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## December 2015 Club Meeting

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

**DATE:** **Wednesday, December 16th** (Note day and date)

**TIME:** 6:30 **pm**

**PROGRAM :** Movie and Swap Meet

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\*\*\*\*\* UPCOMING EVENT \*\*\*\* *Annual Installation Dinner* on [January 23rd 2016](#)

### Upcoming Events

- Wed. Dec. 16    **Movie and Swap Meet**
- Wed. Jan. 6    **BOARD MEETING 7;00 PM Fremont Activity Center, 3375 Country Dr., Fremont**
- Sat. Jan. 9    **Club Breakfast:** At the Denny's in Hayward on Whipple - 9:00 AM
- Wed. Jan. 21    **Fly Tying Night 7:00 PM, Fremont Activity Center, 3375 Country Dr., Fremont**
- Wed. Jan. 28    **Club Meeting-** 6:30 PM, Silliman Community Activity Center

\*\*\* Veterans First Fly Fishing **Schedule** is on page 4 \*\*\*

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## 2015 OFFICERS

President	<b>Bruce Butler</b>		Board Member	Paul Tavres	1/2017	
Vice President	George DeCassio		Board Member	Mitch Matsumoto	1/2016	
Secretary	Fred Gerace		Board Member	Don Jower	1/2017	
Treasurer	Stephen Culp		Board Member	<b>Open</b>	1/2016	
		Past President	Dean Lewis			
			<b><u>Chairpersons</u></b>			
Annual Dinner	<b>Open</b>		Conservation	<b>Open</b>		
Distribution	Ray Gauthier		Editor	Ray Gauthier		
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Fly Casting	<b>Open</b>		Fly Tying	Gene Kaczmarek		
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Programs	Ron Smith		Picnic	<b>Open</b>		
Video Library	Bill Mattson		Raffle Chairman	Dave Heyes		
Web Master	Ray Gauthier		Trout Bum Award	<b>Open</b>		
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, make changes, or wish to have a copy of the list, send an e-mail to Fred Gerace.

## Notice

**Members**

The Newsletter will be coming out on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. Send your articles or information to the editor by the 12<sup>th</sup> of each month.

## President's Message

Members,

Our club date for the Yuba River is Jan 16<sup>th</sup>. Mark it on your calendars and let me know if you want to attend. I will have the sign up sheet at the club meeting this Wednesday evening. This is movie and swap meet night so bring those no longer needed items. So far we have 12 attending the fish-out. As usual it should be a great trip and gathering of fellow fishers. Please give Steve your \$15 entrance fee at the meeting if you haven't done so already.

We had our Trinity River Fish-out Dec 3-6 with Mitch, Paul and I. The three of us had a great time. I couldn't wait to get to my favorite spot that I was dreaming about. I'm sure you all have that favorite spot that you can see clearly in your mind and you can't stop thinking about for a week before your trip. It was a rainy morning but not too cold and I decided to fish my favorite run first. After a few short casts close to shore, while getting out some line I kept stepping into the river and casting out a little at a time. I was in Stealth mode. Then I started getting into the sweet spot of the faster current. After 2 or 3 perfect drifts, "FISH ON" I yelled. After a couple runs Mitch landed it into my net. It was a nice 24" Steely. We thought I had the fishing pattern all figured out. Then because I had caught that nice fish I stated, "THAT'S IT I'M DONE". Mitch said to me NOOO don't say that you won't catch any more. And he was right I wasn't able to get any more into my net. Lesson learned.

We did a couple drifts, one from Rush Creek to Bucktail. This was a short drift about 4 hours. Mitch had drifted it before but since then it had changed a lot. It appears they have bulldozed and taken out a lot of the fishing holes and put in a lot of flat areas. No character. Mitch asked a well known fly angler and guide that's been there for more than 30 years what's going on, and he said "DON'T GO THERE". They have funding for river restoration. 16 million dollars, is what I think he said. At the end of the discussion he did say that the river would, in due time, return to itself again as rivers do. No fish were caught on this drift.

We also drifted from Bucktail to Steel Bridge. This was an all day trip; we made the trip in perfect time and pulled out just before dark. I highly recommend having a GPS to keep track of where you are. I have an app and downloaded some maps on my phone. You don't need a signal. And it doesn't use your data. The app is called "Avenza PDF Maps." You just have to make sure you have a charged battery and download the map when you have a signal before you lose signal.

This was more like what Mitch said the Rush creek to Bucktail used to be like, lots of nice holding pockets. Mitch as usual figured things out and landed a few, a 26.5" and a 25" were the 2 largest. I think we were just a little late since a drift boat was there dredging the holes ahead of us. But the weather was perfect. I can't wait to do it again.

Paul and Fred are working hard setting up the installation dinner details. We need volunteers so please call Paul or Fred and see what assistance is needed. Fly's are needed for the silent auction so please tie a few and ask Paul Lelis for a fly box.

Dean Lewis and Chuck Oden have graciously taken position as board members.

Tight lines President Bruce

## Veterans First Fly Fishing Schedule

### **December:**

#### Livermore:

16<sup>th</sup> 10:00 – 11:30 AM CLC & Main Building

#### Palo Alto:

16<sup>th</sup> 10:00 – 11:30 SCI unit Bld. 7

San Jose: 18<sup>th</sup> 10:00 – 11:30 AM Respite room

### **January 2016**

#### Livermore

6th & 20th 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM - CLC & Main Building

#### Palo Alto

6th & 20th 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM - SCI unit Bld. 7

#### Oakland

8th 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM - 3dr floor MAC club

#### San Jose

14th 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM - Respite clinic

## *Veterans First Fly Fishing*

**Veterans First Fly Fishing .....Attention 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\*\*\***

**Officers and Board Members in January 2016**

Here is where we stand as far as the Board of Directors is concerned:

Officers (One year term)

President: Vacant

V.P.: George DeCossio

Treas.: Steve Culp

Sec.: Fred Gerace

Board Members (Two year term):

Paul Tavres (2<sup>nd</sup> year of his term)

Mitch Matsumoto (Also 2<sup>nd</sup> year)

Dean Lewis (New Board Member)

Chuck Oden (New Board Member)

Past President:

Bruce Butler

by Fred Gerace

Mission Peak Fly Anglers  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: December 9, 2015

Meeting Called to Order: 7:06 pm

**\*Notes:**

1. Meeting date changed to Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> (Original Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> – no quorum)
2. Meeting place changed to Round Table Pizza – Thornton Ave. – Newark)

**Attendees:** Bruce Butler, Dean Lewis, Steve Culp, Paul Tavres, Mitch Matsumoto,  
Don Jower, George DeCossio and Fred Gerace

**Absent:** None                      Guest: Chuck Oden (Board Member Elect)

**Old Business:**

1. Approval of Minutes – Meeting of: November 4, 2015  
Motion Made By: Don              Second By: Steve              Motion Passed

**Treasurer's Report:**

**New Business (Discussion Topics):**

1. Installation Dinner (Fred Gerace):
  - January 23, 2016 at Swiss Park
  - Tickets on Sale for \$35.00 per person – remit to Steve Culp
  - Lots of “Non-Fly Fishing” Prizes – so bring your friends
2. Volunteers Needed:

We will need volunteers to assist with the dinner for the following

  - Help set up tables, chairs and prizes on the day of the dinner (Approx. 12 noon)
  - Help sell raffle tickets before and during dinner
  - Help check out winners and their prizes
3. Donations from our club members:

If you have any item you wish to donate for the raffle – please turn in your donation no later than Jan. 5, 2016. You can present your donation at the Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> club meeting, or you can make arrangements with either Paul Tavres or Fred Gerace. **PLEASE** Do Not wait until the night of the dinner. It is too time consuming to log in the donations at that time.

**Programs:**

Dec. 16: Movie Night & Swap Meet <Note: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday>

**Fishouts:**

Smith / Chetco: Dec. 26 – 31 (Cancel? Looks “Iffy”)

Yuba River: Jan. 16, 2016 → Bruce will be Fish Master

Motion to Adjourn: Dean      Second: Steve      Motion Passed      Adjourn: 7:40pm

Respectfully Submitted by Fred A. Gerace, Secretary



## Fly of the Month



Hook	Daiichi 1760, size #10 & 12.
Thread	8/0, black.
Bead	Brass, 1/8" on size #12.
Weight	.020 lead wire, 6 wraps on size #12.
Rib	Small Silver wire.
Abdomen	Ice Dub, Olive/Brown.
Thorax	Holographic Tinsel.
Wingcase	UTC Mirage Opal Tinsel, large.
Tail & Legs	Ringneck Pheasant tail.

In January 2015, George Bouvoïn demonstrated tying **The Mahalo Nymph Fly**.

[Mahalo Nymph Fly Video](#)

## Monthly Programs

<b>Dated</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Program Title</b>
Dec. 16		Movie and Swap meeting
Jan. 27	George Bouvoïn	Fly Fishing Western Wyoming
Feb. 24	Joe Contaldi	Eastern Sierra's
March 23	Shawn Saunders	Fly Fishing, Utah
April 27	Jim Cox	Western Rivers, John Day River, Steelhead

### December Program

## **Movie and Swap Meet**

## Outstanding Video

Video No.	Title	Out Since	Borrower
128	Salt water salmon on the fly	11/18/15	George DeCassio
160	MPFA Fly Tying - Ed's Sheep Creek, Semi Seal Leech	5/28/15	Rich Choy
168	MPFA Fly Tying - Bill Peaks Flashback Nymph	5/28/15	Rich Choy
14	Fish the dry fly	11/18/15	Vlad Zamakhovsky
15	How to catch more trout	11/18/15	Vlad Zamakhovsky
8	Calibairis	8/26/15	Don Jower
123	Season of the Mayfly	9/22/15	Paul Tavers
124	Bugs of the Underworld	9/22/15	Paul Tavers
176	Soul Fish	9/22/15	Don Jower
180	Tying Emergers	9/22/15	Don Jower

### \*\*\*\* 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,  
Bill Mattson



# Conservation News

## *Ad Hoc Conservation Report*

By Steve Schramm

It's been awhile but here are a few conservation related articles and videos that caught my eye in the last month. Check them out. (All links active as of 12-2-2015)

[Sears Point Wetland Restoration, January 2015](#) (Project overview video)

[Levee breach at Sears Point Ranch](#) (Pre-breach video of the excavated channel)

[Levee breached to restore wetland at Sears Point](#) (Video of the breach)

[Make Boxer, Feinstein, REMOVE the SB 1894 non-native species mandate](#) (ACT NOW FOR THE DELTA!)

[Battle Heats Up Over Gualala Redwoods](#) (Junk bonds and the fate of North Coast steelhead & salmon)

[Feds lay out plan for steelhead recovery in Napa](#) (Make that next Big Bold Red a steelhead)

[Big trouble looms for California salmon - and for fisherman](#) (Mis-management and drought killing fish)

[California Bans Genetically Engineered Salmon](#) (Can they be banned?)

[Preventing escape of GMO salmon](#) (A review of engineering controls to prevent genetic pollution)

[Mercury News editorial: Delta purchase is a Metropolitan Water District water grab](#) (It's a duck!)

[Submit Comments to Bring Wild Salmon Back to the Sierra](#) (TAKE ACTION ON THE YUBA!)

[Tanker crash sends oil into Provo River as snow and ice create hazards](#) (Beloved Utah river poisoned)

[Judge invalidates law, Utah's trout streams must remain accessible](#) (Public retains access to riverbeds)

[Anglers, scientists report steelhead dive in Skeena watershed](#) (Steelhead Shangri-La at risk)

["Protecting America's Recreation and Conservation Act" Discussion Draft](#) (Video – Sage CEO at 35m0s)



**Annual Mission Peak Fly Anglers Awards &  
Officers Installation Dinner**

<b>Swiss Park</b> <b>5911 Mowry Ave, Newark, CA 94560</b> <b>(510) 793-6272</b>	<b>Saturday, January 23, 2016</b> <b>5:00 – 6:00pm No Host Bar</b> <b>Check Raffle Items</b> <b>6:00pm Dinner</b>
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*Choice of: Tri-Tip, Salmon or Chicken (Pasta Primavera for non-meat guests)*  
*Complemented with mixed vegetables, roasted potatoes*  
*Coffee or tea and Desert*  
*Served as a Buffet*  
**\$35.00 per person**

----- MPFA Installation Dinner-----

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner Selection: Tri-Tip: \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken: \_\_\_\_\_ Salmon: \_\_\_\_\_ Pasta \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Dinners selected \_\_\_\_\_ x \$35.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Checks to:

**Make All Checks Payable to: Mission Peak Fly Anglers**

----- MPFA 2015 Dues-----

*Those paying their annual dues by December 31, 2015 will receive one of our new club patches.*

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Wife's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

FFF Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**\$40.00 per member/family**  
**\$35.00 for current member of FFF**  
**\$20.00 if under 18 or living more than 100**  
**miles radius from Fremont**

***Message About Our Annual Dinner***  
***From Fred Gerace***

I have a few points that I would like to mention regarding the MPFA Annual Dinner on January 23, 2016. This year we will have a variety of raffle items. In addition to the “traditional” fly fishing items, we will have items that will appeal to the no-fly fishing person, (yes - they do exist). We have some items for women, a few educational type toys for kids, a variety of gift cards, wine packs, chocolates and more. Last year we had 61 in attendance. This year we are hoping for 80 – so please feel free to be a friend or couple with you.

Also, last year we received a number of terrific donations. We thank all of those who donated to our event. This year we would encourage those who have items for the club, (gear, fly boxes, rods / reels or non-fly fishing items), to please get those items in before the Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. You can bring items to the club meeting on Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> or movie night / swap meet on Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>. You may also contact Fred Gerace or Paul Tavres to make other arrangements. It is too difficult to accept items the night of the dinner.

Thank you and Happy Holidays to All!

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