



Main Stream

Mission Peak Fly Anglers

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February 2008

Club Meeting

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

DATE: Wednesday, February 27th, 2008

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

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COMING EVENTS

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| Wed. Feb 27th | CLUB MEETING 7:00 PM
Silliman Community Activity Center, 6800 Mowry Avenue, Newark CA 94560 |
| Wed. Mar. 5th | BOARD MEETING 7:00 PM – Fremont Adult School Main Office |
| Sat. Mar. 8th | CLUB BREAKFAST: At the Denny’s in Hayward on Whipple – 9:00 AM |
| Thur. Mar. 13th | FLY TYING - 7:30 PM Fremont Adult School Main Office |
| Wed. Mar. 26th | CLUB MEETING 7:00 PM
Silliman Community Activity Center, 6800 Mowry Avenue, Newark CA 94560 |
| Wed. Apr. 2nd | BOARD MEETING 7:00 PM – Fremont Adult School Main Office |
| Thur. Apr. 10th | FLY TYING - 7:30 PM Fremont Adult School Main Office |
| Sat. Apr. 12th | CLUB BREAKFAST: At the Denny’s in Hayward on Whipple – 9:00 AM |
| Wed. Apr. 23rd | CLUB MEETING 7:00 PM
Silliman Community Activity Center, 6800 Mowry Avenue, Newark CA 94560 |
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The President's Message

The club's annual dinner was well received. The service was more than expected as we were well attended to from start to finish and how about those deserts, albeit an added expense? No one complained about the food either. With this in mind, we better reserve the Spin-A-Yarn for next year, unless someone has a better idea on location. Jerry Reynolds, lets see someone top this? Thanks again for the suggestion. Malcolm Dunn, who is now known to clean up pretty good on occasion with a tux no doubt, was noted as the evening's show stopper as we waited for his grand entrance along with his better half, Ernie, from a previous engagement in San Francisco just in time for dinner. The evening could not be pulled off without the efforts of Stephen Culp, Larry Dennis, Doug Fear, Dean Lewis and Bill Peakes for setting the stage prior to guests' arrival. Stephen Culp really set the bar high with raffle items for future dinners- a very nice job indeed, Stephen. Doug Fear and Bill Peakes kept things running smoothly with raffle ticket sales and earlier when setting out both the silent and live auction tables before club members arrived. Doug's solicitation for filled fly boxes from club members provided a very nice silent auction selection as well. Thanks to those that made their favorite flies available for the event. Doug's son in law, Steve Jordan, was up from Santa Barbara to help out as well, thanks Steve! Nice work guys, you never hesitated to step up to the plate when it came to helping out. Lets not forget Kay Heyes either. She in her own right did an excellent job with the lady's raffle without any help.

The John Fukumoto Fly Tying award was every bit as nice as Larry Dennis had earlier indicated and will especially look nice in the first recipient's den, Gene Kaczmarek. And how about August Abellar: he walked away with both the Flyfisherman of the Year Award and the President's Pin. August has shared his knack for resourcefulness as fly tying chair, a position we had to originally coerce him into taking. He not only brought in a variety guest tiers, but he made new members or visitors a like feel at home and truly welcome. I have not seen him hesitate in giving back to the club without any thought of direct compensation much less recognition- congrats Master Fo. The Trout Bum Award, presented by Ken Brunskill, went to Randy Wiberg, although some thought Alisa should have had her name on the plaque as well. Yours truly, that be me, easily won the Sammy Schlep award this year and secured the runner up position as well in order to lock up the award.

Gene Kaczmarek did quite well in raising the stakes on the live auction. It also helped to have some very nice fly plates, a Renzetti vise and a pontoon as auction items. The John Fukumoto, Dan Blanton and Joe Kimsey fly plates were all made by Bill Peakes looked very impressive, as did the Chris Helms' deer hair mouse fly plate. The auction was very interesting this year. To add insult to injury, during the bidding, Larry Dennis without hesitation not only called out the challenge to the other bidders, but proceeded to knock the wind out of their sails as well with, "Don't bother, that fly plate is going home with me!" Sure enough, it did. Bill Peake's fly plates are always a piece of artwork to be admired. He is in demand for his fly framing abilities and I have personally seen him turn down assembling fly boxes for folks, so lets not take him for granted either. Thanks Bill for your time in constructing and donating those fly plates. It helped the club make not just some, but a lot of money as well. Kaitlind Gittings has been asked to come back next year so that folks can clearly hear the raffle numbers annunciated- a task that Mumbles, her father, has difficulty with.

There were times when we were competing with the live band in the next room- hopefully we can remedy that somehow next year. It was even heartening to see more than a few of the luckier club members with their arms full of raffle winnings leaving with even bigger smiles. The funds raised will hopefully keep the club solvent for another year, that is, unless Bill decides to finally purchase the one-way tickets to Tahiti that I kid him about.

President
Craig Gittings

Welcome New Members

Don Lee

Don pools investors and they buy land in the path of growth. This is his seventh year with his partners who began the company over 16 years ago. Previously he was a loan officer at major banks for eight years. Prior to that he was in the semiconductor business for 18 years.

Many people remember him as “Oh, you are Linda Lee’s husband, Ms. Light Weight Body Builder of Taiwan” (in 85, 86, 87). Linda weighs only 115 lbs. She volunteers as a line dance instructor for a non-profit organization. They love kids although they decided not to have any and it gives him time to start fishing again. He didn’t fish much in his working years and has some old and dusty fishing gear stashed in his garage.

He was raised in Palo Alto and has lived in Newark for 15 years. He is 53 years old and half Chinese and half Korean, He speaks only English, and being third & fourth generation he speaks more Spanish phrases than any other foreign language.

This is to his wife’s anguish since she speaks Mandarin, Taiwanese, some Japanese, and English.

His only fly fishing experience so far was an attempt on his own where he snagged only the bushes behind him.

His father used to take him fishing in the San Francisco Bay for cod, strip bass, crabbing, smelt, and perch, either on the piers or by renting a covered wooden boat in Vallejo or China Camp. They had their own Evinrude outboard motor. He taught him to fish with spinners and salmon eggs on the Trinity, McCloud, Truckee, Upper Sacramento and in creeks where it looked impossibly narrow with low water levels. He also taught him bass, blue gill, crappie, and cat fishing in places like Clear Lake or camping at Donner Lake to fish for trout.

Now that he has more free time a few of his friends suggested he learn to fly fish by joining a fly fishing club. It is fortunate that he met Dean Lewis at a Newark City meeting who then introduced him to Mission Peaks Fly Fishing Club. The club made an impression on him with many welcoming and helpful members. He says the club members made the difference because previously to coming to a meeting he was thinking that he should just go to keep his commitment to attend and not join a bunch of pros with no time for beginners. He has learned a lot and hasn’t even put a fly in the water yet. He even tied his first fly at the January tying meeting. He likes pier and surf fishing and fresh water fishing. Being out in the woods fishing a creek or stream is a great joy for him.

He is a budding photographer with a large portfolio of photographs. He really enjoyed the recent Jeff Currier slide show as he recently found he likes to travel to third world countries and take photographs. He is looking forward to going to the clubs events including fly casting, introduction to fly fishing, rod building, fly tying, and the fishing outings. He wants to thank the members for making him feel welcome and part of the club.

New Member: Chuck Oden

Chuck retired from A.C. Transit in 1995 after 28 years of service. After retiring from A.C. Transit he went on the road trucking and is currently driving for Ferguson Inc., out of San Jose. He loves to drive and see new places.

He is married. His wife’s name is Lani Oden, a native of Livermore. Chuck is a native of Oakland. He has resided in the Fremont area since 1975 where he says he loves living. He and his wife have two children, Cinthia Ann Oden and Michael E. Oden. They have blessed him with three grand children, all currently in their teens.

He is looking forward to meeting all of the members and says to be prepared to be asked a lot of questions about fly tying and fishing. He is looking forward to some fishing trips with the club this year, time permitting. He says with a twinkle in his eye, that besides boating, fishing in the Delta and chasing his wife around the house, that when he finally catches her after a half hour or so that he has forgot what he was chasing her for. Chuck should be a fun guy to have around, so be sure to introduce yourself the next time he is at one of our meetings.

New Member: Jim McGoff

I’m retired, after spending 4yrs in the Air force I worked for United Airline's from 1966 to 2000 My wife and I have been married since 1962 we have a son and a daughter and 2 grandchildren. I've been fishing ever since I was a toddler I took up fly fishing when I was stationed in New Jersey. I made my line out of some cord that I waxed and a bamboo cane pole that I tied eyes to. I like stream fishing for salmon, steel head, trout, and bass.

I like hunting of all kinds turkey,deer, pigs, elk ducks and I hunt mostly with a bow except for birds I'm not that good. I look forward to being in the club and learning of all the secret places the member’s fish. Thanks for letting me join your club. Please welcome him the next chance you get.

Mission Peak Fly Anglers Minutes of February 6th, 2008 Board Meeting

President Craig Gittings brought the meeting to order at 7:00. Present were VP Wayne Culp, Secretary Dean Lewis, Treasurer Bill Peakes, Board Members Ray Gauthier, Doug Fear, Harold Whitmore and past president Malcolm Dunn. Also present were Stephen Culp, Rich Lobrovich, Ken Brunskill, August Abellar, George Bouvoin and Gene Kaczmarek.

Old Business:

Installation Dinner Recap: Everyone thought the dinner went well. Craig Gittings won the "Schlep Award", Randy Wieberg received the "Trout Bum Award" for 27 waters 2 continents, Gene Kaczmarek received the new "John Fukumoto" tying award and August Abellar received the "Fly Fisherman of the Year" and "President's Pin" awards. Budget for the line winders was \$60 each. Ken and crew went over that amount by \$7.92 and the Board approved payment of the additional amount.....All present felt that we would go back next year to the Spin-A-Yarn for our installation dinner. Dean moved and Ray seconded that we go back and select January 31 for the date. Motion passed.....We still have several nice raffle prizes that arrived late. A "Klamath Trip", Bucks Bag, Ross Reel and a Sims Jacket. These will appear during the year as special raffles. A rod winder will be auctioned off at the picnic.

FFF Booth: Larry Dennis is looking for members to work the booth at the Pleasanton Show. The FFF President R.P, Van Gytenbeck will be present at the booth.

Rod Building: March 15 was the date picked for the first class. Ken will spearhead the class. Bill, Ed Huff, Craig and Larry will assist.

New Business:

Treasures Report: We are solvent.

Programs: The February meeting will be given by Jeff Lorelli on the Eastern Sierra.

Fly Tying: George Bouvoin and Gene Kaczmarek presented an idea regarding changing the qualifications for the John Fukumoto award that would allow more people to compete. After much discussion, it was decided that they bring it to the next fly tying meeting and discuss it with Larry Dennis prior to the meeting. Their idea has much merit. Mitch Matsumoto will be tying three flies at the meeting. Ed Huff will be tying Clouser flies in March.

Intro to Fly Fishing: The next class will be March 8th at the Silliman Center.

Federation Members: We have 14-16 new members now. We need 18 to get the upgraded TFO rod. Craig was going to check on our status and see if the club could just purchase the last ones we need and assign them to members later.

Club Insurance: Dean moved and Craig seconded that we get the insurance policy offered by Bobbie Armor Ray has looked at it in detail and it is much better than our current one. Motion passed.

Odds and Ends: We need to change the Orvis address to San Jose in the club newsletter. Orvis is having a big sale on March 30 for club members We need a club flyer – Dean volunteered to make one.....We need to discuss the Silliman center at the next regular meeting,,,,,Kistler Ranch still charges \$350 per day. We will keep the member fee at \$25 per member to attendThe secretary was asked to send letters to several members for their services.....Ken passed around a nice letter, from a teacher, regarding Trout in the Classroom.

Dean moved and Craig seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Respectively submitted

Dean Lewis, Secretary.

February Club Meeting Program

MISSION PEAK FLY ANGLERS

is please to have one of our own presenting his slide show titled “EASTERN SIERRA FLY FISHING”.

Please welcome Jeff Lorelli.

As a kid in Western PA I grew up hunting more than fishing but I still caught my share of trout and bass. I learned at an early age to appreciate the outdoors and respect it is a fragile resource. After transplanting to CA in '80, I quickly became a student of all the world class fishing and camping destinations we are so fortunate to have. Time spent in the Central Valley and Sierra foothills helped me to discover some places off the beaten path. I've learned a lot over the years from our many club members and guest speakers we've had. They have always been insightful, helpful, and approachable. I've always been known as one of the club's biggest wise crackers and I live for a good joke, often at the expense of others. But now that I am father, I have a serious side too. The times I get out fishing with my kids are very special. I get more of a thrill with their catch than my own and I hope they will continue to enjoy my passion with me as they get older. I will be talking about the Eastern Sierra's in my presentation. For me the area offers everything I want in a fishing experience: solitude, great scenery, and a wide variety of fishing opportunities. Over the years I've had some memorable fish outs with club members - I hope you will join me in re-visiting some of those trips.

Please join Jeff Lorelli and Rich Lobrovich for dinner at 5PM at Jack's Brew Pub. Call Rich Lobrovich to make a reservation for dinner. I can have the right number of seats set up ahead of time.

Club Meeting Programs

DATE	SPEAKER	PROGRAM TITLE
2/27/08	JEFF LORELLI	EASTERN SIERRA FLY FISHING
3/26/08	KEVNEY DUGAN	STRIPER'S WITH TEETH
4/23/08	RICKY MITCHELL	FLY FISHING FROM A KAYAK
5/28/08	RAY HUTCHERSON	GUATEMALA
6/25/08	MARK	SURF PERCH ???
7/23/08	????????????????????	CASTING AND PIZZA
8/27/08	????????????????????	????????????????????????????????
9/24/08	????????????????????	????????????????????????????????
10/22/08	????????????????????	????????????????????????????????
11/19/08	BILL PEAKS	TROUT BUM PRESENTATION
12/24/08	NO MEETING	NO MEETING



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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* _____

PLEASE DETACH AND MAIL FORMS WITH CHECKS TO BILL PEAKES

Annual Trout Bum award

Starts Jan 1st, 2008

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
Feb. 27 th , 2008	Silliman Community Activity Center	Monthly Club Meeting	Craig Gittings	7:00 pm (New Hours)
Mar. 5 th , 2008	Fremont Adult School Main Office	Board Meeting	Craig Gittings	7:00 pm (New Hours)
Mar. 8 th , 2008	Denny's in Hayward	Club Breakfast	Bill Peakes	9:00 am
Mar. 13 th , 2008	Fremont Adult School Main Office	Fly Tying	August Abellar	7:30 pm
Mar. 26 th , 2008	Silliman Community Activity Center	Monthly Club Meeting	Craig Gittings	7:00 pm (New Hours)
Apr. 2 nd , 2008	Fremont Adult School Main Office	Board Meeting	Craig Gittings	7:00 pm (New Hours)
Apr. 10 th , 2008	Fremont Adult School Main Office	Fly Tying	August Abellar	7:30 pm
Apr. 12 th , 2008	Denny's in Hayward	Club Breakfast	Bill Peakes	9:00 am
Apr. 23 th , 2008	Silliman Community Activity Center	Monthly Club Meeting	Craig Gittings	7:00 pm (New Hours)
May 7 th , 2008	Fremont Adult School Main Office	Board Meeting	Craig Gittings	7:00 pm (New Hours)
May 8 th , 2008	Fremont Adult School Main Office	Fly Tying	August Abellar	7:30 pm
May 10 th , 2008	Denny's in Hayward	Club Breakfast	Bill Peakes	9:00 am
May 28 th , 2008	Silliman Community Activity Center	Monthly Club Meeting	Craig Gittings	7:00 pm (New Hours)
June 4 th , 2008	Fremont Adult School Main Office	Board Meeting	Craig Gittings	7:00 pm (New Hours)
June 12 th , 2008	Fremont Adult School Main Office	Fly Tying	August Abellar	7:30 pm
June 14 th , 2008	Denny's in Hayward	Club Breakfast	Bill Peakes	9:00 am
June 25 th , 2008	Silliman Community Activity Center	Monthly Club Meeting	Craig Gittings	7:00 pm (New Hours)
July 2 th , 2008	Fremont Adult School Main Office	Board Meeting	Craig Gittings	7:00 pm (New Hours)
July 10 th , 2008	Fremont Adult School Main Office	Fly Tying	August Abellar	7:30 pm
July 12 th , 2008	Denny's in Hayward	Club Breakfast	Bill Peakes	9:00 am
July 23 th , 2008	Silliman Community Activity Center	Pizza Night (casting night)	Craig Gittings	7:00 pm (New Hours)
Aug. 6 th , 2008	Fremont Adult School Main Office	Board Meeting	Craig Gittings	7:00 pm (New Hours)
Aug. 9 th , 2008	Denny's in Hayward	Club Breakfast	Bill Peakes	9:00 am
Aug. 14 th , 2008	Fremont Adult School Main Office	Fly Tying	August Abellar	7:30 pm
Aug. 27 th , 2008	Silliman Community Activity Center	Monthly Club Meeting	Craig Gittings	7:00 pm (New Hours)

2008 Fishout List

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE OF FISH	FISHMASTER	COMMENTS
Jan - Feb		Steelhead		
Jan - Feb	Santa Cruz	Surf Perch	Craig Gittings	Leave Fremont at O'Dark 30
Feb				
Mar				
April 21-22	Clear Lake	Bass, Crappie, Panfish	Calvin Chin	Edgewater Resort \$50 deposit needed by 3/15
May 17th	Kistler Ranch	Bass and Panfish	Craig Gittings	\$25 gets you a great day of fishing, camaraderie, and an Italian sausage BBQ – Muy Bueno!
June 8	TBD	Shad	Craig Gittings	Float Trip with Al Smatsky Excellent Adventures 209-368-9261
June	American River	Shad	Ken Brunskill	Depending on River flows
June - July	Santa Cruz	Surf Perch	Craig Gittings	Leave Fremont at O'Dark 30
June	Manzanita Lake	Trout	Mark Kaharick	Potluck BBQ
July (late)	Mulege Baja Mexico	Dorado, Roosters, etc....	Craig Gittings	Al Smatsky Excellent Adventures - 2 spots available
Aug - Mid	Clark's Fork	Trout	Bill Peaks	Potluck BBQ
Aug 22-31	Alaska Kenai Peninsula	Trout, Salmon, Grayling	Craig Gittings	
Sept	Toulumne Meadows	Trout	Wayne Culp	Camp Out
Sept 26-28	McCloud River and Reservoir	Trout	Craig Gittings	Camp at Ash Camp or B&B in town of McCloud.
Oct 3-5	Eastern Sierra	Trout	Jeff Lorelli	June Lake Loop Area
Oct	Lake Alpine	Trout	August Abellar	
Nov	Trinity River	Steelhead		
Nov	American River	Steelhead		
Nov	Feather River	Steelhead		

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 @ 510-505-0136 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!

Volunteers needed

At the time it sounded like a fantastic opportunity to raise some funds for the club and, perhaps, increase the amount and or value of the monthly raffles; continue to keep the cost low for our annual picnic; or purchase that one last super item for our annual dinner auction.

I need club members to help man the FFF booth at the February Fly Fishing Show in Pleasanton. in exchange for your help, MPFA is receiving an amount of money exceeding the annual dues of over a dozen new members. Not bad since our membership has remained pretty stagnant over the last few years.

I am asking all club members to step forward to help me man the booth for two or three hours during the three days of the Show. In exchange for your time spent I will arrange to reimburse you for your entry fee to the show, which is \$15.00 per day. It's like getting into the show for free!

The only requirements are that you be a member of the Federation of Fly Fishers and a member of Mission Peak Fly Anglers.

Following is listed the hours of the Show. You choose the hours on a first come – first served basis with the times you would like to volunteer.

**Show Hours: Friday, Feb. 22, 10 am – 6:00 pm
Saturday, Feb. 23, 9 am – 5:30 pm
Sunday, Feb. 24, 9 am – 4:30 pm**

Thanks in advance and I hope to see everyone at the show.

**Larry Dennis
Conservation Chairman
Mission Peak Fly Anglers**

Attention Rod Builders:

To make sure we get off on the right foot we need to get everyone to the same point with materials. If you have your rod please check to see what you have - Not all the kits are the same.

You will need the following **components** at minimum;

Rod Blank - See list below

Reelseat & Handle- Make sure you check them to see that they slide all the way down the Butt Section

On some of the larger Rods the Reelseat & Handle were too small.

If you have any question on this bring what you have to the Fly Tying or Club Meeting and talk to one of the Instructors.

Tip Top & Guides - these will vary by each blank (Suggest taking the blank to the Rod Rack in Hayward and getting the material you will need.)

Hook keeper - This is optional, some do not like to include this on their rod.

Winding Check - This is a small component that fits against the end of the cork handle

Winding Thread - The colors for this are very individualistic - It is important that you understand that **sewing thread is not a good choice here.**

******* YOU MUST HAVE ALL OF THE MATERIAL LISTED ABOVE BY THE FEBRUARY MEETING *******

1st time Rod Builders:

Suggest you look at this web site before the class. There are several variations in the some of the techniques, those will be handled by whomever you work with as an instructor. But click on this site and/or search on **Building a Fly Rod** using your search engine.

www.flyanglersonline.com/begin/graphite/

The club and/or instructors will provide the following materials: (You can bring your own if desired.)

Masking tape, Elastic Thread, Rubber Bands

Tapered Reamers for resizing the Cork Handles

Single edge Razor Blades

Denatured Alcohol, Acetone, Lacquer Thinner

Epoxies & Wrapping epoxy

Burnishing tool

The instructors will arrange to have enough wrapping stations, or you can buy one or build your own ahead of time by copying those found in various catalogs or even use a cardboard box.

Potential Rod Builders are: (Please advise Ken Brunskill by the Meeting if you plan to be part of the class.)

Suggest you plan to attend the 1st morning at least as there will be various options presented.

(Nomenclature = Wt - Sections - Length)

Name	Rod to be built
Wayne Culp	3 - 3 - 84
Malcolm Dunn	10/12 - 4 - 108
Doug Fear	9 - 3 - 168
Ray Gauthier	3 - 3 - 90
Terry Henry	9/10 - 3 - 108
Steve Jordan	14 - 3 - 102
Dean Lewis	8/9 - 2 - 108
Rich Lobrovich	10 - 3 - 108
Jeff Lorelli	10/12 - 4 - 108
Mitch Matsumoto	8/9 - 2 - 108
Caroline Whitmore	4 - 3 - 102
Harold Whitmore	5 - 3 - 108

INSTRUCTOR ARE:

**Craig Gittings
Bill Peaks
Larry Dennis
Ken Brunskill
Ed Huff**

Rod Rack Hours are : Tuesday through Thursday 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM & Saturday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
510-881-1775 or look them up on the web at www.rod rack.net
They are located at 1025 B st, Hayward. (Between Foothill & Main St)

Trout in the Classroom

This note is to the generous donors to Mission Peak Fly Anglers 'TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM' program.

On behalf of the teachers & students who benefit from the generosity of the Northern California Federation of Fly Fishers, the Federation of Fly Fishers, the Fremont Elks Lodge #2121 and a few members of the Mission Peak Fly Angle, I personally want to thank you!

We are just now in the process of completing the set up of aquariums for the 2008 season\

Ken Brunskill, Youth Chairman



Fly Tying Night Feb. 13th

August, you did it again! We had a ty along with Mitch Matsumoto, with beginners & pros with some pros helping the beginners and everyone had lots of fun.



Conservation News

By

Larry Dennis, February 2008

"There must be some force behind conservation more universal than profit, less awkward than government; something that reaches into all time and place where men live on the lands... A voluntary decency in land use exercised by every citizen and landowner out of a sense of love and obligation to that great biota we call America. This is the meaning of conservation."

-Aldo Leopold

All, with this much clout we, as anglers, should have more of a say about how things are done in the state and the West. Unless we get off our duffs, jump up and down, holler, scream and make our voices heard, we will continue to be nothing more than a feeble whimper in the wind. It is our right to have a Department of Fish and Game responsive to anglers and hunters needs and be our watchdogs for quality fish and wildlife habitat and environments rather than just another pencil-necked bureaucracy. It won't happen until we demand it and force it! Larry Dennis, Conservation Chairman

RECREATION REPORT:

Casting for dollars; State reels in big bucks from anglers

Woodland Daily Democrat – 1/15/08

By Robin Hindrey, staff writer

Recreational fishing boosts California's economy by more than \$2 billion each year, netting nearly \$400 million in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta alone, according to a new report.

The report, released Thursday by the San Francisco-based conservation group California Trout, provides a detailed analysis of the fishing activities in each of three regions: Northern, Central and Southern. The report was written by Carolyn Alkire of Environmental Economics and Policy Consulting.

The take-away message was clear: Healthy aquatic ecosystems are important to the state's overall economy and particularly to communities that rely on recreational activities and tourism.

"The findings of this report make it abundantly clear that people all over the state depend on the financial infusion caused by recreational fishing," said California Trout CEO Brian Stranko. "This beneficial effect could be increased even further by better protecting and maintaining the streams and surrounding habitats that make fishing possible."

California has long been one of the top destinations in the country for recreational freshwater fishing, and the state drew in more than 1.7 million anglers in 2006, according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Anglers' expenses include not only bait and tackle, but also fishing-related items and services such as boats, license fees, food and lodging. In 2006, the average angler's fishing expenditure was \$1,365, the report calculated.

In order to highlight the importance of maintaining aquatic habitats, the report estimated the value of various fish populations - and, in some instances, individual fish - in certain popular recreational fishing areas.

In the Central Valley, for example, chinook and coho salmon and steelhead could generate \$140 each if fish populations were increased, the report said.

Salmon from Clear Creek caught recreationally along the Sacramento River and in the ocean bring in \$17.3 million in direct spending per year, the report said.

In addition, the report said, at the 35,000-acre Sacramento River National Wildlife Refuge, located about 90 miles north of Sacramento, recreational expenditures bring in over \$2 million per year, which translates into more than \$350,000 in local tax revenues.

The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta is one of the state's most popular - and therefore profitable - destinations for anglers, bringing in nearly 170,000 fishing groups each year for an average stay of 24 days, the report said. That translates into about \$186 million in direct fishing expenses, and another \$206 million in outside expenses such as accommodations - for a grand total of \$392 million per year.

"The economic power of fishing and related recreational activity in California is significant and growing," Alkire wrote in the report's conclusion.

In order to harness that power, she said, the state must commit to "the long-term and systematic protection of aquatic habitat, which forms the basis of the economic benefits." #

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