



Main Stream

Mission Peak Fly Anglers

PO Box 7263 • Fremont, CA 94537



February 2014 Club Meeting

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

DATE: **Wednesday, February 26th** (Note day and date)

TIME: 6:30 **pm**

PROGRAM : Fishing the Lower Sacramento River

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

Upcoming Events

- Wed. Feb. 19 Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Hospital, Livermore, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
- Wed. Feb. 19 Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Palo Alto, 2:30 PM to 4:00 PM
- Wed. Feb. 19 **Fly Tying Night** 7:00 PM, Fremont Activity Center, 3375 Country Dr., Fremont
- Thurs. Feb. 20 Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Hospital, San Jose, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

- Wed. Feb. 26 **Club Meeting-** 6:30 PM, Silliman Community Activity Center

- Fri. Feb. 28 Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Hospital, Menlo Park, 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM

- Wed. Mar. 5 **BOARD MEETING** 7:00 PM Fremont Activity Center, 3375 Country Dr., Fremont
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- Sat. Mar. 8 **Club Breakfast:** At the Denny's in Hayward on Whipple - 9:00 AM

- Fri. Mar. 14 Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Hospital, Menlo Park, 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM
- Fri. Mar. 14 Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Hospital, Oakland, 10:00 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.

President's Message

A lot has happened since the last issue of the newsletter. By the time you read this, we will have the bank account set-up with Stephen as the new treasurer. Since not all of us are retired, we had to pick a Saturday morning that all involved could meet at the bank.

At the last meeting, Craig "passed the hat" to get Bonnie Peakes a new LED TV set to replace the old one she was using. With her glaucoma, she has difficulty seeing out of one eye and the other requires glasses. I wish to thank all of you that donated when we "passed the hat". If any of you were short on cash that night and/or would like to donate more to help her with expenses, please feel free to do so. Also, if any of you would be able to once in a while provide transportation to and from the doctor, I would like to add you to the list of those volunteering.

Bonnie told me that we couldn't have done anything nicer for her than to get her the TV. Being trapped at home, unless someone drives for her, gives her some outlet to watch her favorite shows. I am attaching a photo of the TV we replaced. The 32" Samsung fit nicely on the same table as the old (heavy – ask Craig) one. The difference in clarity was striking.



We had a successful Installation Dinner. Stephen believes it was our best yet for the amount of money we raised for the club. I know I had a good time and it appeared everyone else did too.

We are in need of a new Fishmaster. Jeff Lorelli has indicated that he no longer can handle this position. Do we have any volunteers? The Board has started plans for this year's activities. Now is the time to give us your suggestions, ideas and thoughts on what we should be doing as a club for fish outs and other activities. It is your club, so let us know what you would like us to organize and/or plan for "you" the members of the club. You might want to read this month's Board meeting minutes for some of the ideas we are following up now.

We finally have some rain. Strange that we had some flooding in the North Bay. One rain storm doesn't end the drought, so this summer could present some difficult times for the fish and for us trying to find fishable spots. DFW has closed a number of rivers at this time. It is hard to tell what will happen as we get further into the season. Our best chances may be on the various lakes and reservoirs. We will just have to see how it plays out.

Again, let us know what you want from the club and we will try to meet your needs.

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 *******

this is my last fundraiser - somebody needs to step up and I suggest while I am here to show you in detail. I took over before I had been in the club even 1 yr - not hard - time consuming mid oct to middle of feb - here's your chance !!!!!!!!!!!!!

Stephen Culp

Mission Peak Fly Anglers Board Meeting of February 5, 2014

Meeting was brought to order at 7:05 pm. Present were Dean Lewis, Bruce Butler, Wayne Culp, Jan Van Zandt, Stephen Culp, Ron Smith, Don Jower, Jerry Reynolds, Ed Huff, and Craig Gittings

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussed Board Meeting procedures for incoming board members

Minutes: Approved minutes for January 8, 2014. Stephen motioned for approval, Craig seconded, passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Treasurer's Report: Stephen said there were some more bills to come in and we still had some payments (checks) due from the dinner for the auction items .

Dinner Income: We reported on our dinner. Stephen thinks we had the best one so far as far as income. We made money on the silent auctions and live auctions. The bucket raffles are a wash. We talked about having more variety. Ron, Don and Dean are going to try to get some other items. Suggestions were to seek local donations such as free dinner at Black Bear, movie tickets, etc.

Fishouts: Not much here except for the trip to Kelsey on May 15 &16. Probably plan White Pine Lake again. Craig was going to check on cabins at Alpine Lake as a possibility. Wayne was watching the tides for a possible surf perch outing.

Picnic would be scheduled for August at the Casting Ponds. Kathy is moving out of the place she lives and will be living with her daughter for awhile.

Speakers: Ron was pretty well set through June. Ron also thanked Dean for the President's Pin. Discussion about placement at his home. Connie taped, "Most Enduring Wife" on the plaque. Way to go Connie.

Other Topics: We tabled our donations until next month. Tracy club is getting out of FFF. Do we want to do the same. There were feelings both way.

Board Member Items: We need a new Fishmaster as Jeff says he can no longer do it.

Adjournment was made at 8:19 pm.

Craig Gittings, Club Secretary

Conservation News

by Steve Schramm

There are two things I consider indispensable, a hot shower and a good cup of coffee. For a long time I had a preferred coffee mug that featured a Far Side panel by cartoonist Gary Larson. The mug was a favorite because it depicted a fishing theme, and by coincidence one of the anglers shared the same name as one of my fondest fishing partners, my grandfather.



Of course the humor lay in the caption that Larson penned beside the two fishermen on a lake with mushroom clouds rising in the distance, “I’ll tell you what this means, Norm—no size restrictions and screw the limit.”

Only a couple of weeks ago Governor Jerry Brown invoked emergency legislation that rescinded California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) regulations as they pertain to water use in California. This means that minimum fishery and wildlife requirements are now irrelevant, in other words because of the declared drought emergency, there will be “no size restrictions and screw the limit” as it pertains to flows for fish.

Of course *shiza* has a way of quickly piling up and 21st District Representative David Valadao wasted no time in sponsoring House bill, H.R. 3964, *the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Emergency Water Delivery Act* which in essence suspends the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA) and requires water dedicated to fish and wildlife be replaced and provided to Central Valley Project (CVP) water users by the end of 2018.

Supposedly, H.R. 3964 focuses CVPIA on native species to ensure they receive the full benefit of environmental restoration work as it purports to prioritize native species over non-native species in the Delta and the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers. However, be assured that H.R. 3964 cares little for native fish and that it is little more than a chess move to bump off non-native striped bass (introduced 1879) and largemouth bass (introduced late 1890s) that have successfully co-existed with native fishes in the Delta for a hundred years, but which are now being made scapegoats for water greed that has become too much in a time of low precipitation. Under the guise of protecting native species, H.R. 3964 removes “take” limits on non-native species that are preying on native species such as salmon smolts and Delta smelt. As for the natives, hatchery fish would be considered the equivalent of wild populations for purposes of the Endangered Species Act. Checkmate!

To quote Rahm Emmanuel, “You never want a serious crisis to go to waste, and what I mean by that, it’s an opportunity to do things that you think that you could not do before.” No restrictions and screw the limits.

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Fly of the Month



- **Hook** TMC 3761 , #14-20
- **Thread** 8/0 Rusty Brown
- **Wire** Fine Copper, .005
- **Lead** .010, 5 wraps for a #16
- **Body** Ringneck Pheasant Tail, 5 herls for a #16
- **Tail** Tips of body material

In January 2014, George Bouvoïn demonstrated tying the **Sawyer's Pheasant Tail Fly**.

[Sawyer's Pheasant Tail Fly Video](#)

Monthly Programs

Dated	Speaker	Program Title
Feb. 26th	Anthony Carruesco	Fishing the Lower Sacramento River
March 26th	Ken Hanley	topic still open
April 24th	Mark Papanian	Lost Coast Rivers
May 28th	Jay Clark	Independence Lake in Sierra County

February Program

The speaker this month is Anthony Carruesco, who will talk about the lower Sacramento River and how to fish the river. He has had a number of clients write about their experience with him on (<http://www.danblanton.com/bulletin.php>) Dan Blanton's Bulletin board, which speaks highly off his efforts and ability and put his customers into fish.

March is coming up and that's time to catch the biggest trout on the Sacramento River, according to a number of guides !! A little food for thought !!

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 Video

Video No.	Title	Out Since	Borrower
5	Fabulous Bighorn	11/20/13	
3	Skagit Master	12/18/13	
17	Skagit Master- Steel heading out side of the box	12/18/13	
18	Fly Fishing for Bass	12/18/13	
54	Articulated Streamers	12/18/13	
71	Trout Tactics for Panfish	12/18/13	
159	California Quail Caddis Dry	1/22/14	
168	MPFA Fly Tying Bill's Flashback fly	1/22/14	

****** 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		Trout		
Feb - March	Bay Area Lakes	Trout, Bass	??	Ideas welcomed for weekday or weekend day
March	Northern California	Steelhead	??	
March - April	Delta	Bass	??	
March - April				
May 10	White Pines Lake	Trout, Bass, Panfish	Dean Lewis	Potluck BBQ?
May 15-16	Kelsey			
June – July	Santa Cruz	Surf Perch	Craig Gittings	Check with Craig for best tides
June 14-15	Manzanita Lake	Trout	Mark Kaharick	Potluck BBQ
July/Aug				
Sept 13-14	Clark's Fork	Trout		Campout and Potluck BBQ
Sept		Trout		
Sept/Oct	Feather River	Salmon, Steelhead		
Sept/Oct	Davis Lake	Trout	Mitch Matsumoto	
Sept/Oct	Lake Almanor area	Trout, Bass	Ed Huff	
Sept/Oct	Alpine Lake	Trout	Craig Gittings	
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!

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And if that was not bad enough the ill named Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) continues to have gaping holes for fish in its 40,214 page restoration scheme. (You've been reading the 335.1 pages per day required to finish the Plan and write a comment letter to your elected representative within the 120 comment period that ends on April 14th 2014, right?)

Namely, the BDCP still calls for two diversion tunnels to be built at a current estimated cost of \$25 billion dollars (or as much as twice that over the 50 year project span) with a maximum capacity of 15,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) that it declares will only operate at 9,000cfs. This at a time when there simply is no water. Oh, and did I mention that the preferred alternative (Alternative 4) within the BDCP would operate the two tunnels IN ADDITION TO pumping at the existing State and Central Valley Water Projects which would continue under the BDCP plan to have the same inadequate fish screens that allowed for the, "take" or rather kill, of an estimated 40 million fish in the pumps last year. Furthermore, Alternative 4 has no stated limit on the amount of water that could be pumped south. It would be foolish to think that the 15,000cfs max tunnel capacity would not be tapped at some point. It's the norm to have no restrictions and to screw the limit. Can I have another?

This is a tough time for our fisheries. Recently, California Department of Fish and Wildlife enacted, or is scheduled to enact emergency low flow closures on rivers and streams throughout the State. Coho salmon populations in particular are at great risk of going extinct. It is my opinion as well as that of others that water managers in the State made a gamble on precipitation this year after two years of low precipitation totals and went forward with risky water transfers that have exacerbated the current drought situation.

And while writing letters to your elected officials on fishery related issues is necessary to effect change, it will not do much good if there simply is no water. Similarly, all habitat restoration and stream improvement will be moot if there is no water to flow in the restored habitat and the improved stream.

And even though we know that 20% of our water goes to urban users while 80% goes to agricultural users, and that the bureaucracy exists to maintain the status quo, I ask you to take a moment and consider your own water footprint. We do after all live in an arid state and water here should always be conserved and used wisely. With a population expected to reach 50 million in the next 20 years there is not a drop to waste. We should always be considering our use of water as if there was a drought. We cannot live or work without water. It is necessary for every industrial process. It's nothing that we all haven't heard before.

So do the fish a favor and besides writing those letters, take the high moral ground and be the urban user that limits their water use. Make sure that the plumbing in your home is not leaking and that the toilet does not run. Check the sprinkler system too. Or better yet decrease the lawn size and plant drought tolerant plants instead. Or put in a laundry to landscape or shower to landscape grey water irrigation system to get the most out of that lightly used water instead of letting it just run down the drain and add to your water bill. Consider capturing that first 1 to 3 gallons of water that it takes for the shower to warm up in a fancy pail and use it for that first flush, or to water the plants, or to wash something. It's not ridiculous, it's not too time consuming, it is the smart thing to do. And as for that hot shower, try and reduce it by a minute or five. I'm considering a new coffee mug.

Below are conservation topics that have come to my attention in the last month. All links were active as of February 14th 2014. Read and enjoy. *Mykiss vobiscum!*



Fish and Game Commission Adopts Emergency Regulations to Close Angling – CDFW – *Is this our future?*

<http://cdfgnews.wordpress.com/2014/02/05/fish-and-game-commission-adopts-emergency-regulations-to-close-angling/>

Damnation – Patagonia presents a Stoecker Ecological and Felt Soul Media Production – *A dam video*

<http://www.damnationfilm.com>

California drought threatens coho salmon with extinction – SFGate – *Hard to spawn pounding sand*

<http://www.sfgate.com/science/article/California-drought-threatens-coho-salmon-with-5175736.php>

How to Kill a Reborn River – Fly Rod & Reel – *The hatchery problem*

<http://www.flyrodreel.com/magazine/2012/january/kill-reborn-river>

Some comments and info – Mike McKenzie – *More on the BDCP*

<http://www.danblanton.com/viewmessage.php?id=187091>

Update on the Proposed Hydropower Project at Daguerre Point Dam – SYCRL Newsletter – *Our beloved Yuba*

<http://yubariver.org/2014/01/update-on-the-proposed-hydropower-project-at-daguerre-point-dam-draft-study-plan-found-inadequate/>

Severe Ancient Droughts: A Warning to California – New York Times – *An even shorter shower?*

<http://www.nytimes.com/1994/07/19/science/severe-ancient-droughts-a-warning-to-california.html?pagewanted=all&src=pm>

The Emptying of Northern California Reservoirs – Dan Bacher via Daily Kos – *Thanks Dan*

<http://www.dailykos.com/story/2014/02/07/1275862/-The-Emptying-of-Northern-California-Reservoirs>

Thousands of steelhead die in marsh – Half Moon Bay Review – *Here we go again. Again!*

http://www.hmbreview.com/news/thousands-of-steelhead-die-in-marsh/article_b4fbdbba-9282-11e3-a5b9-001a4bcf887a.html

Oregon minnow to be first U.S. fish delisted because of recovery – Reuters – *And five delisted by extinction*

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/02/05/us-usa-endangered-fish-idUSBREA1400D20140205>

2014 Club Dinner



Ron Smith receiving the President's Award



Ed Huff receiving the Fisher of the year Award



Group photo of everyone having a good time at the Installment Dinner

**THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COUNCIL
FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS
CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO THE 2014 HALL OF FAME
DINNER AND AWARDS**

2014 Hall Inductees: Don Chesarek and Hugh Miller

Location: Fremont Elks Lodge 38991
Farwell Dr.
Fremont, CA 945536

Date & Time: Saturday February 22, 2014
4:00 PM No Host Bar & Auction Preview
6:00 PM Buffett Dinner

Tickets: @ \$ 50 per plate

Table: @ \$ 450 for a table of ten

Menu: Appetizers, Salad, Pasta & Roasted Potatoes, Vegetable, Prime Rib
Coffee or Tea, and Dessert

Send reservation to : NCCFFF/HOF
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To purchase your tickets by PayPal online go to www.nccfff.org

Check the NCCFFF web site for application information and for more information on the event and the recipients.




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