



# Main Stream

Mission Peak Fly Anglers

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## May 2014 Club Meeting

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

**DATE:** **Wednesday, May 28th** (Note day and date)

**TIME:** 6:30 pm

**PROGRAM :** Independence Lake in Sierra County

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

### Upcoming Events

- Thurs. May 15 Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Hospital, San Jose, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
- Wed. May 21 Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Hospital, Livermore, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
- Wed. May 21 Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Palo Alto, 2:30 PM to 4:00 PM
- Wed. May 21 *Fly Tying Night* 7:00 PM, Fremont Activity Center, 3375 Country Dr., Fremont
- Fri. May 23 Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Hospital, Menlo Park, 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM
- Wed. May 28 **Club Meeting-** 6:30 PM, Silliman Community Activity Center
- Wed. June 4 **BOARD MEETING** 7:00 PM Fremont Activity Center, 3375 Country Dr., Fremont
- Wed. June 4 Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Hospital, Livermore, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
- Wed. June 4 Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Palo Alto, 2:30 PM to 4:00 PM
- Fri. June 6 Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Hospital, Menlo Park, 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM
- Fri. June 13 Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Hospital, Oakland, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
- Sat. June 15 **Club Breakfast:** At the Denny's in Hayward on Whipple - 9:00 AM
- 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

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### 2014 OFFICERS

President	<b>Dean Lewis</b>	Board Member	Ron Smith	1/2014
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Treasurer	Stephen Culp	Board Member	Jerry Reynolds	1/2016
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<b>Chairpersons</b>				
Annual Dinner	<b>Open</b>	Conservation	Steve Schramm	
Distribution	Ray Gauthier	Editor	Ray Gauthier	
FFF Rep.	Gene Kaczmarek	Fish-Outs	<b>Open</b>	
Fly Casting	<b>Open</b>	Fly Tying	Mitch Matsumoto	
	<b>Open</b>	Boy Scouts	Jeff Lorelli	
Fund Raising	<b>Open</b>	Graphic Design	Ed Huff	
Video/Archivist	Ray Gauthier	Hospitality	Kay Heyes	
Library	Dave Heyes	Picnic	<b>Open</b>	
Programs	Ron Smith	Raffle Chairman	Dave Heyes	
Video Library	Santiago Jimenez	Trout Bum Award	Craig Gittings	
Web Master	Ray Gauthier	Fukumoto Award	Mitch Matsumoto	
Trout in the classroom	Ed Huff	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 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. Send your articles or information to the editor by the 12<sup>th</sup> of each month.

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## President's Message

From time to time, items come up that require some thought and reflection. One of these occurred the other day when I received a phone call from a club member who was extremely upset because they did not want to belong to FFF but were paying an additional amount in their club dues for the club to be in FFF.

For as long as I have been a member of the club, I think we have annually donated to Cal Trout, Trout Unlimited, the Federation of Fly Fishers and other organizations.

As an FFF member club, we are an "Affiliated Club". As an Affiliated Club, all of our members **do not** have to be a member of FFF. If you are a Charter Club, **ALL** of your members **MUST** be a member of FFF.

In the early days, FFF allowed clubs to be affiliated clubs and any club that is an affiliated club is allowed to keep that affiliation. The ability to become an affiliated club ended in 2011. Now the only option available is as a Charter Club.

Affiliated clubs are required to donate \$100 per year plus an additional small fee for every non-FFF member. Several years ago (I don't recall the year), our membership voted to structure our dues so that those that were FFF members paid \$35 per month and those that were non members paid \$40 per month. The additional \$5 dollars, in the dues, paid the FFF fee for non members. This was felt to be fair as the FFF member's dues were not going to cover the non FFF members in the annual FFF donation.

The Tracy club recently voted to withdraw from the FFF. I don't know if they were an Affiliated Club (most likely) or a Charter Club. Should they ever wish to rejoin FFF, they will have to become a Charter Club. Their reason for dropping out of FFF was they didn't feel they received any benefit from FFF or the local branch of the NCCFFF.

One of largest benefits we received from FFF was a large grant that allowed up to purchase equipment for our renowned "Trout in the Classroom" program. It allowed us to purchase our computers and projectors.

Some of our members are involved with the very worthwhile "Veteran's First" program. Our club and that program benefit by using the NCCFFF organization umbrella for the "tax exempt" status for donations to Veteran's First. Should we not have the FFF affiliated status, this may not be possible.

Our club is a non-profit organization, but we are not a 501-c3 "Tax Exempt" organization. Should we have a need for that status, we can always set up an umbrella account with the NCCFFF to cover the tax exempt status.

Recently, at the Veteran's First Annual Shadow Cliffs fish out, the President of the new Oakland Casting and Anglers club was inquiring about becoming an FFF member club. Their only choice is as a Charter Club.

Some of our members don't see any value in FFF. Others perhaps do. I became a Life member several years ago, and I think I may be to only current member with that status. Calvin Chin was also a Life member. In addition to being a Life member, I am also a member of the "President's Club", due to an annual personal donation (tax deductible) to FFF.

I don't get a lot of value from either category (most of the time) and I hardly spend any time promoting FFF. However, I do feel that it is beneficial for our club to remain as an Affiliated Member club with FFF. I sort of look at it as an insurance policy that we don't want to let lapse and can never restore.

It is up to you, the members, to ultimately decide our direction. If you are so against the extra \$5 because you don't want anything to do with FFF, perhaps our club isn't for you. If enough of you feel that way, then we need to drop out of FFF. What are your thoughts and wishes?

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 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.

**\*\*\*\*\* April Fly Tying Night \*\*\*\*\***



At the Fly Tying night in April, those who attended had the opportunity to tie any pattern they wanted using UV2 materials provided by Spirit River. The flies in the photo on the right were tied that night. A video of the session was made and it can be view by clicking on the link below.

[April Fly Tying Night Video](#)

(photos by Dean Lewis)

## Mission Peak Fly Anglers Board Meeting of May 7, 2014

Dean Lewis brought the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. In attendance besides Dean were; Ron Smith, Don Jower, Stephen Culp, Wayne Culp, Jerry Reynolds, Jan Van Zandt, Paul Tavres, and Craig Gittings. Both Wayne and Jan provided refreshments.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Minutes:** Jan Van Zandt motioned and Stephen Culp seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the April 2, 2014 meeting. Motion passed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

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

**Meetings:** Programs, speakers, videos- Ron is good and only has one open date. Feedback from club members for a "three favorite photo" type program garnered only one response from club membership.

**July Casting Night:** Dean will make reservations for Round Table Pizza. No special casting instruction so far

**Annual Picnic:** Date is August 23, at the Oakland Casting Ponds. Parking was mentioned as an issue.

**Dinner Raffle Chairman:** Paul accepted the challenge as Dinner Raffle Chair and even showed up to the board meeting. New blood brings some new ideas used from other clubs, a jeep club that Paul was involved in with. Stephen threw out the numbers from past dinners so the group could grasp what is needed for dinner costs.

**Fish outs:** May 15-16 Kelsey Fishout . June 14-15 Manzanita fishout. Sept 13-14 Clarks Fork Sept 19 20 Alpine lake. Still need to look into cabin availability before the trip. Pretty good discussion about possible fishouts; Union Reservoir, De Valle, Spicer Reservoir (Bill and Paul would check it out in the coming weeks). Reports are that Spicer's dam was raised by 100 feet and is now paved all the way in with camp sites etc. Also noted; Paul brings needed depth to the board with his suggestions. Dunsmuir, Hat Creek, Burney Falls, and McCloud were also mentioned.

**Report on White Pines Lake:** Paul had the enviable position of the highest success with numbers to hand. Paul also mentioned he had discussed strategy with Mitch prior to the trip, which worked- sinking line, size 14 sheep creek and a fish finder. This is a reoccurring theme with Mitch. The fish out low turn out was also discussed. Will poll the club members as to why.

**FFF:** Discussion concerning Board's decision on FFF payment approval. Ron Motioned, seconded by Jerry to send in a check. Motion passed

### **Board Member Items:**

Dean brought up Ray's refresh of the website. Some had already seen it and had positive remarks on Ray's efforts.

Paul mentioned that he was looking forward to his involvement with the club; fishing and learning from club members. Paul comes by way of the VA Veteran's programs. Paul mentioned that Gene bugged him with, "When are you going to join?" so he did. Welcome aboard, Paul.

Steve mentioned Lance Gray trips via the squares he set up last club meeting. There will be two winners. Once this is finished, Mark Papazian's coastal steelhead trips will follow the same route.

Both Ron and Don motioned simultaneously for adjournment, Jerry seconded.

Dean clocked out at 8:23.

Craig Gittings, Club Secretary

## Conservation News

by Steve Schramm

The BDCP funding issue, exploratory nickel mining in the Smith River watershed, threats to restoring flows to the San Joaquin, a sellout Senator and suction dredge mining are just a few of the MPFA Action Alerts for the first half of the month of May and are just a subset of the immense number of regular assaults on our watersheds and fisheries.

The challenges are relentless to the point of being exasperating, but without clean water and access to good fishing where would we all be? Fortunately, there are those that see the value and act.

Yvon Chouinard, the founder of Patagonia who has been fighting the good fight for many years now with his environmentally responsible brand, recently authored an article titled, *Tear Down 'Deadbeat' Dams*, which appeared May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014 in the Op-Ed section of the New York Times and which deserves reading.

Yvon writes:

VENTURA, Calif. — OF the more than 80,000 dams listed by the federal government, more than 26,000 pose high or significant safety hazards. Many no longer serve any real purpose. All have limited life spans. Only about 1,750 produce hydropower, according to the National Hydropower Association.

In many cases, the benefits that dams have historically provided — for water use, flood control and electricity — can now be met more effectively without continuing to choke entire watersheds.

Dams degrade water quality, block the movement of nutrients and sediment, destroy fish and wildlife habitats, damage coastal estuaries and in some cases rob surrounding forests of nitrogen. Reservoirs can also be significant sources of greenhouse gas emissions.

Put simply, many dams have high environmental costs that outweigh their value. Removing them is the only sensible answer. And taking them down can often make economic sense as well. The River Alliance of Wisconsin estimates that removing dams in that state is three to five times less expensive than repairing them.

You can continue to read Yvon's article here: [Tear Down "Deadbeat" Dams](#)

I would also add that Yvon Chouinard is also an executive producer of the film documentary DamNation. An excellent double entendre on the word damnation, the concept of divine punishment and torment in an afterlife for actions committed on earth, the film DamNation opened May 9<sup>th</sup> and will make several showings in the Bay Area including:

Santa Clara University	May 20 <sup>th</sup>	8pm
San Francisco Green Film Festival, SF	May 29 <sup>th</sup>	8pm
Patagonia Palo Alto	June 5 <sup>th</sup>	7pm
Patagonia San Francisco	June 5 <sup>th</sup>	7pm
David Brower Center, Berkeley	June 19 <sup>th</sup>	7pm

Visit [DamNation](#) for tickets, or to pre-order the video on Vimeo on demand. There's also a movie trailer.

**(Conservation News continued on page 12)**

## Fly of the Month



- **Hook** TMC 2487, #14-20
- **Thread** 8/0, color to match dubbing
- **Forward Wing** Natural Yearling Elk
- **Wing** Natural Deer Hair
- **Abdomen** Opal Mirage Tinsel
- **Thorax** Dubbing
- **Shellback** Butts of Yearling Elk or Poly Yarn

In January 2014, George Bouvoïn demonstrated tying the **Screaming Banshee Fly**.

[Screaming Banshee Fly](#) Video

## Monthly Programs

Dated	Speaker	Program Title
May 28th	Jay Clark	Independence Lake in Sierra County
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

### May Program



**Jay Clark** is an avid outdoorsman, fly fisher and backcountry skier. Raised in the Sierra Valley, Jay was exposed to the outdoors at an early age and spent most of his free time fishing. After picking up a fly rod in 1996, Jay was hooked and hasn't looked back. Jay started his guide service, Jay Clark Fly Fishing, in 2006 after graduating from Clearwater Lodge's Guide School. Jay is a consummate professional on and off the water, works tirelessly to help his clients achieve their goals on the water and provide a safe and fun environment in which to learn the art of fly fishing. In his free time, Jay chases steelhead with a double handed rod and also giant cutthroat trout at Pyramid Lake. Jay is licensed (Ca # 10784), bonded, insured and operates under a special use permit from the Forest Service as well as a permit from the Pyramid Lake Pauite Tribe.

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
68	Classic Wet Flies and Nymphs	2/28/14
88	Tying Caddis & Midges	2/28/14
97	Fly Fishing the Florida Keys	2/28/14
98	The Orvis Progressive Fly Fishing Casting Method	2/28/14
6	Great American Trout Streams / Western Rivers	3/26/14
44	MPFA April 2009 Tying "Visible" Elk Hair Caddis	3/26/14
151	MPFA Tying With Steve Porter Deer Hair Poppers	3/26/14

**\*\*\*\* 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				
<b>Feb</b>				
Feb - March				
March				
March - April				
March - April				
May				
May 15-16	Kelsey Fishout			
June – July	Santa Cruz	Surf Perch	Craig Gittings	Check with Craig for best tides
<b>June 14-15</b>	<b>Manzanita Lake</b>	<b>Trout</b>	<b>Mark Kaharick</b>	<b>Potluck BBQ</b>
July/Aug				
<b>Sept 13-14</b>	<b>Clark's Fork</b>	<b>Trout</b>		<b>Campout and Potluck BBQ</b>
<b>Sept 19-20</b>	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!

## Conservation News continued from page 7)

Alexandra Morton, a Canadian marine biologist who has spent the past several years drawing attention to the dangers that farmed salmon present to wild salmon was recently included in a CBS 60 Minutes segment presented by Dr. Sanjay Gupta titled [Saving The Wild Salmon](#) which aired May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

The 60 Minutes broadcast is known for its quality news reports and this one deserves viewing. The Infectious Salmon Anemia epidemic in Chile that is profiled in the piece is a cautionary tale for salmon farming, or should I say the salmon feedlot experiment, in British Columbia. Check out the link above.

And if that is not enough, another major and well respected news outlet, The San Jose Mercury News, published an editorial on April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014 decrying our own Senator Feinstein for releasing a revised drought bill to do Big Ag's bidding at the expense of the Delta. Hold your nose and try not to convulse too much as you read [The Merc's Op-Ed](#). The phrase you're looking for is, 'quid pro quo', something for something.

To all of you that stayed focused on the Pebble Mine project in the Bristol Bay region of Alaska there was some more good news. In one of the few instances demonstrating that the withdrawal method really works, Rio Tinto decided to pull out its 19% stake in Northern Dynasty Minerals which owns the mineral rights to develop Pebble Mine, thus further aborting the chances of the project moving forward with without a new source of funding since Anglo American and Mitsubishi had previously relinquished their interests as well. The National Resources Defense Council was so grateful that they took out a full page ad in the London Times thanking Rio Tinto for leaving. Read more at: [Vaya con Dios](#).

And in an area that's near and dear to my heart a state appeals court ruled that the Marin development plan that was approved by Marin Supervisors a few months back was deemed insufficient to protect threatened coho salmon and steelhead. You can follow the details at: [Marin neglects red sided step child](#).

And the last news item that caught my eye has to do with poachers. Not the ones you are expecting but an equally despicable type. As the saying goes, "Healthy forests make for healthy waters"

If you see these [dirtbags](#), please do us all a favor and shoot them on sight. (with your camera, sheesh!!)



## Recent Fishing trips to Belize

Permit on my mind, as well as tarpon and bonefish.



As evidenced above, Frank Rodriguez is getting better at taking photos. Next, he promises to center the subject. On a recent Excellent Adventures' trip to Belize, Al Tom, Frank's boat partner was able to check his backing three times before boating his prize. Apparently, the Spey guru at the Oakland Casting Ponds can fish single handed rods as well. This permit was caught on a back cast presentation, that followed an errant forward cast. Al reports that Frank did a good job with the video as well, but forgot to hit the record button on the camera. Al is seeking boat partners that are familiar with both cameras and video and willing to take photos on future trips. Al, its called wide angle shots.



Why ruin a good fish pic with the angler's ugly mug? Yes, the fish gods were kind to some in Belize. This was a first shot, one cast, and one short strip fish, followed by a 150 yard run to the edge of the flats. Luckily for the angler, there were no coral heads and just sea grass this particular flat. Knowing when to say, "When", his boat partner, Pheo, had an incredible 20 shots at over 55 permit the rest of the high tide and yet no prize. Why ruin a perfect record? Hunting for tailing permit is more than half the game. Leave that to the guide. You still have to see them and make a cast that counts. If you are off by just a foot, these nervous fish easily spook and exit the flats into deep water in seconds. Fly of choice? A Bauer crab pattern the size of a nickel. Just add wind to make it interesting and bring your A Game. If you can't cast, just forget about it. Pheo would argue otherwise

### **It is not always about the fishing**

A side trip to the Mayan ruins added to the cultural experience of the area. The late afternoons and evenings in San Ignacio, Belize were also memorable. BBQ chicken and fresh tamales purchased from street vendors held us over until dinner time along with the buckets of Belikan beer. When a large contingent of Southern Baptist showed up at our hotel in order to save the savage Belizeans, it pretty much changed the earlier quiet ambiance of the facilities, unless you bought into it. The Caracol (Mayan) Archaeological Reserve near the border of Guatemala required a military escort into and out the park. The reason given was tourists had been kidnapped for ransom money in the past. Once inside the Reserve, tourist police were scattered around the ruins. Still not certain who they were guarding; the ruins or the tourists.



### **Guards watching our backs or backpacks**

Back at the hotel things were in full rival mode. We probably should have moved, but didn't, feeling somewhat safe for the time being. Next thing I know, probably taken up by the moment or possibly those mushrooms offered by our tour guide, while promoting his side business as the local herbalist earlier in the day, but the participation in the full body baptism at the pool took my breath away. I still have cuts and bruises from my baptizer standing on my chest with his hands throttled around my neck during the submersion process. Still not certain what he was saying as sound doesn't travel well under water- something about "Casting off all demons!" If this had taken place down at the river as originally planned, the outcome scenario would have left me in real trouble; still lost, shoeless, and hungry in the jungle after fleeing this friendly bunch. The last sense

of reality I can recall was when the tour guide said, "If you eat these mushrooms, you will see everything." I thought he meant it would restore my visual acuity. Al told me later that I was imitating the howling monkeys from earlier in the day shortly after ingestion, and was afraid of getting arrested for association alone.

What happens in Guatemala, stays in Guatemala, unless it pours back over the border into Belize. The resulting psychosis and liver problems appear to be subsiding. Not sure I would try the mushrooms again, if they were offered, as it leaves you with a knotting, empty feeling, not to mention soiled pants. Now I know what the tour guide meant by "seeing everything". Trust me, you don't really want to see everything. Still have to resort to glasses for my vision, now that the effects have worn off, but lost my glasses during the ordeal. Just waiting now for the delayed symptoms of the street food and carry adult depends with me at all times. Not sure if Al Smatsky wanted any of this mentioned about the pre fishing stuff, but there you have it.

Craig



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