



Main Stream

Mission Peak Fly Anglers

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August 2006

Club Meeting

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

DATE: Wednesday, Aug. 23rd, 2006

TIME: 7:00 PM (Social hour begins at 6:30 PM)

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COMING EVENTS

- Tues. Aug. 8th FLY TYING - 7:30 PM Loc same as Club Meeting
Fly Tying on 2nd Tues of the month from now on
- Sat. Aug. 12th CLUB BREAKFAST : At the Denny's in Hayward on Whipple – 9:00 AM
- Wed. Aug. 23rd CLUB MEETING 7:00 PM “New Time”
Silliman Community Activity Center, 6800 Mowry Avenue, Newark CA 94560
- Wed, Sept. 6th BOARD MEETING 7:30 PM – Wayne Culp
- Sat. Sept. 9th CLUB BREAKFAST : At the Denny's in Hayward on Whipple – 9:00 AM
- Tues. Sept. 12th FLY TYING - 7:30 PM Loc same as Club Meeting
Fly Tying on 2nd Tues of the month from now on
- Wed. Sept. 27th CLUB MEETING 7:00 PM “New Time”
Silliman Community Activity Center, 6800 Mowry Avenue, Newark CA 94560
- Wed, Oct. 4th BOARD MEETING 7:30 PM – Steve Culp
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All Newsletter materials will need to be in my hands by the Friday before the Board Meeting (first Wed of each month) except for the information from the Board Meeting , if you want it to be in the current months Newsletter.

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 Douglas Fear, 3045 Sierra Rd., San Jose, CA 95132 or mpfa_dougfear@SBCGLOBAL.Net

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;
Bill Peakes

August Guest Speakers

The club's August guest speakers will include Dave Heyes and August Abellar in their return engagement of their Upper Amazon adventure. That is if we can find all of the cables for connecting the computer to the Silliman video set up. For those that were not able to see the slide program last go around because you were absent from the meeting, you will have second chance to see the epic journey of these two brave souls. August claims that he was unable to bring back a blowgun because he feared airline length limitations on the return flight. The upper Amazon trip starts in Quito, Ecuador. Be sure not to miss it this go around..

Craig Gittings

President's Message for August 2006

I am now hooked on saltwater game fishing. Especially fly fishing for Dorado in Baja. I have never caught a fish until now that can strip line from a reel in almost zero seconds flat down to the backing. About this time you think to yourself while looking at your reel when is this fish going to stop swimming so you can start reeling in some line back on to your spool. Well, after about twenty to thirty minutes later the fish finally begin to tire out. But be careful. When the Dorado sees the boat, it develops a sudden burst of energy and takes off for what I think is mainland Mexico. Now I know what you guys are telling me about fishing in the Baja.

Al Smatsky of Excellent Adventures has set aside one week for our club for next July. The dates are July 15 to 21 or July 22 to 29 of 2007. I know that four of the eight positions are filled. Mulege is a great place to visit and fish. Please contact me or Vic McPherson for details.

I was planning a trip to Alaska next year but I'm canceling that one because I now prefer the warmer weather type of fishing. One of these days I want to catch a tarpon on a fly.

This year at our annual picnic the main entrée is baby back ribs and teriyaki style chicken. Don't forget to make your reservations.

The club is looking for a volunteer to help with the monthly raffle. This event provides us with great guest speakers for the meeting and allows us to increase our tackle collection. Please contact me or Doug Fear.

If any member has an idea or suggestion for the club, board meetings are open to all members.

Until next time, keep those fly lines tight.

Malcolm J. Dunn,
President

New Annual Award

Annual Trout Bum award

Starts Jan 1st, 2006

Awarded by MPFA Board of Directors at December board meeting

Requirements:

Candidates 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 domestic or international

Used fly fishing tackle only

Have fished for trout (**This is a Trout Bum Award**)

Have reported to the club and shown photos to the club at a regular meeting


This description to be affixed to the back side of the plaque

Chairperson: Ken Brunskill

2006 EVENTS

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE OF EVENT	CONTACT	COMMENTS
Aug 12 th , 2006	Denny's in Hayward	Club Breakfast	Bill Peakes	9:00 am
Aug 23 rd , 2006	Silliman Community Activity Center	Monthly Club Meeting	Malcolm Dunn	7:00 pm (New Hours)
Sept 6 th , 2006	Wayne Culp House	Board Meeting	Wayne Culp	7:30 pm
Sept 9 th , 2006	Denny's in Hayward	Club Breakfast	Bill Peakes	9:00 am
Sept 12 th , 2006	Silliman Community Activity Center	Fly Tying	Mitch Matsumoto	7:30 pm
Sept 16 th , 2006	Garin Park, Hayward	Club Picnic	Malcolm Dunn	11:00 AM
Sept.27 th , 2006	Silliman Community Activity Center	Monthly Club Meeting	Malcolm Dunn	7:00 pm (New Hours)
Oct 4 th , 2006	Steve Clup House	Board Meeting	Steve Clup	7:30 pm
Oct 10 th , 2006	Silliman Community Activity Center	Fly Tying	Mitch Matsumoto	7:30 pm
Oct 14 th , 2006	Denny's in Hayward	Club Breakfast	Bill Peakes	9:00 am
Oct 25 th , 2006	Silliman Community Activity Center	Monthly Club Meeting	Malcolm Dunn	7:00 pm (New Hours)
Nov 1 st , 2006	Bill Peakes House	Board Meeting	Bill Peakes	7:30 pm
Nov 11 th , 2006	Denny's in Hayward	Club Breakfast	Bill Peakes	9:00 am
Nov 14 th , 2006	Silliman Community Activity Center	Fly Tying	Mitch Matsumoto	7:30 pm
Nov 15 th , 2006	Silliman Community Activity Center	Monthly Club Meeting	Malcolm Dunn	7:00 pm (New Hours)
Dec 6 th , 2006	Craig Gittings House	Board Meeting	Craig Gittings	7:30 pm
Dec 9 th , 2006	Denny's in Hayward	Club Breakfast	Bill Peakes	9:00 am
Dec 12 th , 2006	Silliman Community Activity Center	Fly Tying	Mitch Matsumoto	7:30 pm
Jan 3 rd , 2007	TBD	Board Meeting	TBD	7:30 pm
Jan 9 th , 2007	Silliman Community Activity Center	Fly Tying	Mitch Matsumoto	7:30 pm
Jan 13 th , 2007	Denny's in Hayward	Club Breakfast	Bill Peakes	9:00 am
Jan 24 th , 2007	Silliman Community Activity Center	Monthly Club Meeting	Malcolm Dunn	7:00 pm (New Hours)

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MISSION PEAK FLY ANGLERS **2006 FISHOUT LIST**

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE OF FISH	FISHMASTER	COMMENTS
Aug 27-29	American River Silver Fork	Trout	Bill Peakes	Weekday fish and camp
Sept 9th, 10th	Clark's Fork	<i>Trout</i>	Bill Peakes	Potluck BBQ
<i>Sept 21-24</i>	<i>Tuolumne Meadows – Yosemite NP.</i>	<i>Trout</i>	<i>Wayne Culp</i>	<i>2 camp sites presently reserved at Tuolumne Meadows.</i>
<i>Oct 13-15</i>	<i>Eastern Sierra – Bridgeport Area.</i>	<i>Trout</i>	<i>Jeff Lorelli</i>	<i>Staying at Meadowcliff Lodge. 1-888-333-8132</i>

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. Contact Jeff Lorelli 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!

Bamboo Rod Raffle

We are raffling off this Very Nice Bamboo Rod for \$2.00 a ticket. The raffle will be held when we reach are goal of \$450.00. The moneys will be used to help offset the cost of our once a month Fly Tying Night. Thanks to all that made this happen.

Rod built by our own Bill Peakes

All the components were donated by REC Components

Blank donated by MPFA



Rod

Raffle

Chairman August Abellar

ANNUAL MPFA CLUB PICNIC

The annual Club picnic will be held on Saturday, September 16th at Garin Park in Hayward. Parking is \$5:00 this year. Bill Peakes is requesting all members planning to attend to **PLEASE MAIL YOUR RESERVATION FORM AND PAYMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

The cost is \$5 per person over the age of 12. Kids 12 and under are free. The Club will provide the drinks and main course (chicken, ribs, etc.). Otherwise, you will need to bring an appetizer, salad or dessert for ten, please see below.

Last names beginning:

A to J bring an appetizer (use your imagination!)

K to O bring a salad (potato, macaroni, green leaf with dressing, or your favorite)

P to Z bring a dessert (YUMMIE!)



2006 Mission Peaks Annual Summer Picnic

Deadline is September 6th

Members Name _____
of Tickets needed (Adults & children over 12 years) x \$5.00 = Amount
(enclose check) Total Amt. _____ Return to:
Bill Peakes,

MPFA FLY TYING CLASS

Mission Peak Fly Anglers will conduct a **BEGINNER FLY TYING CLASSES** later this year. Classes will be two (2) hours in length from 7:00pm to 9:00pm for 6 consecutive weeks

The fee will be \$30 for club members and \$70 for non-club members.

You will learn to tie the following flies

Wooly Worm,
Elk Hair Caddis (dry fly)
Adams (dry fly)

Gold Ribbed Hare's ear (nymph)
Bead Head Prince Nymph
Pheasant Tail Nymph

You will need the following tools:

Fly tying Vise	Scissors
Bobbin	Hackle Pliers
Thread (Pre-waxed Black 6/0)	Hair stacker

Mission Peak Fly Anglers will supply all the tying materials needed for each class. Your instructors will provide you with a personal packet for each fly you will be tying. This packet will include detailed instructions (and pictures) on how to tie each fly so you can continue to practice at home.

We are currently looking for a location and setting a date for the class

Those interested in taking the beginner tying class contact
Gene Kaczmarek



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- **Hook** Dai-Riki #280, sizes 10-14.
- **Thread** 8/0, color to match body.
- **Body** 2mm foam. Cut ¼" wide for size #10. Tan, Cinnamon, Yellow, Olive or any color desired.
- **Wing** Tan or Gold Zelon.
- **Legs** Square rubber. Tan, Yellow, Brown, Orange, Red.
- **Indicator** 2mm foam. Yellow or Orange.

Spandex Stone

Originated by Scott Sanchez



- **Hook** Dai-Riki 280 or TMC 200R, sizes 4-10.
- **Thread** Yellow 3/0 or 6/0.
- **Tail** Tan goose biots.
- **Rib** Yellow thread.
- **Back** Six strands of tan Super Floss [Spandex].
- **Abdomen** Golden brown dubbing.
- **Wingcases** Remainder of the back Spandex.
- **Thorax** Body dubbing and a copper bead.
- **Legs** The tips of the wingcases, three on each side.
- **Head** Copper bead.
- **Antennae** Tan goose biots.

Conservation News

By

Larry Dennis, August 2006

Nothing is perfect, but fly fishing is as close as it gets. – Anon.

Delta Update

Following is a capsulated attempt to describe what was reported regarding the Delta. As you might expect, very little of it, if any, is good news. Whether you realize it or not, the Delta is the canary in the coal mine regarding the future of water availability in North state.

On June 6, Stephen Hall, Executive director of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) (try a Google Search of ACWA for a list of members) submitted a guest opinion piece to the Sacramento Bee, which dutifully printed it, in which he outlined some of the problems facing the future of the Delta. First on his list was the condition of the levees which he went on to say that they protect agriculture and provide reliable “high quality” water for Silicon Valley (no mention of the millions of acre feet of water sent to the irrigators in the Central Valley). He did touch on the fact that over 130,000 new homes are slated for development behind the levees. Not to be left out was State Sen. Joe Simitian’s bill to authorize an updated version of the peripheral canal or the four proposals concerning the restructuring of CalFed to make it more irrigator friendly. Bottom line, more water for the south.

That same week a conference was held in Stockton in which biologists, environmental groups, bureaucrats and attorneys tried to focus on creating a long-range plan for the 1,000-square-mile estuary. Banky Curtis of the state Fish and Game called the Delta a “glorious place” and a “centerpiece of California”, but added (with hands in the air) “we can’t do everything that everybody wants.” The contributors discussed the wisdom of building homes along the Delta, the decline of fish populations, poor water quality and the failing levee system. Some of the panelists cried for unity and others felt the world of politics would sort things out while most of the audience just sat and cried. David Fullerton, spokesman for Metropolitan Water District, laid the blame for the failing Delta ecosystem on aging levees, invasive species and sinking islands, artfully dodging the fact of the increased water exports to the south.

\$4 million collected in the last 2 ½ years from the Bay-Delta Enhancement Stamp sales has finally been released effective July. A citizen’s committee, under the direction of the DFG, will determine where the money is spent. Tom Stienstra, staff writer for the San Francisco Chronicle advocates spending the money to buy stripers and sturgeon to “jump-start” the future of fishing in the Bay-Delta. Someone should explain to Tom that short-sighted thinking of this ilk is what has gotten us into this mess. Weren’t hatcheries, mitigation for damming rivers and diverting water, supposed to solve the problems of habitat loss?

During the first half of July the California Reclamation Board, composed of all new appointees by Gov. Schwarzenegger, began the decision of whether or not to allow the 11,000-home development called River Islands, just west of Lathrop on Stewart Tract to go forward. You might remember that Stewart Tract was severely flooded in 1997. Cambay Group, the developer, has offered to build a 300-foot-wide “super levee” to protect the development. The “super levee” will be built by excavating dirt from the bottom of the tract thereby lowering the homes to 20 feet below mean water levels. Not to worry – the taxpayers will pay all flood claims, when, not if, the island floods again. The state reached into your pocket, again, without your even knowing it, again.

On July 7, the Bureau of Reclamation agreed to re-examine the effects of exporting water from the Delta in light of recent studies indication that the threatened Delta smelt “might be in deep decline.” Ronald Milligan, Operations Manager for the BOR said, “We want to see if there are any changes we need to make in project operations or protective actions.” “This is a cautionary move.” This change of direction was the result of the NRDC and five other environmental group’s suit against the Fish and Wildlife Service in February 2005. The suit came about after the Fish and Wildlife Service ruled that increases in state and federal pumping from the Delta to benefit farmers and Southern cities would not have a negative effect on the federally protected Delta Smelt. Barry Nelson, analyst at NRDC said, “We think the evidence is showing we’re crossing a threshold, and we need to seriously look at taking less water out of the system.” Timothy Quinn, deputy general manager of the Metropolitan Water District stated, “We all know something is going on with the smelt, and we need to figure it out.” “If it affects project operations, so be it. We’re not expecting it to have dramatic impacts on water supply.”

The US Bureau of Reclamation, along with several water users groups, is suing the state Department of Water Resources over its decision last year to set new salt level standards in the Delta. The state board ordered water exporters to meet the new standards or risk losing permits which allow them to pump water from the Delta. Even though the new standards were

issued last year, they have not been exceeded thanks to the heavier rainfalls over the last two years which has diluted saltwater intrusions from San Francisco Bay.

Delta exporters argue that a separate planned project to be built as soon as 2009 will help them control salt levels. The infamous South Delta 'Improvement' Project (SDIP) includes high-tech dams on Delta waterways that can be raised or lowered, allowing them to keep enough water in the Delta at all times to dilute the salt. These dams would replace temporary rock dams that are currently in use.

The foundering CalFed effort to fix the Delta and stabilize water delivery to the southern part of the state will be reorganized by the new state budget. The budget requires the disbandment of the California Bay-Delta Authority to be replaced by a strategic plan to be developed by the state secretary of Business (?) and the state secretary of Resources headed by Mike Chrisman. In addition CalFed will be under the authority of Chrisman. For the time being the governing board of the Bay-Delta Authority will be left intact. *Don't want to upset those campaign contributors; also, the 67 employees of the defunct Authority will not be fired, but will be transferred to other departments.*

And lastly, the Bureau of Reclamation announced public scoping meetings as part of their Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Delta-Mendota Canal/California Aqueduct Intertie project. According to BOR, the Intertie would be used to accomplish a range of benefits, including meeting current water supply demands, maintaining and repairing Central Valley Project (CVP) Delta Export and conveyance facilities, and providing operational flexibility to respond to CVP and State Water Project emergencies. *Translation: make it easier to pump more water out of the Delta – plain and simple! Another Peripheral Canal Ponzi scheme.*

Comments can be sent to: Ms. Sammie Cervantes, Bureau of Reclamation, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95825-1898 or via email at scervantes@mp.usbr.gov. *You might want to advise the BOR it is not wise to play 'You Bet Your Life' with this project*

Guess Who Else Wants Your Water

In October 2003, with no public notification or input the McCloud Community Services District entered into an agreement with Nestle Waters North America to build a bottling plant on the site of the former California Cedar Prods. Lumber mill. Luckily, a Siskiyou County judge ruled in March 2005 that the agreement should not have been signed because no EIR was written. The contract would allow Nestle to buy up to 1,600 acre-feet of water per year from the district's springs (an acre-foot of water is 325,851 gals. making the total amount over 521 million gallons). The contract would also force the Services district to drill water wells if Nestle desired. The McCloud area currently uses about 1600 acre-feet of water annually with the balance of 6000 acre-feet going to the McCloud, Shasta and Upper Sacramento Rivers. See where this is going? These rivers all flow into Lake Shasta then into the Sacramento River, then into the Delta and eventually south to the Central Valley and Southern California. What's another 500 million gallons of water taken out of the system? In a recent survey of McCloud residents, 78% oppose Nestlé's plan.

The nonprofit McCloud Watershed Council has major concerns over the pact including their doubt that two-lane Highway 89 between McCloud and I-5 could not handle an estimated 1,090 daily truck trips required to take the water to market. Nestle stated that it would initially employ 60 workers, and eventually 240 with no guarantee they would be locals. Recently, the town of Dunsmuir approved a rezoning request for the development of another small water bottling plant. Nestle representatives were very conspicuous and active at hearings for this project, fuelling speculation of a near future buyout.

Nestle is notorious for buying private properties which contain springs then trucking the water to nearby bottling plants it owns. Legal bullying is well known in the water world. In Michigan, the Michigan Citizens for Water Conservation has been battling Nestle for two years. The group went to court feeling that the company's pumping levels were unreasonable in part because it was impacting local wild trout streams. Immediately after the ruling in favor of the Conservation group, Nestle began filing appeals and requests for stays all the while continuing pumping levels that are drawing down the streams to dangerous levels.

In January of this year the McCloud Watershed Council received a harassing and overreaching subpoena from Nestle in an attempt to extract extensive personal, financial and organizational information. In February a Siskiyou County Superior Court judge quashed the subpoenas indicating that Nestle had not demonstrated that the information sought was relevant or that there was any compelling need for the information.

What you can do? Boycott the water products provided by Nestle. Labels such as, *Nestle Pure Life, Calistoga, Arrowhead, Perrier, San Pellegrino, and Poland Springs*. Then, send a postcard or letter to: Kim E. Jeffery, Pres., Nestle Water of America, PO Box 2313, Greenwich, CT 06830, telling him you will not buy any of these products until he packs his carpet bag and leaves the McCloud area. The fish will thank you.

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