



Main Stream

Mission Peak Fly Anglers

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December 2007

Club Meeting

“No Meeting in December”

COMING EVENTS

- Wed. Dec 26th CLUB MEETING “No Club Meeting in Dec.”**
- Wed, Jan 9th BOARD MEETING 7:30 PM – Fremont Adult School Main Office**
- Thur. Jan 10th FLY TYING - 7:30 PM Fremont Adult School Main Office (new Day & location)**
- Sat. Jan 12th CLUB BREAKFAST: At the Denny’s in Hayward on Whipple – 9:00 AM**
- Sat. Jan 19th Annual MPFA Club Awards & Officers Installation Dinner
Spin A Yarn Restaurant, 45915 Warm Springs Blvd., Fremont, CA 94539**
- Mon. Jan 21th CLUB MEETING 7:00 PM (New Date, Day. & Location)
Mehran’s Restaurant located at 5574 Mowry School Rd, Newark, Ca**
- Wed. Feb 6th BOARD MEETING 7:30 PM – Fremont Adult School Main Office**
- Sat. Feb 11th CLUB BREAKFAST: At the Denny’s in Hayward on Whipple – 9:00 AM**
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"The fisherman's wife lament".

There are more comics in our club than let on to be. After Dean decided to join us for a couple of trips, the last rip included this late night email from Margaret Lewis. This cut to the bone but in reality appeared closer to the truth. I asked Margaret permission before putting it in the newsletter:

E-mail from a flyfisherman's wife.

Craig,

Another episode of "Man vs Fish". Watch as the intrepid fisherman rise at o'dark hundred and begin the long trek to The River. Along the way, watch them battle the hoards of early morning shoppers bent on spending big bucks. Admire the fish, full of Thanksgiving cheer and not able to eat even one more mosquito or gnat. Pity the fishermen who simply cannot understand why the fish aren't biting. Sympathize with them as they drown their sorrow in the all-you-can-eat breakfast bar in downtown Yuba City. Peek into the grocery store on the way home where they pick up packages of trout (farmed in Chile).

Go git 'em!!

Margaret

And to add insult to injury I get a birthday card from my son to the tune of:

There's a saying, Dad:

Give a man a fish, and he'll eat for a day.

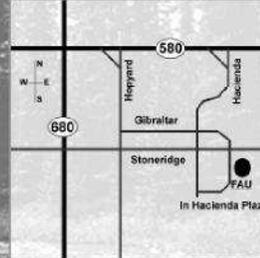
Teach a man to fish, and he'll spend thousand of dollars on fishing gear and tackle, spend countless hours waiting to catch a few pathetic fish, and bore everybody he knows with tiresome stories about the one that got away.

Happy Birthday to a "Reel" Man.

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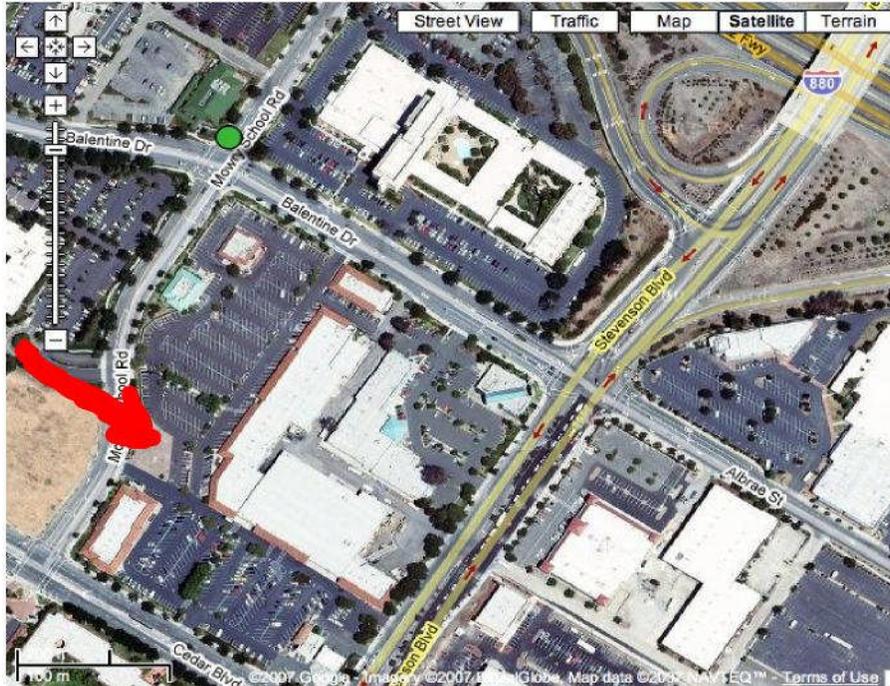
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The President's Message

The winter solstice is fast is just around the corner on January 19th. If you have not done so yet, get your payment into Bill Peakes. The January club meeting has been moved both in location and date. Mark your calendar for Monday, January 21 at the Mehran's Restaurant located at 5574 Mowry School Rd in Newark just around the corner from Food 4 Less. In addition to having the January meeting at Mehran's, we will be meeting there with the guest speaker, Jeff Currier, for dinner I have included a map as well. It isn't your basic red meat and potatoes fare but rather an evening of Pakistani food. Lets welcome diversity into the community by joining us for dinner there as well.



The John Fukumoto Fly Tier award will have been decided by the time you would have read this. The air horn appeared to be more effective than the gavel at our last meeting. So much so, that president-elect Steve Potter, of the Tracy Fly Fishers, has decided to incorporate the same when he officially becomes president. Like it or not, he was looking for insight to running a club meeting while he patiently waited to give his "Baja during Hurricane Season" presentation.

Try to understand that the backroom wrangling at the smoke filled board meetings is where we wish to take care of the business part of the club and not necessarily at the club meetings where the fun part should occur. If you don't like the direction the elected board is going in what I loosely term as "for the benefit of all and future club members", please know that there is a standing invitation extended to all to attend these board meetings. Know that it is where you can voice your concerns and present your own agenda- who knows, it might get board approval. The club is run by consensus with the oversight/approval of the board. I personally showed up to be noisy at first and perhaps become more active in the club- and look where it got me. The board meetings are where we do the yearlong planning, etc. as opposed to the club meetings, which are supposed be where we are all have fun. Lets try to keep it that way.

Happy Holidays to all. May you all prosper and stay in good health throughout coming New Year. And last, but not least, make it a personal goal to wet your line more often in the coming year.

President
Craig Gittings

Mission Peak Fly Anglers Minutes of November 7, 2007 Board Meeting

President Craig Gittings brought the meeting to order at 7:30. Present were VP Wayne Culp, Secretary Dean Lewis, Treasurer Bill Peakes, Board Members Ray Gauthier, Ken Brunskill, Larry Dennis, Past President Malcolm Dunn and Committee Chairs August Abellar, Rich Lobrovich, Terry Henry, Dave Hayes and Stephen Culp.

Old Business:

Club picnic: The Board selected Shinn Park in Fremont as the site for the annual BBQ. The date of August 9, 2008 was set for the BBQ/picnic. Ken volunteered to camp out early (no reservations at this park) to reserve space. Wayne volunteered to help Malcolm load and unload the equipment and Dean volunteered 3 fold up 6' tables for use. There will be fishing within a few steps of the picnic tables

Installation Dinner January 19: Reservations are coming in with several Board Members or committee chairs submitting their money and choices at the Board Meeting.

Raffle Committee: The donations are now down to a trickle with the majority of those we will receive in the hands of Stephen Culp. The Orvis store in Palo Alto is closing as the landlord raised the rent much to high for them to stay. All the operation is moving to Santa Row. They are holding a store "Moving Sale" with 40-60% discounts. On Sunday, December 2nd, Craig, Dean and August visited the store and purchased a large number of items for the club at 50-60% discounts. These have been added to the club's stock of raffle prizes. The club approved the reimbursement of funds, to Craig, for these purchases as they come out of the amount previously set aside for purchase of raffle prizes.

The Crystal Springs fly shop (in a garage in Tracy) has a large amount of fishing supplies and tying material. The owner offered the club a free "TFO / TICR" rod (valued \$200-250) if the club would purchase \$400 worth of materials. Ken moved and Dean seconded that Craig visit the shop and evaluate the material for our raffles. Craig was approved to purchase the \$400 worth of materials should he so decide. Craig plans on visiting on Saturday, December 8, 2007

Ken moved and Malcolm seconded to allow Ken and Ed Huff to build four line winders for the club to raffle off. The total cost of each winder can not exceed \$60 each. The amount of \$240.00 was approved for this project. Members suggested several ways to keep the cost down by utilizing other members that could get the materials either free or at a reduced cost. Ken was going to look into this to see if he could keep the cost down.

NCCFFF Booth: Larry Dennis will spearhead signups for the booth at the show in Pleasanton on February 22-24, 2008. We are waiting for final word from Gene Kaczmarek as to whether or not the Federation gets the space for the booth. If they do, our club will man it.

New Business:

Treasures Report: We are solvent.

Programs: The January meeting will be held on Monday the 21st at [the Mehran's Restaurant located at 5574 Mowry School Rd in Newark just around the corner from Food 4 Less](#) and will feature Jeff Currier, who works out of Jack Dennis' fly shop. Jeff is an artist and travels all the world fishing for exotic fish. A map and directions to the Adult School will be placed in the next newsletter. In February, we will have Jeffi Lorrlli do a program on the Eastern Sierra. In March, Craig will present a program on Alaska in hopes of creating a trip in August/September. In April, we will have Ricky Mitchell present "Fly Fishing from a Kayak". Later in the year, Bill will present a "Trout Bum" program on the waters he fishes.

Meeting Location: The January meeting is being held at the Fremont Adult School and members are to evaluate the location for a possible move of our monthly meetings to that location. Members will have a month to evaluate, discuss and develop questions, etc regarding relocating. Members will be asked to discuss and vote at the February meeting to either stay at the Silliman Center or move to the Fremont Adult School. There will be no vote in January at the Adult School.

Update: The location of the January meeting had to be moved due to school being closed (Jan 21st is a school holiday). It will be held at **the Mehran's Restaurant located at 5574 Mowry School Rd in Newark just around the corner from Food 4 Less.**

Fly Tying: Gene Kaczmarek and Rich will tie in December provided members do not show up to tie for the John Fukumoto award. Ed Huff presented a nice draft of the award, at the November meeting and the club recently got 5 or 6 photos from Claudia Fukumoto that could be used for the laser inscribed photo on the award. In 2008, the Board agreed to move the fly tying night to the second Thursday of each month. This was necessitated due to several logistics problems.

Intro to Fly Fishing: The club has the rod and reel sets purchased for this class. The next class will be March 8th at the Silliman Center.

Conservation: Larry discussed the problems with Davis Lake and the Delta Smelt. As usual the Department of Fish and Game has messed up both of these again. Please read his e-mails he sends to club members for more details.

Federation Members: It looks like the club may have enough new members signing up for the club to get a free rod to use in a raffle. Everyone that said they were going to sign up (new members) please do so ASAP. If you are interested contact Gene Kaczmarek

Club Insurance: The Board gave Craig the ok to review the club insurance with a local insurance company.

Trout Bum Award: The Board selected the winner of the Trout Bum award and the winner will be announced at the Installation Dinner.

Next Board Meeting: Due to the holidays, the Board moved the next meeting to January 9, 2008.

Club Videos: Terry Henry indicated that he really doesn't have time to keep up with the club videos and asked to be relieved of the duty. Ken indicated that he would take them for the time being. Wayne moved and Rich seconded that we purchase a hand cart (like Terry has been using) for transporting the videos to and from the club. The motion passed.

Craig moved and Rich seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting was adjourned at 8:50

The Board members and Committee Chairs would like to thank Craig for holding the meeting at his home and providing the very nice refreshments.

Respectively submitted

Dean Lewis, Secretary.

January Club Meeting Program

Mission Peak Fly Anglers WILL NOT have a guest speaker in DECEMBER 2007. (NO Club Meeting)

There is a new location for our Jan 2008 meeting. It is the Mehran's Restaurant located at 5574 Mowry School Rd in Newark, just around the corner from the Food 4 Less. We had to move the location because the Fremont Adult School will be closed that night, due to a School holiday.

Jeff Currier, is an author of two books and a artist.

He lives in Jackson Hole Wyoming, and works at Jack Dennis Sports. Please join us for dinner at Mehran's Restaurant. This is a Special night Monday Jan 21, 2008. Please change your calendar to reflect this change.

Thanks Rich Lobrovich 510-909-9000

DATE	SPEAKER	PROGRAM TITLE
12/26/07	NO MEETING	NO MEETING
1/21/08 *	JEFF CURRIER	TOPIC TO BE DETERMINED
2/27/08	JEFF LORELLI	EASTERN SIERRA FLY FISHING
3/26/08	CRAIG GITTINGS	FLY FISH ALASKA
4/23/08	RICKY MITCHELL	FLY FISHING FROM A KAYAK
5/28/08	????????????????????	????????????????????
6/25/08	????????????????????	????????????????????
7/23/08	????????????????????	????????????????????
8/27/08	????????????????????	????????????????????
9/24/08	????????????????????	????????????????????
10/22/08	????????????????????	????????????????????
11/26/08	BILL PEAKS	TROUT BUM PRESENTATION
12/24/08	NO MEETING	NO MEETING

*** SPECIAL MONDAY NIGHT EVENT, AND NEW LOCATION!**

Annual MPFA Club Awards & Officers Installation Dinner

Held at
Spin A Yarn Restaurant
Located on

45915 Warm Springs Blvd. Fremont, CA 94539 (510) 656-9141 Sat. Jan 19th, 2007
5:30 pm to 6:30 pm No Host Bar & check out raffle items, 6:30 pm Dinner

DINNER SELECTIONS

All selections include a Baked Potato, Salad, Bread, Coffee, Iced Tea or Tea.

London Broil

Chicken Frittata

Fish (Salmon or Halibut, whatever is season)

\$28.00

Annual MPFA Club Officers Installation Dinner

Turn in before Dec 31st for 1 ticket in the early bird drawing

and if you pay your dues at the same time you get another early bird ticket

Members Name _____ Number of Dinners _____ X \$28.00 = Total amt.

_____ **London Broil**

_____ **Chicken Frittata**

_____ **Grilled Pacific Salmon**

Return to: Bill Peakes

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MISSION PEAK FLY ANGLERS –2008 DUES PAYMENT FORM

Member Name: _____

Amount Enclosed @ \$40 per member-family/\$35 If you are a current member of FFF
\$20 per member under 18 or living outside a 100 mi radius

Amount \$ _____ **FFF Member Number** _____

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Annual Trout Bum award

Starts Jan 1st, 2007

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

2008 EVENTS

MISSION PEAK FLY ANGLERS

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE OF EVENT	CONTACT	COMMENTS
Dec 26 th , 2007	“NO MEETING”	Monthly Club Meeting	Craig Gittings	7:00 pm (New Hours)
Jan 9 th , 2008	Fremont Adult School Main Office	Board Meeting	Craig Gittings	7:30 pm
Jan 10 th , 2008	Fremont Adult School Main Office	Fly Tying	August Abellar	7:30 pm
Jan 12 th , 2008	Denny’s in Hayward	Club Breakfast	Bill Peakes	9:00 am
Jan 19 th , 2008	Spin A Yarn Restaurant 45915 Warm Springs Blvd. Fremont, CA 94539	Annual MPFA Club Awards & Officers Installation Dinner	Craig Gittings	5:30 pm
Jan 21 th , 2007	Mehran’s Restaurant	Monthly Club Meeting	Craig Gittings	7:00 pm (New Hours)

2008 Fishout List

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE OF FISH	FISHMASTER	COMMENTS

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 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!

Conservation News

By

Larry Dennis, December 2007

Hewitt's Three Ages of the Fisherman:

When he wants to catch all the fish he can. When he strives to catch the largest fish he can. When he studies to catch the most difficult fish he can find.

WETLANDS RESTORATION:

50-year plan for turning South Bay salt ponds to tidal wetlands

San Francisco Chronicle – 12/12/07

By Jane Kay, staff writer

State and federal wildlife officials will unveil an ambitious wetlands restoration plan Wednesday that promises strong levees around South Bay homes and businesses, new bayside trails for hikers and more places for bird watchers to spot shorebirds and ducks.

The plan is the first phase of a \$1 billion, 50-year effort to restore thousands of acres of former Cargill Inc. salt ponds purchased by the government four years ago.

Various wildlife agencies will work together to expand the bay's wildlife habitat and build trails and nature centers as part of the long-term restoration. They also will construct solid levees to prevent flooding from periodic storms and rising seas associated with global warming.

The first round of projects, which will be built between 2008 and 2010, will cost \$32 million, officials said. Much of the money likely will come from bonds already approved by state voters.

"We're going to be adding public access where it never existed under Cargill," said Clyde Morris, the manager of the San Francisco National Wildlife Refuge.

"People can leave the urban environment and actually see with their own eyes what they would otherwise only see on the Discovery Channel," he said.

After years of initial work by scientists, local officials and the public, the plan released Wednesday is the final environmental review prepared by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and California Department of Fish and Game.

Early efforts over the past few years to open the ponds near Alviso and Hayward to the less salty bay water already have attracted a bonanza of birds. Fish follow the fresher water, and birds follow the fish.

"Within a week of restoring some of the ponds, we had high use by fish-eating birds" such as pelicans, Morris said. The number of visiting waterfowl has more than doubled, and the number of shorebirds has grown even more, he said.

Today's plan favors converting 90 percent of the former ponds to tidal marsh.

Saltwater marsh and mudflats most resemble what the edges of San Francisco Bay were like before the last century of development. About 80 percent of the wetlands were diked or filled, ruining the ecosystems that acted as nurseries for fish and crabs, habitat and feeding grounds for birds and natural filters for pollutants.

Because the salt ponds also have attracted some bird species, scientists are recommending that half of the ponds at first be turned over to marsh. Then, with continued monitoring, managers will convert the rest of the ponds - unless scientific scrutiny shows the restoration has some unintended negative effect.

The planners call it "adaptive management" because they hope to learn from the actions they take.

Some of the restoration projects planned for the former salt ponds:

-- A 2 1/2-mile segment of the Bay Trail will open between Mountain View's Stevens Creek and Sunnyvale for hiking, biking and watching wildlife. Ducks flock there in the winter, and herons and egrets feed year-round. The least terns that breed on the former Alameda Air Station, which environmentalists want to secure for the refuge, bring young there in August to feed and learn how to fish before the winter migration to Mexico.

-- Near Santa Clara and Alviso, managers will open about 900 acres of ponds to the tides, bringing the new tidal marsh there to about 1,400 acres. Brown and white pelicans, ruddy ducks and double-crested cormorants feed there. People walking near about 250 acres of shallow ponds with 50 nesting islands will see American avocets, black-necked stilts and Forster's terns.

Thousands of western and least sandpipers, grebes, marbled godwits and dunlins come in the winter.

-- Near Hayward, the agencies will build an interpretive site with raised walkways and viewing platforms overlooking the remnants of old salt works. Birds and ducks will congregate at some 230 acres of ponds and 630 acres of tidal habitat.

In 2003, the state and federal government joined with private foundations to pay \$100 million for 16,500 acres of the ponds owned by Cargill Inc., a giant agribusiness. Of the acreage, 15,100 acres are in the South Bay and are part of this restoration project. The other 1,400 acres are in the North Bay on wildlife refuge land.

Very little of the restoration money is in hand. The funds will be cobbled together from future federal appropriations and grant proposals as well as past voter-approved propositions, money collected as part of development deals and fines levied on bay poachers.

"The money hasn't been officially committed, but we fully believe that the state will provide substantial funding for the restoration from voter-approved bonds," said Steve Ritchie, executive project manager at the state Coastal Conservancy, an agency helping to coordinate the regional plan.

The cost of levee building on the shoreline of San Mateo, Santa Clara and Alameda counties is estimated to represent more than half of the \$1 billion, Ritchie said.

Scientists say global warming could cause bay waters to rise more than 2 feet during this century. Levees will be built close to the land, and tidal marsh will stretch out beyond to the bay waters. The levees must be built so that they can be raised as the need arises, planners say.

Without levees, Silicon Valley - including Google, Yahoo, the Moffett Business Park and the community of Alviso - would be among sites under water, according to projections. Flood surges now could inundate property, Ritchie said.

Levees are needed around Menlo Park and East Palo Alto on the bay's west side and Hayward on the bay's east side, according to officials.

At the southern tip of the bay, groundwater pumping for agricultural over past decades has caused land to sink, making the bay's shoreline vulnerable to flooding in Mountain View, Sunnyvale, Santa Clara, Alviso, San Jose and Milpitas.

The agencies involved hope to receive \$4 million in the Interior Department budget, an appropriation proposed by U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-San Francisco. The Santa Clara Valley Water and the Alameda Flood Control districts have applied for state bond money, as has the state Coastal Conservancy.

Besides raising the money, project planners must deal with mercury pollution from old mines, preventing the spread of invasive East Coast cordgrass and allowing sediment to fill in sunken areas of the South Bay to keep ahead of the rise in sea level. #

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