Silliman Community Activity Center

Fri. Sept. 26 Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Hospital, Menlo Park, 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM

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2014 OFFICERS

President	Dean Lewis		Board Member	Ron Smith	1/2014
Vice President	Bruce Butler		Board Member	Jan Van Zandt	1/2015
Secretary	Craig Gittings		Board Member	Don Jower	1/2016
Treasurer	Stephen Culp		Board Member	Jerry Reynolds	1/2016
		Past President	Wayne Culp		
			<u>Chairpersons</u>		
Annual Dinner	Open		Conservation	Steve Schramm	
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Fly Casting	Open		Fly Tying	Mitch Matsumoto	
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Programs	Ron Smith		Picnic	Open	
Video Library	Santiago Jimenez		Raffle Chairman	Dave Heyes	
Web Master	Ray Gauthier		Trout Bum Award	Craig Gittings	
Trout in the classroom	Ed Huff		Fukumoto Award	Mitch Matsumoto	
			Fly Fishing Volunteers	Ken Brunskill	

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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.

President's Message

First, I would like to thank Bruce and Craig for the excellent "Board Messages" that they wrote for this column. I hope from time to time to have more of the Board Members write a message for the newsletter. It helps provide a different flavor for the newsletter.

Now let's discuss some other important items. First, due to some scheduling mistakes and vacation conflicts, we have agreed to change the Alpine Lake fish out to the last weekend of September (27-28). It was scheduled for the weekend before, but got scheduled as a Friday and Saturday. Wrong!!! So now we are rescheduling for a Saturday and Sunday so that it would work for more members.

Second, the club BBQ is coming up on the 23rd. I hope many of you will join us at the Oakland Casting Park complex and participate in the function. It would be a great chance to bring a rod, line and reel and get some help with your casting while enjoying our annual outing. It would be helpful if you could e-mail me if you are coming. We will need to know how much meat, etc to purchase for the outing. This is also a pot-luck affair, so I will send out a list of what certain sections of the alphabet (last name) will be asked to bring. I will move it up from last year to give everyone a different category.

We are in the month of August. Members are coming and going on vacation. Several members are off at the Conclave in Montana, if not really there to just go fishing. September will be on us in just a few weeks. At the September meeting, I am supposed to appoint a committee to find candidates for the next year club officers. The president of the United States is limited to a 4 year term but may server 2 terms. I am in the last year of a 4 year term. I am not interested in a second 4 year term. I would like to see someone else head the club next year. I don't mind the responsibility or duties, but I think the club is better served if we change presidents at least every two years. I think it helps the club with fresh ideas and new energy. Please think about running for office. With a new president, I would be come the past president, and still be on the Board. This would allow Wayne to drop off the Board after 6 years as either President or Past President. I will be more than willing to assist the new president in taking over the reins. It is your club. Please step up and offer your services.

Dean

Annual Trout Bum Award

Starts Jan 1, 2014

Awarded by MPFA Board of Directors at December board meeting

Requirements:

Candidate must have fished 10 or more waters during the calendar year (no private pay to play waters). Waters may be tributaries of any river or lakes with the use of a fly only, and report to the club documented with photos during a regular meeting.

Chairperson: Craig Gittings

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, STEPHEN CULP – Mission Peak Fly Angler’s patches and pins are available from Stephen at a nominal price. New members should have received either a pin or a patch when they joined; if not, call Stephen Culp.

******* Notice *******

The Alpine Lake fishout is now scheduled for September *27 and 28th*, the last weekend in September. Please mark your calendar accordingly.

Mission Peak Fly Anglers Board Meeting of August 6, 2014

Dean Lewis brought the meeting to order at 7:10 PM. In attendance besides Dean were; Bruce Butler, Jan Van Zandt, and Craig Gittings.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes: No quorum, so minutes could not be approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Stephen Culp, was unavailable to report.

Newsletter items: Dean will write the president's message and suggested changing the title to "Board Ramblings" or something like that when others write the message. Still to be decided.

Programs: Ron was absent in Montana.

Annual Picnic: Date is August 23, at the Oakland Casting Ponds. There appears to be no conflicts with the Oakland Casting Club.

DVDs: Craig had found a few DVDs for the club library, but no one purchased them do to miscommunications. Craig reported that the DVDs were donated to another organization.

Dinner: No one was available for comment.

Fish outs: Sept 19-20 for Alpine lake. Dean wanted to move the date to September 27-28. There were no objections. Changed from a Friday/Saturday to a Saturday/Sunday.

Malcolm's Stuff: Due to little club interest, it appear that Dean feels we should put the items on eBay.

Board Member Items:

Jan brought up club shirts. Bruce will bring them to the next meeting. Jan asked about signage for the Vet program.

With no further business, Dean asked for a motion for adjournment.

Clocked out at 7:22 pm.

Craig Gittings, Club Secretary

Fly of the Month



Hook: Eagleclaw 413 4 to 3/0
thread: White , Red or Chartreuse
Eyes:Real Eyes Plus size to match hook and brass barbell eyes smaller than the real eyes.
Body:White bucktail w/Chartreuse Crystal chenille
Wing:Chartreuse bucktail
Overwing:Light Olive Krystalflash
Side Flash:Chartreuse,Pink or Pearl Flashabou.

In July 2014, Mitch Matsumoto demonstrated tying a **Double Barrel Clauser Fly**.

[Double Barrel Clauser Fly Video](#)

Monthly Programs

Dated	Speaker	Program Title
Aug. 27th	Justin Miller	Steel-head fishing. Justin is a top guide at the Fly Shop
Sept. 24th	Lance Gray	Northern California Fly Fishing
Oct. 22nd	Craig Gittings	Belize

August Program

(No further information is available at the time of this publication)

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 Video

(Information is unavailable at the time of publication)

****** 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,
Santiago Jimenez

MISSION PEAK FLY ANGLERS
2014 FISHOUT LIST (Preliminary and subject to change)

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE OF FISH	FISHMASTER	COMMENTS
Jan				
Feb				
Feb - March				
March				
March - April				
March - April				
May				
May 15-16				
June – July				
July/Aug				
Sept 13-14	Clark's Fork	Trout		Campout and Potluck BBQ
Sept 27-28	Alpine Lake	Trout	Craig Gittings	
Sept/Oct	Feather River	Salmon, Steelhead		
Sept/Oct	Davis Lake	Trout	Mitch Matsumoto	
Sept/Oct	Lake Almanor area	Trout, Bass	Ed Huff	
Sept/Oct				
Oct				
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 Dean Lewis 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!

Conservation News

by Steve Schramm

Oh where to begin with this month's Conservation Report? Well, I am a child of the 1970s and I do like me some old school printed on paper Reader's Digest Quotable Quotes. And then again, I do like me some Sesame Street television especially those vintage episodes with the sultry Rita Moreno. Ay, carumba!

Then how about a Quotable Quotes Sesame Street mash up to start off this month's report.

You know the tune, "One of these quotes is not like the others, one of these quotes is not the same..." Here we go:

"I did not have sexual relations with that woman." – President Bill Clinton

"the Trinity project does not contemplate diversion of one bucketful of water which is necessary in this watershed"... "The argument that it will ruin the fishing is absolute nonsense." – United States Democratic Senator Clair Engle

"if you asked me two weeks ago if it could happen, I would have said it couldn't." Imperial Metals President and owner of Mount Polley Mine Brian Kynoch

"Blind faith in your leaders, or in anything, will get you killed." – Musician Bruce Springsteen



Nike's new Lunar Vapor Trout cleat. Almost as sultry as Rita Moreno.

As most of you already know, on August 4th, 2014 there was a “pond breach” at a mine tailing retention facility at the Mount Polley Mine in British Columbia. ([Mine Disaster](#)) I put “pond breach” in quotations because it is a euphemism, words disguised as jargon or mining parlance, but nothing more than a pretty substitute for the **<insert expletive here>** dam broke and 2.6 billion gallons of potentially toxic liquid and 1.3 billion gallons of contaminated sediment spilled into the downstream watershed, and ultimately into British Columbia’s Fraser River.

Why is it that we as a society continue to accept untruths? Let’s face it, stuff leaks. Would you put a bucket or bag of toxic liquid on the hardwood floor or carpet in your home and leave it there for the next 50 years and not expect it to leak or spill or break? If you would there is a wonder gizmo being promised on late night television that you’re going to love.

At the outset reports stated that the Mount Polley incident is so massive and potentially damaging that it is Canada’s version of the Exxon Valdez oil spill. Since the fourth however, despite the mindboggling photos and aerial video of the devastation, the hyperbole has had to take at least a tiny step back. Drinking water bans at least up to a 100 meter zone immediately adjacent to the debris plume entering Quesnel Lake have been lifted as of August 12th. Little comfort I know, but hey it could have been worse. And it could still be worse as more testing especially of the sediment plume and fish proceeds in the coming days, weeks and months.

But the upshot is it doesn’t matter what’s in the water, the point is you don’t put large open pit mines in fishery headwaters. And by extension, you don’t fly commercial airliners over hot conflict zones. It’s common sense, basic self-evident truth. Hear that Pebble and Kerr Sulphurets Mitchell mines? More on the sediment plume and fish sampling is sure to follow.

Getting back to common sense and self-evident truth, you don’t divert most of a river’s flow and you don’t block fish from spawning habitat. This brings us to the Eel River, PG&E’s Potter Valley Diversion Project and a forthcoming battle over Eel River water.

Over a hundred years ago a mile long tunnel was built to divert water from the Eel River at Scott Dam to farmers in the Potter Valley and to the Russian River watershed. Now that project is up for FERC relicensing (deadline by 2022). At issue is PG&E’s announcement that it will sell or close down the Potter Valley Project since it no longer produces profitable electricity and its downstream water users refuse to subsidize it by paying for Eel River water.

Closure of the dam may sound like a winning solution for the Eel River salmon and steelhead, however closure does not insure that diverted water would automatically return to the Eel. In fact powerful, moneyed water interests in both Sonoma and Marin Counties have their sights on maintaining the flow of Eel River water and may attempt to purchase the project to supply additional water for the burgeoning Sonoma County wine industry and to promote out of scale development in Marin.

Writer Susan Ward recently wrote an excellent piece for the Sacramento Bee that reviews the issues surrounding the Eel and looks to the compromises that were made among stakeholders in order to restore flows to the Trinity River and Mono Lake. I urge you to read Susan’s article ([Looming battle over the Eel](#)) and to ready yourself for a chance to restore the legendary steelhead and salmon runs of the Eel River.

Below is a list of articles that caught my eye in the last 30 days. A few of the links are video links. I will leave it up to you to decide which captions are the catchiest and thus pique your attention for further reading. All links are active as of August 14th, 2014. Enjoy!

[Battle Heats Up Over Stanford Watering Golf Course Instead of Protecting Steelhead](#)

[California drought: Strife over groundwater boils over](#)

[California Approves \\$500 Fines For Residential Water-Wasters](#)

[California drought: Ground water has 'saved our bacon'](#)

[Clackamas Complete A Return of Bull Trout](#)

[Delta tunnel plan called a fish death sentence by key group](#)

[DiFi to Fish Agencies: Allow Fish Kill, Relax Water Quality -- Bailout Water Profiteers](#)

[Drought reduces steelhead in Napa River](#)

[Eat this fish and do the planet a favor](#)

[Eel River Recovery Work](#)

[EPA proposes limits on Alaska's Pebble Mine project](#)

[Gitxsan Eviction Notice to Sportsfishers, Forestry and CN Rail](#)

[Gone with the flow](#)

[Governor's appointments are a joke, but he's not kidding](#)

[Groundwater Management: Today's Hot Topic...Finally](#)

[Gulf of Mexico 'dead zone' is the size of Connecticut](#)

[Is Farmed Fish Really the Answer?](#)

[Judge: Groundwater extraction can be subject to Public Trust Doctrine](#)

[KLAMATH WATER RECOVERY AND ECONOMIC RESTORATION ACT OF 2014](#)

[LNG projects threaten Skeena River salmon runs, study says](#)

[Norway Issues Warnings About Health Dangers of Farmed Salmon](#)

[Recovery Plan for California Salmon and Steelhead](#)

[San Francisquito Creek - America's Most Endangered Rivers 2014](#)

[Save the Smith from Mining - California Trout, Inc.](#)

[Saving Wild Salmon by Changing the Way We Fish](#)

NOTICE

WE need a count for the BBQ. We need to know how much meat, etc to bring for the group.

Please find information on this year's BBQ / Picnic on August 23 below. Cost is \$5.00 per person.

1. Are you going to attend Yes _____ No _____ Number of persons _____
2. Are you willing to car pool. Yes _____ No _____ Number of persons you can take _____

This will be a pot luck. In the past, we have set up a lettering system for who brings what.

I moved it up to the following groupings. A-F = Appetizers; G-L = Salads; M-R = Side Dishes; S-Z= Desserts;

Hope to see you there. **Remember to give me a response.**

Thanks

MPFA Annual Club BBQ/Picnic


Date: August 23, 2014. 8:30-9:00 to 3:00-3:30 with lunch around 12:00.

Where: Oakland Casting Ponds

What to bring: Last Name Starts with:
A-F = Appetizers; G-L = Salads; M-R = Side Dishes; S-Z = Desserts

Where: Oakland Casting Ponds. Exit 13 and take Carson St.







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