



# Main Stream

Mission Peak Fly Anglers

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## September 2013 Club Meeting

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

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

**TIME:** 5:00 **pm**

**PROGRAM :** Fly Design/ Entomology

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\*\*\*\*\* UPCOMING FUTURE EVENT \*\*\*\* *Annual Installation Dinner* on [January 25th 2014](#)

### Upcoming Events

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| Wed. Sept. 18   | Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Hospital, Livermore, 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM          |
| Wed. Sept. 18   | <b>Fly Tying Night</b> 7:00 PM, Fremont Activity Center, 3375 Country Dr., Fremont |
| Thurs. Sept. 19 | Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Hospital, San Jose, 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM           |
| Wed. Sept. 25   | <b>Club Meeting</b> - Silliman Community Activity Center, 6:30 PM                  |
| Fri. Sept. 27   | Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Hospital, Menlo Park, 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM         |
| Wed. Oct. 2     | Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Hospital, Livermore, 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM          |
| Wed. Oct. 2     | <b>BOARD MEETING</b> 7:00pm Fremont Activity Center, 3375 Country Dr. Fremont      |
| Fri. Oct. 11    | Veterans First Fly Fishing - Oakland VA  |
| Sat. Oct. 12    | <b>Club Breakfast:</b> At the Denny's in Hayward on Whipple - 9:00 AM              |
| Wed. Oct. 16    | <b>Fly Tying Night</b> 7:00 PM, Fremont Activity Center, 3375 Country Dr., Fremont |
| Wed. Oct. 16    | Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Hospital, Livermore, 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM          |
| Wed. Oct. 23    | <b>Club Meeting</b> - Silliman Community Activity Center, 6:30 PM                  |
| Fri. Oct. 25    | Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Hospital, Menlo Park, 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM         |

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### 2013 OFFICERS

President	<b>Dean Lewis</b>	Board Member	Ron Smith	1/2014
Vice President	Ed Huff	Board Member	Jan Van Zandt	1/2015
Secretary	Craig Gittings	Board Member	Stephen Culp	2/2014
Treasurer	Bill Peakes	Board Member	Bruce Butler	2/2015
Past President Wayne Culp				
<b>Chairpersons</b>				
Annual Dinner	<b>Open</b>	Conservation	Steve Schramm	
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Fly Casting	<b>Open</b>	Fly Tying	Mitch Matsumoto	
	<b>Open</b>	Boy Scouts	Jeff Lorelli	
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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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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

### Presidents Message

Here we are, approaching the official end of Summer and the beginning of Fall. I hope all of you have been able to get out and do some fishing. I had an opportunity to go to Terrace, British Columbia a few weeks ago for Steelhead fishing. The weather was rainy and the Steelhead were just not there in any significant numbers. As it turns out, this has been a really bad return year for Steelhead.

Despite the rain and lack of Steelhead, there were plenty of Pink Salmon and a fair number of Coho (Silver) Salmon. The group all had a good time and made the best of what Mother Nature had given us. You have to work with what you are given.

I will be fishing in Montana the week prior to the meeting. Hopefully the conditions will be better and the MPFA group will have a great outing.

Both of these fishing trips encapsulate our fishing club. We have to operate with what we have and what we are given. How does this relate you ask?

The club is strictly a volunteer organization. As such, those members that readily participate in club functions are what keeps the club going. Without those members the club would die.

Recently, the Tracy club was trying to find members that would hold the club offices. No one wanted to step forward and volunteer. The club looked at disbanding for lack of interest in supporting the club. Sure, lots of members would turn out for the events and meetings, but no one wanted to help plan and keep the club running by being a member of the Board and/or be a committee chair.

This is much like fishing. Some days, everything goes well, some days it doesn't. Some days we have meetings and events and members come. Some days we have to plan and organize and members seem to disappear and show little interest in getting involved.

Our club can be dynamic and exciting (great weather and fishing) or it can be sluggish and slow (rainy weather and lack of fish). It is up to YOU, the members, to keep it going and exciting.

I would like to call on each of you to present an idea for a club activity of some sort. It could be a fishout, the picnic, a program, or better yet, something new. Then I would like for you to get involved and help plan and organize it. If everyone would do this, think of what we could do as a club.

Election of officers will be in November. A nominating committee will be selected this month. In October, the members, that indicate they will run for office, will be presented. In November, we will hold elections. I hope that some or better yet, many of you will consider running for the various offices. Help keep the club going and keep it fresh with new ideas and new leadership.

Dean

## *Annual Trout Bum Award*

### **Starts Jan 1, 2013**

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, BILL PEAKES** – Mission Peak Fly Angler’s patches and pins are available from Bill at a nominal price. New members should have received either a pin or a patch when they joined; if not, call Bill Peakes.

**\*\*\*\*\* Notice \*\*\*\*\***

Please note that this month’s meeting will start at **5:00 PM.**

## **Mission Peak Fly Anglers Board Meeting of Sept. 4, 2013**

President Dean Lewis brought the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. In attendance besides Dean were; Wayne Culp, Bill Peakes, Bruce Butler, Stephen Culp, and Ron Smith. Ed Huff, Jan VanZandt and Craig Gittings were absent.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Minutes: Stephen moved and Ron second to approve the minutes from the August 2013 meeting. Motion passed.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Treasurer's Report: Bill moved and Stephen seconded to approve the payment of our annual bill for use of the room provided by the Fremont Cultural Arts Council. Motion passed.

Speakers / Meetings: Hogan Brown will be the September speaker. Hogan will be tying flies and giving us a "bug talk". Hogan has patented several flies. It should be an interesting meeting.

The meeting will start at 5:00 and we will have some Chinese food available as well as some chicken. Cost will be \$5.00 per head. Either mail it to Bill Peaks or pay at the door. We will need a head count in order to get the correct amount of food.

Club Apparel: Bruce moved and Bill seconded a motion to purchase 25 club hats and 25 shirts. The hats are "one size fits all" with an adjustable band. The motion passed. The following colors and sizes were approved. Those that had previously replied to Dean's request for orders will have their orders filled first. If we find we need to order more shirts or hats, we will do so.

Shirts: Ordered sizes: 2S, 4M, 10L, 6XL, 3XXL for 25 total.

Hats: Sandstone / Indigo color

Shirts: Cool Gray color

Club Officers 2014: Discussion of possible members to run for office. There may be a person or two willing to run. On a side note, the Tracy Club almost disbanded as none of the members wanted to run for office. It also came close to happening for NCCFFF. We would hate to see the same thing happen to MPFA.

Please step up and run for office.

### **Board Member Items:**

Stephen mentioned "Google Goggles" where you can enter an item and an answer will come back with the approximate value. Interesting concept. He also suggested we lock up our same spot as last year for the 2014 Installation Dinner. (That will be done)

Wayne will be doing refreshments at the next meeting as Dave and Kaye will be traveling.

Ron indicated that he has programs pretty well locked up for the next 6 months.

Ron moved and Stephen seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion past and we adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectively submitted  
Dean Lewis, President  
Acting in place of Craig Gittings

Conservation News  
by Steve Schramm

A few weeks back I caught a program on “de-extinction” (their word, not mine) on Michael Krazny’s Forum program on KQED radio. In a nutshell, scientific advances in the field of biotechnology have reached a point where it will soon be technically feasible to resurrect extinct species where complete DNA sequences for that species are available. This is real life Jurassic Park stuff although the DNA sequences do not all necessarily come from dinosaur blood meals extracted from ancient insects trapped in amber. Instead, tissue samples from species about to go extinct as well as those preserved in museum collections or recovered from polar excavations will be the source of the DNA. While the prospect of resurrecting an extinct species sounds exciting, and the thought that any species might be made immortal by humans is fantastic, these ideas are not without some very practical considerations.

First, resurrecting even a single species would be a tremendous technical and financial effort. And a species, such as a rainbow trout, does not exist in a vacuum. It exists in a habitat that includes all those things that we experience when we fish. There are insects, vegetation and other animal life. There is a water cycle that continually replenishes itself, and a chemistry in that water that is shaped by the surrounding rock, soils and plant life. In other words, recreating a single species gets us back to the fundamental cause of extinction, loss of habitat. A species do not exist alone.

The laboratory approach is the reductionist approach. Ask me I know. I worked in a molecular biology lab for many years and I cloned and sequenced many genes. While cloning and sequencing in the lab today are massively parallel it is still infinitesimally smaller than the ecology of that good trout habitat that we all seek and know when we see it. If you don’t believe me about the reductionist approach, pay a visit to the next fish hatchery that you pass. While they are certainly marvels of human ingenuity, they are cold, sterile pools of concrete filled with identical fish eating identical food as all variables must be reduced, eliminated or controlled. At best they are a stop gap experiment.

A subtle yet pernicious consequence of the ability to “de-extinct” a species was raised during the program by Stuart L. Pimm, professor of conservation ecology at Duke University. No, it was not the specter of dinosaurs running wild, it is the possibility that misguided policymakers may try to use the promise of the technology to do an end run around our environmental protection laws. Dr. Pimm notes that in the past when he has provided professional testimony to lawmakers seeking to establish conservation limits necessary to protect a species and its habitat, lawmakers often seek to choose the lowest limit possible, that is, the least number of individuals necessary and the smallest amount of habitat necessary to keep a population from the brink of demise. A similar argument has been used to say that steelhead should not be considered endangered since a hatchery steelhead is the equivalent of a wild steelhead and there are lots of hatchery steelhead. With the possibility of immortalizing any species the lower limit becomes incredibly low, less than one living individual.

Speaking of one I thought I might be playing Three Dog Night’s “One Is The Loneliest Number” again this month, but instead I think it will be their 1970s hit “Jeremiah Was A Bullfrog” as the number of fish angels that got back to me this month versus last month increased by a whopping 100%. Alan Chun and Larry Dennis...Good on ya’ mates.

And now for a few of the conservation news topics that caught my eye this month. The links below were active as of September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013. A few are links to videos worth watching. Check them out.

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## Fly of the Month



Hook: SC15 Gamakatsu saltwater hook or similar

Thread: White Flat waxed Nylon

Body: Arizona Minnow Hair, Farrar Blend or similar synthetic

Glue: 5 second nail glue

Eyes: Waspi prism eye or similar type

In August 2013, Steve Potter demonstrated tying the **Bait Fish Pattern Fly**.

[Bait Fish Pattern Fly Video](#)

In addition to the above fly pattern, Steve Potter tied the Clouser's Minnow Fly. A link to the video is included below.

[Clouser's Minnow Fly Video](#)



## Monthly Programs

<b>Dated</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Program Title</b>
Sept. 25th	Hogan Brown	Hogan Brown will present Fly Design/Entomology.
Oct. 23rd	Dean Lewis & Ron Smith	Power-point presentation on the clubs recent trip to the Missouri River.
Nov. 20th	Jeff Thompson	Areas of California & how the Cal-trout is involved.
Dec. 18th	Movie Night	"Salmon Confidential"
Jan. 22nd	Anthony Carruesco	Fishing the Lower Sacramento River
Feb. 26th	Open	
March 26th	Ken Hanley	topic still open

### September Program

Hogan Brown will come the meeting early 5:00 PM to demonstrate his fly tying abilities. He is quite talented with a number of patents to his name. We are thinking of having Dim-Sum and Popeye's or KFC chicken at a cost of \$5.00 per person. You won't get real full, but it should help with the hunger pains ?? We are limited on time that we can have the meeting room so that is the reason for starting early !

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
2	Fly Rodders Guide to Carp	05/13/12	Makarrand Vichare
42	MPFA Fly Tying with Abellar & Gettings	05/23/12	Makarrand Vichare
110	The Best Knots For Fly Casting Systems vol 2 of 2	05/23/12	Makarrand Vichare
6	Great American Trout Streams	06/24/12	Jeff Lorelli
58	Successful Fly Fishing Strategies	10/24/12	Steve Brosamer
19	Rivers of a Lost Coast	11/28/12	Jeff Lorelli
17	Skagit Master - Steel heading Outside the Box	02/27/13	Pheo Truong
122	Tying Dry Flies – covering tails, hackle, wings, bodies	02/27/13	Pheo Truong
18	Fly Fishing for Bass	04/24/13	Pheo Truong
51	Great American Trout Streams - Eastern Rivers	04/24/13	Pheo Truong
54	Articulated Stream	04/24/13	Pheo Truong
60	Spey Casting Techniques	04/24/13	Pheo Truong
62	Lessons with Lefty	04/24/13	Pheo Truong
71	Trout Tactics for Pan Fish	04/24/13	Pheo Truong
126	Intermediate Spey Tying Class	04/24/13	Bruce Butler
132	Yellowstone Ties	04/24/13	Pheo Truong
137	Fly Tying with Oscar Feliu	04/24/13	Pheo Truong
40	Fly Tying Workshop - Terrestrials	6/25/13	Don Jower
13.2	Tying Bass Flies	8/28/13	Ken Barker
22	Tying Back County & Wreck	8/28/13	Don Jower
100	Essential Skills	8/28/13	Steve Crosby
135	The Underwater World of Trout	8/28/13	Steve Crosby

### \*\*\*\* 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



**(Conservation News continued from page 7)**

**Santa Barbara steelhead poacher fined (Hang 'em high)**

<http://www.independent.com/news/2013/sep/09/fisherman-fined-catching-steelhead/>

**Up a Creek (More on Santa Barbara steelhead)**

<http://www.missionandstate.org/features/up-a-creek/>

**Facial scrubs polluting Great Lakes with plastic (What the ????)**

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/thunder-bay/facial-scrubs-polluting-great-lakes-with-plastic-1.1327850>

**Casa Grande High School Anglers in Petaluma take on entire watershed (The local kids making good)**

<http://www.petaluma360.com/article/20130812/COMMUNITY/130809519/1362?Title=Casa-s-Anglers-take-on-entire-watershed>

**Rod Warranties... It's Time to Have a Real Discussion (How many have you had "de-extincted?")**

<http://www.anglingtrade.com/2013/08/26/opinion-editorial-rod-warranties-its-time-for-us-to-all-have-a-real-discussion-about-this-matter/>

**Palo Alto: Restoration effort benefits steelhead trout in San Francisquito Creek (Bay area steel YEAH!)**

[http://www.mercurynews.com/san-mateo-county-news/ci\\_24026432/palo-alto-restoration-effort-benefits-steelhead-trout-san](http://www.mercurynews.com/san-mateo-county-news/ci_24026432/palo-alto-restoration-effort-benefits-steelhead-trout-san)

**Tarpon, bonefish to become catch-and-release (One for the good team)**

<http://www.fox4now.com/news/local/Tarpon-bonefish-to-become-catch-and-release-221286591.html>

**New plan offered to make NW dams safe for salmon (The new plan is the old plan)**

<http://www.thenewstribune.com/2013/09/09/2774969/new-plan-offered-to-make-nw-dams.html#storylink=cpy>

**USFWS Names Dworshak 'Hatchery Of The Year' (Look who won the ugliest kid in school contest)**

<http://www.cbulletin.com/427917.aspx>

**Federal Judge Imposes Deadline on Issuance of New Biological Opinion Concerning Army Corps' Duty to Protect Yuba River Salmon (NMFS Get off your ass and do something)**

<http://yubariver.org/2013/08/federal-judge-imposes-deadline-on-issuance-of-new-biological-opinion-concerning-army-corps-duty-to-protect-yuba-river-salmon/>

**SYRCL Submits Comments to Federal Commission Re-Licensing Dams on the South and Middle Yuba Rivers (No more 70:30 split please)**

<http://yubariver.org/2013/08/syrcl-submits-comments-to-federal-commission-re-licensing-dams-on-the-south-and-middle-yuba-rivers/>

**2013 Area 6 Seine Fishery A Fishery Out of Control (VIDEO –BC netters practice C&R on salmon...YUK!)**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DSLAEELBaag#t=269>

**Forests to Faucets; Clean water or clear cuts (VIDEO – Oregon logging still threatens watersheds)**

<http://vimeo.com/73168926#>

# Recent trip to British Columbia





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