



Main Stream

Mission Peak Fly Anglers

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June 2014 Club Meeting

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

DATE: **Wednesday, June 25th** (Note day and date)

TIME: 6:30 **pm**

PROGRAM : Fishing the Lower King's River

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

Upcoming Events

Wed. June 18 Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Hospital, Livermore, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Wed. June 18 Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Palo Alto, 2:30 PM to 4:00 PM

Wed. June 18 *Fly Tying Night* 7:00 PM, Fremont Activity Center, 3375 Country Dr., Fremont

Thurs. June 19 Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Hospital, San Jose, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Fri. June 20 Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Hospital, Menlo Park, 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM

Wed. June 25 **Club Meeting-** 6:30 PM, Silliman Community Activity Center

Wed. July 2 **BOARD MEETING** 7:00 PM Fremont Activity Center, 3375 Country Dr., Fremont

Wed. July 2 Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Hospital, Livermore, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

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

Fri. July 11 Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Hospital, Oakland, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Sat. July 12 **Club Breakfast:** At the Denny's in Hayward on Whipple - 9:00 AM

Wed. July 16 Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Hospital, Livermore, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Wed. July 16 Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Palo Alto, 2:30 PM to 4:00 PM

Wed. July 16 *Fly Tying Night* 7:00 PM, Fremont Activity Center, 3375 Country Dr., Fremont

Thurs. July 17 Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Hospital, San Jose, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Fri. July 18 Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Hospital, Menlo Park, 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM

Wed. July 23 **Club Meeting-** 6:30 PM, Silliman Community Activity Center

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2014 OFFICERS

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| Annual Dinner | Open | | Conservation | Steve Schramm | |
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| Fly Casting | Open | | Fly Tying | Mitch Matsumoto | |
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| Library | Dave Heyes | | Hospitality | Kay Heyes | |
| 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

Vice President's message

I tried to teach myself to fly fish in the mid 70s in northern Michigan and, after buying a few items and learning to cast, I went to the river and quickly changed to a worm because I knew I could catch fish and didn't think that little fly would work. I used that fly rod for many years with a spinning reel on it. I often wonder what would have happened if I just drove a few miles and walked into the local fly shop on the Ausable river and asked for help.

At this time I am getting gear ready to go in vacation in the eastern Sierras in the June lake area. In that same area 4 years ago, I started again to learn about fly fishing. It began when I approached an angler on the upper Owens river that had a fly rod in his hand. I also had a fly rod, but with my spin cast reel on it. It started with the usual " Did you catch any " at the end of the conversation I was looking into getting a guide to take me to Hot Creek and Lake Crowley.

After catching several fish with little flies on Lake Crowley and Hot Creek, I knew I was hooked. I returned home and started looking for a club. I went to San Jose and to Peninsula Fly club as a visitor. I met Craig Gittings and August who were also visitors at Peninsula. I ended up chatting with them both for most of the night and Craig asked me to go to this club and check it out.

On my first visit I knew this was the club for me. After 4 years, I have learned a great deal about the sport from so many nice people at the club. I truly want to thank everyone at the Mission Peak Club for your support and for helping to make my fly fishing experiences so enjoyable.

Bruce

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 *******

I have added a new web site sub-category in Photo Gallery. I have tentatively called it “Gallery of Assorted Photos” but, I will probably change it to something else that is more appropriate to what I have in mind.

My intent is to put up photos of our members proudly displaying their fish. If you are interested, please send the photos to me with the following information:

- Name of the person who caught the fish
- Location where the fish was caught (name of the river or lake)
- Date when it was caught

I have put a few photos on that [web page](#) to give you an idea of what it will look like.

Ray Gauthier

Mission Peak Fly Anglers Board Meeting of June 4, 2014

Dean Lewis brought the meeting to order at 7:06 PM. In attendance besides Dean were; Bruce Butler, Ron Smith, Don Jower, Stephen Culp, Jan Van Zandt, Paul Tavres, Fred Gerace and Craig Gittings.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes: Stephen Culp motioned and Ron Smith seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the May 7, 2014 meeting. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Stephen Culp, reported that the club's finances were good.

Newsletter items: Dean has a newsletter item for discussion. Dean is running out of ideas for the Presidents message and sought rotation amongst the board members starting with Bruce, then Stephen, then . . .

Meetings: Recap of Jay Clark's program. Ron is good and only has one open date.

July Casting Night: Dean made reservations for July 23 at Round Table Pizza. If club members call in their orders 24 hours before that evening, they can receive a 20% discount. Mention the club when ordering. No special casting instruction so far.

Annual Picnic: Date is August 23, at the Oakland Casting Ponds. Parking was mentioned as an issue. Ron had talked with Bruce about the gate key. Should not be a problem.

Dinner Raffle Chairman: Fred Gerace was introduced as his co chair for the event. Paul reported that he had contacted George about the Elks Lodge, but response was vague. Board members suggested contacting Ken Brunskill. Bringing in outside guests was mentioned.

Fish outs: June 14-15 for Manzanita fish out, Sept 13-14 for Clarks Fork and Sept 19-20 for Alpine lake.. Cabin availability was discussed as were reservations- possibly putting the horse before the cart until we had commitments to participate. Deposits were offered as a suggestion.

FFF: Dean brought in a letter for the board members for review, from the Council's club president email list. It concerned signing on protection in Washington state (also California) where agricultural runoff of pesticides were getting into streams and endangering salmon habitat. Dean will send it out to the club members.

Board Member Items:

Steve mentioned Lance Gray trips via the squares. Selling squares was slow. No one bought in last week. Once this is finished, Mark Papazian's coastal steelhead trips will follow the same route.

Don Jower asked about East Bay Healthy Parks celebration. It was pointed out that East Bay Parks energy will focus on their 50th anniversary celebration of East Bay Parks. Recap of the Kelsey trip. His damsel/leach pattern was killer. A little observation of damsels near the rock riprap along the face of the dam was his clue to the hatch going on. Worked for him. Ron mentioned his top water frog was killer when he fished. Dean threw out his observations, plus all raved about the food. The guys from the Oakland club won the congeniality award. Next year, lets go earlier.

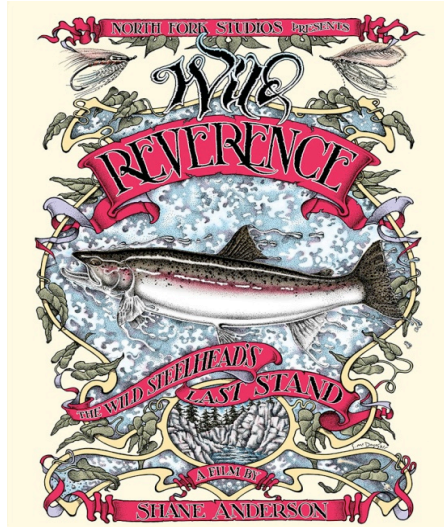
With no further business, Dean asked for a motion for adjournment.

Clocked out at 8:09.

Craig Gittings, Club Secretary

Conservation News by Steve Schramm

On a whim I went and saw the May 14th CalTrout sponsored screening of the film “Wild Reverence” in Larkspur. I’m guessing there were about 100 people present for the showing (including CalTrout founder Dick May) which was followed by a Q&A session with director Shane Anderson and CalTrout staff.



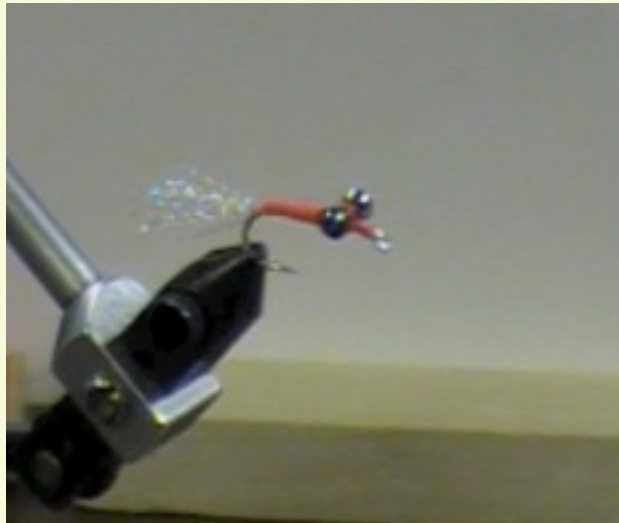
Wild Reverence documents the 90+% decline of historical wild steelhead stocks in the continental United States. It has been death by a thousand cuts including the old familiar culprits of logging, dams, over harvest, water use and hatcheries. Shane Anderson is passionate about wild steelhead and that comes through in this movie which was written, produced and directed by Shane. While the film lacks the human rivalry that made Rivers of a Lost Coast such an emotional film, Wild Reverence will move you with the sheer magnitude of the loss of wild steelhead that Anderson chronicles along with the passionate efforts of those working to get them back. The movie as well as the following Q&A session focused quite a bit on the negative aspects of hatchery operation. It turns out that those hatchery fish as we all now know, while filling the rivers, are adversely affecting wild fish. One factoid that stuck in my mind from the film is the cost of hatchery fish. It costs approximately one thousand dollars for each harvested hatchery steelhead produced in the state of Washington. Ouch! How much is that a pound?

CalTrout’s position on hatcheries is a compromise. CalTrout staff confirmed that while the North Bay fishing audience composed largely of Sonomans and Marinites are receptive to doing away with hatcheries as a means to stop the damage that they cause, other constituencies such as those represented by the Golden Gate Salmon Association are not so willing. Not surprisingly fisher folk in the true north end of the state share the latter sentiment, and I had to chuckle a bit when one of the CalTrout staff explained that a Siskiyouan in expressing his feeling on hatcheries stated that it was his part of his ‘heritage’ to harvest hatchery fish. My own opinion has evolved over the years and as cold as it sounds if there are going to be hatcheries I think that every hatchery fish should be bonked.

CalTrout staff went on to say that they envision some wild steelhead only waters in California where there would be no hatcheries. This would include rivers such as the Eel, the South Fork of the Trinity and ultimately the Smith to name a few. And then there would be waters with hatchery and wild fish such as

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Fly of the Month



TFS Shad Hook size 8
Eyes: Black or Chrome Dumbbell
Tail: Pearl Krystal Flash
Body: Orange Thread/Flashabou/Floss
Coating: Head Cement/UV cure/Epoxy

In May 2014, Mitch Matsumoto demonstrated tying the **Orange Shad Dart Fly**.

[Orange Shad Dart Video](#)

Monthly Programs

| Dated | Speaker | Program Title |
|------------|----------------|---|
| June 25th | Fred Ramirez | Fishing the Lower King's River |
| July 23rd | | Pizza and Casting Night. |
| 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 |
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June Program



Thank you for your interest in Central Sierra Fly Fishing Adventures. We are a year-round fly fishing guide service based in Clovis, California. We are located here in the heart of the Central Valley with the High Sierra in our back yard. We fish from Edison lake, the Kings River and also Sequoia National Forest and Kings Canyon National Parks . Our presentation will be on, The Valley of Three Kings. We will talk about three sections of the Kings River Drainage, Will tell you about access to water and how we fish and when is the best time. The three section we fish are called the Park water and the Upper Kings above Pine Flat Lake, and the Lower River below Pine Flat Dam. We will go over all the information you need to fish the Kings River. Come on out and learn about some New water to fish ! Give us a call. Don't miss your **golden** opportunity.

Email centralsierraflyfishingadv@yahoo.com
 (559) 859-3474 or 859-FISH

(above Bios submitted to 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

(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 | 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 19-20 | Alpine Lake | 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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the main stem of the Trinity, the Sacramento and the San Joaquin. Their argument is that those rivers with large supplements of hatchery fish would be too difficult to sway politically in order to remove the hatcheries, and so CalTrout would instead focus its efforts on creating refugia of wild steelhead in rivers conducive to it in ecologically significant zones up and down the state. On rivers where hatcheries would remain Caltrout would focus on better husbandry practices such as requiring hatcheries to use broodstock with life history characteristics such as migratory timing that would minimize dilution of wild California gene pools. And by geographically isolating wild fish from hatchery fish by relocating hatcheries downstream, closer to estuaries so as to improve smolt survival, resulting in increased catch of hatchery fish in ocean fisheries while simultaneously reducing interbreeding between wild and hatchery fish in rivers.

Ah, compromise. It hurts a little doesn't it, but it's hard to see things going back to their original state in the real world. Speaking of original state there are two recent happenings that are at least approaching it. Original strain Lahontan Cutthroat trout have spawned up the Truckee River at Pyramid Lake for the first time in 76 years. A short article and video can be seen at [Pyramid Lahontans spawn](#). And the Colorado River received a release of water so that it could reach its original end point, the Sea of Cortez, for the first time in 20 years. Check out [Colorado close to Gulf](#). It's hard to believe that you can suck a river completely dry and that it is acceptable.

And the federal government has committed The Original Sin, it has killed wild steelhead. Not just one, but 376, due to an 11th power failure at Lake Cachuma in southern California which cut off flow from pumps that maintain a half mile trickle into Hilton Creek from Bradbury Dam. If you or I killed 376 federally endangered steelhead we'd be selling everything we own to pay the huge fine. Eleven power failures? If it happens once shame on you, if it happens twice shame on me. [Shame on you BOR](#).

And the National Marine Fisheries Service has reversed its original 2012 biological opinion on Englebright and Daguerre Point Dams on the Yuba. If you recall starting March 1st 2014 the Army Corps of Engineers was supposed to execute steps outlined in the 2012 BiOp to insure Yuba River salmon passage, including the trucking of fish, over the dams. The Army Corps waffled on its authority over the dams in the interim and subsequently U.S. District Judge Morrison C. England instructed NMFS to issue a new BiOp with the stipulation that it not refer to any findings in the 2012 BiOp. NMFS obediently complied and has basically thrown out all requirements for mitigation measures (now voluntary) as they relate to Englebright and Daguerre Point Dams. Here's an excerpt from [Fisheries changes course on dams](#) that may just about make you reverse your lunch. The highlight in bold is mine.

'The 2012 biological opinion identified dam removal and other fish passage improvements as the preferred approach to improving conditions for endangered fish.

Yuba County Water Agency, along with Pacific Gas and Electric Co., Nevada Irrigation District, state water project contractors and several Yuba County irrigation districts, legally challenged the biological opinion, arguing that fish passage improvements or dam removal would negatively impact water deliveries and hydropower generation.

U.S. District Judge Morrison C. England instructed the NMFS to issue a new biological opinion by May 12, 2014, and to not cite the 2012 opinion while preparing the new opinion.

The new biological opinion on Daguerre Point Dam and a concurrence letter concerning Englebright Dam delete many of the mitigation measures required in previous biological opinions, according to conservation groups.

The concurrence letter agrees with a new legal theory from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers contending that existing dams are not subject to the Endangered Species Act, and that the Corps has no authority to take actions that would benefit endangered species.

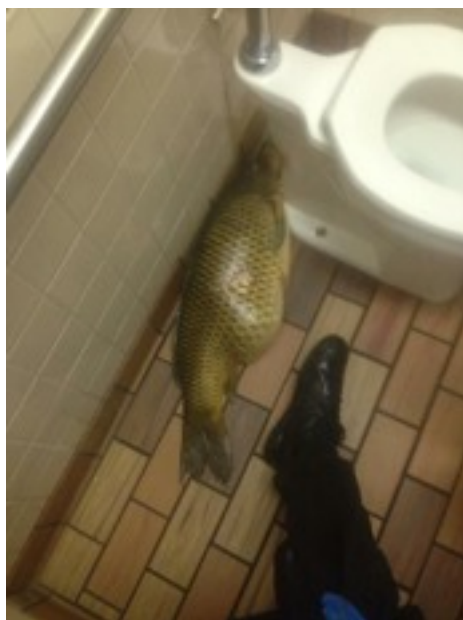
"Basically, NMFS is giving the Corps a free pass to ignore Englebright and Daguerre's adverse impacts on threatened fish species," said Eric Wesselman, executive director of Friends of the River.

Mandatory measures contained in previous Yuba River biological opinions, such as requiring the Corps to place spawning gravel and woody material in the river to provide safe havens for juvenile fish, are now voluntary, according to a South Yuba River Citizens League press release.

The Corps is no longer required to improve fish passage at the dams, no longer required to reduce predatory fish at Daguerre, and no longer required to impose conditions on Yuba County Water Agency to improve its fish screen at the Brophy Diversion, according to the release.'

I think the Army Corps just told us anglers to F* Off.** Emphasis in bold is mine.

And if you think the Mining Law of 1872 stinks, it gets worse.



With the current drought and no rules governing groundwater pumping the mining of water is heating up and becoming one of the biggest water issues in California. In [Chinatown 2.0](#) you can read about two Merced landowners that are about to strike it rich by pumping groundwater out from their property and selling it to water users in Stanislaus County. Any rational person without a hydrology degree will realize that when you pump groundwater it has to come from somewhere, and so the effects can expected to be seen in adjacent wells and surface rivers and lakes as more people turn to straws to make millions. Stay tuned as this battle for Earth's most valuable resource comes to a head in our very own state.




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