



Main Stream

Mission Peak Fly Anglers

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September 2014 Club Meeting

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

DATE: **Wednesday, September 24th** (Note day and date)

TIME: 6:30 **pm**

PROGRAM : Northern California Fly Fishing

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

Upcoming Events

- Wed. Sept. 17 Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Hospital, Livermore, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Wed. Sept. 17 Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Palo Alto, 2:30 PM to 4:00 PM
Wed. Sept. 17 *Fly Tying Night* 7:00 PM, Fremont Activity Center, 3375 Country Dr., Fremont
- Thurs. Sept. 18 Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Hospital, San Jose, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
- Wed. Sept. 24 **Club Meeting-** 6:30 PM, Silliman Community Activity Center
Fri. Sept. 26 Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Hospital, Menlo Park, 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM
- Wed. Oct. 1 **BOARD MEETING** 7:00 PM Fremont Activity Center, 3375 Country Dr., Fremont
Wed. Oct. 1 Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Hospital, Livermore, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Wed. Oct. 1 Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Palo Alto, 2:30 PM to 4:00 PM
- Fri. Oct. 10 Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Hospital, Oakland, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Fri. Oct. 10 Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Hospital, Menlo Park, 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM
Sat. Oct. 11 **Club Breakfast:** At the Denny's in Hayward on Whipple - 9:00 AM
- Wed. Oct. 15 Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Hospital, Livermore, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Wed. Oct. 15 Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Palo Alto, 2:30 PM to 4:00 PM
Wed. Oct. 15 *Fly Tying Night* 7:00 PM, Fremont Activity Center, 3375 Country Dr., Fremont
Thurs. Oct. 16 Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Hospital, San Jose, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
- Wed. Oct. 22 **Club Meeting-** 6:30 PM, Silliman Community Activity Center
Fri. Oct. 24 Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Hospital, Menlo Park, 10:30 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

Submitted by Stephen Culp

Ok, now it is my "time to shine" in the monthly newsletter and, yep, it's overcast. Oh well, at least I'm taking it head on. After ten years of handling fundraising efforts, I'm handing the reigns over to Paul Tavres. Fred Gerace has also stepped in and found a new location for our banquet that I feel will please all.

I wish to thank many of you for your help and knowledge since I had none when I started, not trying to imply I now do. I especially thank Craig for getting the donated items to me, Gene for helping on colors and types of feathers for the fly tiers, and the late Malcolm for his many years of reassurance and crying shoulder as needed.

As this takes a lot of time during crunch months (October thru January), please all consider helping Paul and Fred when and if needed/requested. As I appreciated the thank you after the banquet and such, please continue to extend your courtesy and constructive suggestions as they are needed more than you think. Remember, if we don't ask or suggest items for the banquet, then we should not necessarily expect to see them. Thanks again for letting me do the last ten years of your fundraising.

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 *******

The Alpine Lake fishout is scheduled for September *27 and 28th*, the last weekend in September, but may be cancelled due to lack of interest. If you plan to attend, double check first to see the status of the event.

Mission Peak Fly Anglers Board Meeting of September 3, 2014

Dean Lewis brought the meeting to order at 7:10 PM. In attendance besides Dean were Wayne and Stephen Culp, Ron Smith and Jan VanZandt

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes: Jan moved and Stephen second to accept the minutes for the July and August Board meetings. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Treasurer's Report: Stephen reported that we were healthy.

Newsletter items: Stephen will write the Board Message for this month.

Programs: Ron said we were having Lance Gray next (California Fishing in general) and he wants Mickey Weir for November 19.

Annual Picnic: Thanks Don Jower for cooking.

Dinner: Discussed the annual dinner scheduled for January 24 at the Swiss Park.

Fish outs: Not much interest has been shown for the Alpine Lake Fish out. Many members will be doing other fishing trips. Possible cancel the outing.

Malcolm's Stuff: Sold \$375 more of Malcolm's rods and reels.

Board Member Items:

No board members had any items.

With no further business, Dean asked for a motion for adjournment. Steve moved and Jan seconded and we clocked out at 7:35 pm.

Dean Lewis for Craig Gittings.

Fly of the Month



- Hook TMC 3761, #18-12
- Thread Black 8/0
- Weight .015 lead wire [.010 for size #18]
- Tail, Wingcase, and legs Moose body hair
- Rib copper wire
- Abdomen, Thorax, head - Black beaver dubbing or equivalent

In August 2014, George Bouvain demonstrated tying a **Black A. P. Nymph Fly**.

[Black A. P. Nymph Fly Video](#)

Monthly Programs

Dated	Speaker	Program Title
Sept. 24th	Lance Gray	Northern California Fly Fishing
Oct. 22nd	Craig Gittings	Belize
Nov. 19th	Mickey Weir	

September Program

One of our favorite speakers and fishing guides, also a big supporter of our club Lance Gray will be speaking on the various opportunities for fishing here in Northern California. Lance's guide service offers a lot of different fishing experiences. I'll let him innumerate on the different forms he offers.

Hope you all enjoy his presentation.

Respectfully,

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,

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				
July/Aug				
Sept				
Sept 27-28	Alpine Lake	Trout	Craig Gittings	
Sept/Oct	Feather River	Salmon, Steelhead		
Sept/Oct	Davis Lake	Trout	Mitch Matsumoto	
Sept/Oct	Lake Almanor area	Trout, Bass	Ed Huff	
Sept/Oct				
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

by Steve Schramm

Unless you've been taking classes on the side or recently graduated then you probably haven't been subjected to the phrase "required reading" much recently. For some of us back in the day required reading meant a copy of *Cliff Notes* was in order. Usually required reading implies work and we all know that the worst day fishing beats the best day...

Right.

I consider *Cadillac Desert* by Marc Reisner required reading for anyone that lives on the Pacific side of the Mississippi River. It isn't much work to read Cadillac Desert if you have even the slight interest in understanding how water flows, or doesn't, out West. It is sort of like listening to a Howard Stern radio broadcast. Reisner's book, though dealing with a broad and possibly dry (no pun intended) subject is an educational page burner. And like a Stern show, both the lovers and the haters keep turning the dial to hear what he's going to say next. Cadillac Desert is similar. Each water project boondoggle and tax payer fleecing is more absurd than the next and even though you may want to put the book down in exasperation, you've just got to turn the page to witness the next train wreck.

Another title I consider required reading is *Dry Line Steelhead and Other Subjects* by Bill McMillan. This is a book that I somehow failed to come across until Tom Provost at the Outdoor Pro Shop mentioned it to me several years ago now. I'd read a lot of the "required" steelhead classics by authors such as Combs, Haig-Brown, Kreider, Fennelly and Chatham as well as many of the more recent works by Waller, Raymond, and Hogan to name a few. McMillan's book is essential because it is authoritative on its subject and it fills a gap in the accumulated knowledge on steelhead fly fishing that was not articulated until McMillan penned it. The writing style and treatment of the subject matter is also beautiful, and so McMillan's book is an "easy" required read on the subject of steelheading.

But alas, not all required reading is so fun. The upcoming November election will include a water bond measure, namely Proposition 1. Innocuously titled, "Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014", this \$7.5 billion dollar spending program would fund water projects across California. While less than the \$11 billion dollar measure that Arnold Schwarzenegger proposed in 2009, the current measure does **include \$3 billion for new reservoirs and other storage projects.**

Thus, Proposition 1 should be required reading for the upcoming election. Fortunately, Bill Jennings over at the California Sportfishing Protection Alliance has written his version of a *Cliff Notes* summary for all that's wrong with Proposition 1. **And while the CSPA opposes it, CalTrout supports Proposition 1.** I guess some required reading is necessary to figure it out.

I've included Bill's Statement of Opposition to Proposition 1 piece for the CSPA here as an easy substitute for the required reading of Proposition 1. The test is Tuesday November 4th, 2014.

**California Sportfishing Protection Alliance
Statement of Opposition**

Proposition 1: Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014

The California Sportfishing Protection Alliance (CSPA) has carefully reviewed the provisions of Assembly Bill 1471, Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014, presently on the 4 November 2014 ballot as Proposition 1, Water Bond, and concludes that it represents a grave and insidious threat to core environmental values and principles buttressing protection for fisheries and the environment.

Proposition 1 undermines the public trust doctrine and the crucial principles that beneficiaries of projects should pay for them and that projects should be responsible for mitigating their adverse impacts. Furthermore, it: paves the way for a new era of big dam building; is a pork-filled barrel of subsidies to special interests, including BDCP; provides little near-term drought relief; eliminates public oversight; crowds out other critically needed investments; and is fiscally irresponsible. Not the least among the fourteen reasons to vote against Proposition 1 that are discussed below is that it sabotages, delays and diverts funding from meaningful efforts to address California's continuing water crisis.

CSPA joins the Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations, San Francisco Crab Boat Association, Restore the Delta, Center for Biological Diversity, California Water Impact Network, Food & Water Watch, Southern California Watershed Alliance, South Delta Water Agency, Central Delta Water Agency, Concerned Citizens Coalition of Stockton, Winnemem Wintu Tribe, Small Boat Commercial Salmon Fisherman's Association and numerous other fishing, environmental, water, civic and tribal organizations in opposing this poorly conceived, environmentally damaging and fiscally abusive Bond, because Proposition 1:

1. Undermines the public trust doctrine.

Water in rivers and streams, like the air people breathe, belongs to the people of California as part of the public trust. Public trust doctrine, rooted in Roman Law and passed to America via English Common Law and Spanish Civil Law, is the heart and soul of environmental and fisheries protection in the state. Private interests have a right to use the public's water for beneficial purposes, as long as the public's ownership in healthy rivers is protected. The Bond requires taxpayers to enrich a few wealthy water users by purchasing water the public already owns, at inflated prices, to protect the public's rivers and environment. It's a retread of previously discredited programs that allowed speculators to reap millions in profit selling the public's water back to the public.

2. Undermines the principle of beneficiary pays.

The major reason more dams and other environmentally damaging projects have not been constructed in recent decades is the principle, stemming from approval of the State Water Project in 1960, that beneficiaries of water projects, not taxpayers, must pay for new projects.

The Bond turns the beneficiary pays principle on its head by requiring taxpayers to pay for projects benefiting special interests. For example, the feasibility study for Temperance Flat Dam on the San Joaquin River allocates 73% of costs to taxpayers, and the draft feasibility report for raising Shasta Dam on the Sacramento River claims that 60% of costs should be apportioned to the public. Dams are not constructed on behalf of rivers and fisheries. Taxpayers should not be required to underwrite the cost of new dams if the private water users who will profit from their construction will not fund them on their own.

3. Undermines the principle that projects should mitigate adverse impacts.

Projects have long been legally responsible for mitigating their adverse impacts. Many, if not most, of the watershed protection and restoration projects that will be funded by the Bond are efforts to repair and mitigate environmental damage caused by projects that were constructed by and for special interests. Contrary to claims in the Bond, the millions allocated for habitat restoration, water quality and fish protection facilities in the Delta is simply mitigation for BDCP and/or the existing export projects by another name. Taxpayers should not be on the hook because regulators failed to require special interest projects to mitigate their adverse impacts.

4. Ushers in a new era of big dams.

The Bond includes the largest appropriation for new dams in the state's history. The day after the legislature approved the Bond, the Nevada Irrigation District voted to move ahead with a new dam on the Bear River, a river with multiple existing dams. A number of dam projects that had been abandoned because of low water yield and financial infeasibility are being resurrected in response to the Bond's commitment of billions of taxpayer dollars for dams. If the Bond passes, fishermen and environmentalists can expect to find themselves spending decades fighting new dam schemes on rivers throughout the state.

5. Is a backdoor subsidy for BDCP's tunnels.

The Bond is not "BDCP neutral." Proponents of BDCP have made clear that the tunnels don't pencil out if BDCP cannot tap into additional water supplies to supplement existing water exports from the Delta. The Bond will lavishly fund water purchased from upstream storage or Sacramento Valley groundwater substitution schemes. However, once that water reaches the Delta, it becomes Article 21 or "abandoned" water, whenever existing inadequate Delta standards are met, and available for BDCP to export. The Bond also provides substantial funds to relieve Central Valley Project contractors from their existing responsibility to provide water to the wildlife refuges, thereby freeing up water for BDCP proponents to use.

6. Incorporates environmentally damaging hidden promises.

Beyond the obvious pork distributed to secure support for the Bond, numerous environmentally damaging sidebar promises have been made. For example, as the Merced Sun-Star reported on 13 August 2014, the Governor promised northern San Joaquin Valley legislators that he would use his influence to keep the State Water Board from implementing the flow increases on the San Joaquin River the Board has identified as necessary to protect public trust resources. Their vote was conditioned on that promise. We have also learned that supporters of specific dam projects have been assured that their projects would receive prioritized funding. Read the rest at [Statement of Opposition to Proposition 1 continued](#)

Below are a list of conservation related links that caught my eye in the last 30 days. All links were active as of September 12th, 2014. Check out what interests you.

[California has given away rights to far more water than it has](#)

[Groundwater Bills Passed by California Legislature](#)

[UPDATE: Kokanee Salmon Die-off Prompts Questions; No Official Explanation](#)

[Tribes travel to capital to voice concerns of Klamath-Trinity fish kills](#)

[Right vs. Reason in Severe Drought Conditions](#)

[California Has Given Out Rights To Five Times More Water Than It Actually Has](#)

[Full court press from Westlands](#)

[Californians cut water use by 7.5% in July as drought continues](#)

[They Said Mt. Polley Mine was safe](#)

[Drying times are trying times for Eel River fish](#)

[PG&E to release dam water for steelhead in upper Eel Rive](#)

[Efforts to Revive Rich California Mine Hit Strong Resistance](#)

[For fly fishermen at inaugural L.A. River derby, it's carpe diem](#)

[Highway robbery: Megaload corridor debate reveals the true conservatives](#)

[For the Love of Rivers - Book Trailer](#)

[Regulate Canadian, not American metals mine, Murkowski says](#)

[Scientists want end to traditional trophy fishing of threatened species](#)

[IGFA responds to journal publication criticcizing world records](#)

[Mexico mine spills 500,000 gallons of cyanide](#)

[Recent study onfirms lower reproductive success for hatchery fish; More research needed](#)

[Recovery knocks 21 fish species from watch list](#)

3rd Annual Benefit Dinner



Saturday November 15th 2014 Sinodino's Steak House & Restaurant

36665 Cedar Blvd.

Newark, CA 94560

510-797-7556

Live & Silent Auction - Bucket items available

No Host Cocktails:

5:00 - 6:30 PM

Dinner at 6:30 PM

Before October 31ST price is \$45/person or \$425 for table of (10)

November 1st to 7th price is \$50/Person or \$475 for table of (10)

Ticket sales end November 7th, 2014 at 5:00 PM PDT

Menu - Choice of:

New York Steak & Mashed Potato

Or

Chicken Marsala & Rice

Or

Salmon & Rice

Vegetable, Salad coffee & tea Included

Be sure to note menu choice(s) when ordering on line.

Bucket item tickets available at: (Can be ordered on line). 25/\$20 12/\$10 6/\$5

2014 MPFA Annual Picnic



[MPFA Photo Page for more photos](#)





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