



Main Stream

Mission Peak Fly Anglers

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January 2007

Club Meeting

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

DATE: Wednesday, Jan 24th , 2007

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



COMING EVENTS

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| Tues. Jan 9th | FLY TYING - 7:30 PM Loc same as Club Meeting |
| Sat. Jan 13th | CLUB BREAKFAST : At the Denny's in Hayward on Whipple – 9:00 AM |
| Sat. Jan 13th | CLUB DINNER : At the Cattlemans Restaurant in Newark – 5:30 PM |
| Wed. Jan. 24th | CLUB MEETING 7:00 PM
Silliman Community Activity Center, 6800 Mowry Avenue, Newark CA 94560 |
| Wed, Feb. 7th | BOARD MEETING 7:30 PM – |
| Sat. Feb. 10th | CLUB BREAKFAST : At the Denny's in Hayward on Whipple – 9:00 AM |
| Tues. Feb. 13th | FLY TYING - 7:30 PM Loc same as Club Meeting |



January 24th , 2007 - Club Meeting Program

Pelagic Decline of Delta Species presented by Charles Armor, DFG Biologist

The title alone is somewhat baffling. Based on compiled data, some is as far back as the 60's; one can see the fish populations ebb and flow. One startling observation has been a recent complete collapse of the delta ecosystem. Some species populations are at .5 (yes, that is point five) percent of historical populations. What caused this? January's guest speaker will be Charles Armor, a fish biologist for the Department of Fish and Game will attempt to point out variables that might have caused such a collapse. Over the years collaboration among the various state and federal agencies studying the delta has been a little weak. Now all agencies are pooling and accessing data freely so that we can get an overall picture of the health of the delta system. Charles was available to the Tracy club back in August 2006 when part of 2005 and all of 2006 compiled data was not available. Charles will cover the collapse as a scientist would suggest or rather seek out identifying all the possible variables involved. Introduction of various exotic invasive species, both plant and animal, through ballast discharge from visiting cargo ships as California engages as part of the world economy or efforts to move water south via pumps at the south and west end of the delta will be covered. The vastness of the delta and outside influences that are possible suspects will be discussed. Also, data gathering techniques for the delta will be covered.

This will be an interesting if not startling program for even those remotely curious about such a large ecosystem right in our backyard. I hope that all can make it to this meeting.

December 2006 - Club Meeting Summary

NO Club Meeting in December

January 3rd , 2007 - Board Meeting Summary

Malcolm Dunn's "last meeting officiating" was brought to order.

Treasurer report from Bill Peakes appeared in good order. Bill reported that 57 paid dinners, just 10 short of last year, but we still had 2 weeks until the installation dinner.

Steve Culp went over raffle items. From Cabela's generous donation it was thought prudent to include them as a recognized sponsor. San Jose fly Shop was slow this year in returning information regarding sponsoring gift certificate for the President's pin, so the club board elected to purchase a gift certificate from Leland Outfitters so as to stay uniform in the presentation.

Under programs, Charles Armor was on tap from Fish and Game with his Pelagic Decline Study of the Delta for January followed by the almost forgotten trip by Dave and August to the Amazon in February. That is if Craig finds a projector compatible with his laptop.

Kistler Ranch, **Not** on the opening day weekend of trout season was reserved. A possible fish out to Saw Mill Lake was mentioned. More information will be gathered and presented to the club members.

Ken Brunskill's report on Fish in The Classroom appears to be in good order and moving right along. Donations by the Elk's Club and Lion's Club were mentioned.

February Board meeting will be hosted by Ken Brunskill.

Reservations for the annual club picnic was established for August 11th at the Quarry Lakes Osprey reserved area. Be advised to bring your own shade and/or sunscreen.

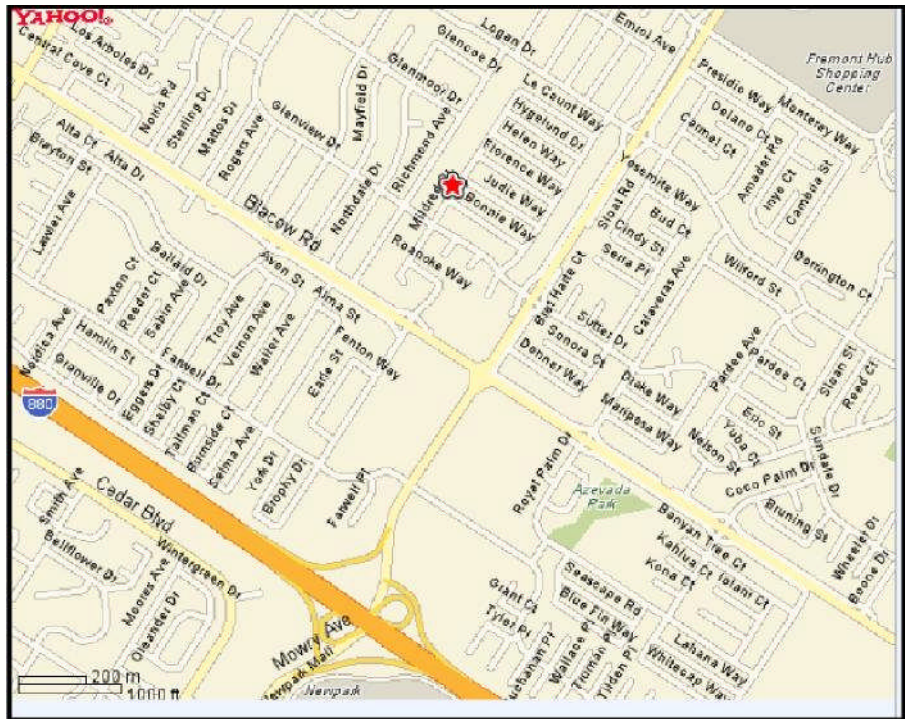
A possible date for next year's installation dinner was suggested as January 26, 2008- mark your calendars now. Some comments filtered back to the board that some members observed that the dinner kept moving earlier into January than past dinners along with the dinner over a three day holiday weekend.

Meeting was adjourned and all present perused the raffle items for the club dinner.

Craig Gittings

February 7th Board Meeting

Host: Ken Brunskill
Date: Feb 7th @ 7:30 pm
Place: Kens Place



New Annual Award

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

2007 EVENTS

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE OF EVENT	CONTACT	COMMENTS
Jan 9 th , 2007	Silliman Community Activity Center	Fly Tying	August Abellar	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	Craug Gittings	7:00 pm (New Hours)
Feb 7 th , 2007	Ken Brunskill Place	Board Meeting	Ken Brunskill	7:30 pm
Feb 10 th , 2007	Denny's in Hayward	Club Breakfast	Bill Peakes	9:00 am
Feb 13 th , 2007	Silliman Community Activity Center	Fly Tying	August Abellar	7:30 pm
Feb 28 th , 2007	Silliman Community Activity Center	Monthly Club Meeting	Craug Gittings	7:00 pm (New Hours)
Mar 7 th , 2007	Dean Lewis Place	Board Meeting	Dean Lewis	7:30 pm
Mar 10 th , 2007	Denny's in Hayward	Club Breakfast	Bill Peakes	9:00 am
Mar 13 th , 2007	Silliman Community Activity Center	Fly Tying	August Abellar	7:30 pm
Mar 28 th , 2007	Silliman Community Activity Center	Monthly Club Meeting	Craug Gittings	7:00 pm (New Hours)
April 4 th , 2007	Bill Peakes Place	Board Meeting	Bill Peakes	7:30 pm
April 10 th , 2007	Silliman Community Activity Center	Fly Tying	August Abellar	7:30 pm
April 14 th , 2007	Denny's in Hayward	Club Breakfast	Bill Peakes	9:00 am
April 25 th , 2007	Silliman Community Activity Center	Monthly Club Meeting	Craug Gittings	7:00 pm (New Hours)

MISSION PEAK FLY ANGLERS –2007 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

MISSION PEAK FLY ANGLERS
2007 FISHOUT LIST

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE OF FISH	FISHMASTER	COMMENTS
Jan - Feb		Steelhead		
Feb				
Mar.				
April - May	Kelsey Ranch			
May 19th	Kistler Ranch	Bass & Pan Fish	Craig Gittings	\$25 gets you a great day of fishing, camaraderie, and an Italian sausage BBQ – Muy Bueno!
June 2	American River	Shad	Ken Brunskill	Depending on River flows
June 14 or 15	Santa Cruz	Surf Perch	Craig Gittings	Leave Fremont at O'Dark 30
June 30	Santa Cruz	Surf Perch	Craig Gittings	Leave Fremont at O'Dark 30
July 14	Santa Cruz	Surf Perch	Craig Gittings	Leave Fremont at O'Dark 30
June	Yuba River	Shad		
June 16 th	Manzanita Lake	Trout	Mark Kaharick	Potluck BBQ
June - July	TBD	Shad		
Aug - Mid	Clark's Fork	Trout	Bill Peaks	Potluck BBQ
Sept 14 or 21	Toulumne Meadows	Trout	Wayne Culp	Camp Out
Sept 28-30	McCloud River and Reservoir	Trout	Craig Gittings	Camp at Ash Camp or B&B in town of McCloud.
Oct 5-7	Eastern Sierra – Bridgeport Area	Trout	Jeff ^{LORELLI}	
Oct 12-14	Alpine Lake	Trout	August Abellar	
Nov	Trinity Rive	Steelhead		
Nov	American 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 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!

Annual MPFA Club Awards & Officers Installtion Dinner



**Cattlemens Restaurant
35000 Newark Blvd,
Newark, CA 94560
(510) 796-4243**

Sat. Jan 13th, 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, All-You-Can-Eat-Salad,
Sourdough Bread, Ranch Style Beans, Coffee or Tea.
Sodas \$1.99 with complimentary refills*

Lemon Herb Chicken

A FULL CHICKEN BREAST IN CATTLEMENS OWN LEMON & HERB SAUCE

Grilled Ribeye Steak

A 14 OZ PORTION OF TENDER, JUICY AND FLAVORFUL RIBEYE

Grilled Pacific Salmon

8 OZ. OF SALMON GRILLED TO PERFECTION SERVED WITH CREAMY DILL SAUCE

Cilantro Pesto Ravioli CHEESERAVIOLISTOSSEDWITHAFRESHCILANIROPESTOSAUCE

\$28.00

Annual MPFA Club Officers Installtion 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.

_____ Lemon Herb Chicken _____ Grilled Ribeye Steak
_____ Grilled Pacific Salmon _____ Cilantro Pesto Ravioli

Return to: Bill Peakes

Conservation News

By

Larry Dennis, January 2007

My biggest worry is that when I'm dead and gone, my wife will sell my fishing gear for what I told her I paid for it. . . . Koos Brandt

OWENS RIVER VALLEY:

A Century Later, Los Angeles Atones for Water Sins

New York Times – 1/1/07

By Randal Archibold, staff writer

INDEPENDENCE, Calif. — It may fall short of a feel-good sequel to “Chinatown,” the movie based on the notorious, somewhat shady water grab by Los Angeles that allowed the city to bloom from a semi-arid desert.

But in one of the largest river restoration efforts in the West, water is again flowing along a 62-mile stretch of the Owens River after a dry spell of nearly a century.

That part of the river had been left mostly drained when upstream water, fed by snowmelt from the towering Sierra Nevada, was channeled 233 miles south to fill swimming pools and bathtubs throughout Los Angeles.

The restored flow is among several long-awaited steps the city is taking to help make amends for the environmental consequences of its water maneuvering, most notably the drying up of Owens Lake, an area more than three times the size of Manhattan, here in the Owens Valley.

Los Angeles agreed in December to expand efforts to control toxic dust storms that erupt from what is left of the lake, a 110-square-mile body that emptied when the river was diverted to Los Angeles through an aqueduct opened in 1913.

The lake's salty, mineral-laced basin has been the largest single source of particulate pollution in the country. It looks so otherworldly that it doubled as a desolate planet in the movie “Star Trek V: The Final Frontier.”

To restore the river, Los Angeles built automated gates at the point where the river veers into the aqueduct. The gates steer some water into the original riverbed, setting the stage for the growth of cottonwood trees and other plants and the return of waterfowl and other animals.

Much of the water eventually returns to the aqueduct, though some of it is being used for lake irrigation and other projects.

Environmentalists here say they are keeping an eye on Los Angeles for backsliding, but they acknowledge that the new efforts will make a significant difference.

As winds whipped across Owens Lake on a recent afternoon, Mike Prather of the Owens Valley Committee, which along with the [Sierra Club](#) took Los Angeles to court over the

environmental fallout of its water policies, marveled at sandpipers, American avocets and other birds frolicking in the shallow pools created by the irrigation.

“This work will bring back more and more of them,” Mr. Prather said, savoring the twist in the battle that means water once intended for Los Angeles will feed the lake.

“It’s Owens Valley’s turn to stick its straw in L.A.’s water,” he said.

Court rulings and the threat of legal action have largely forced Los Angeles’s hand in dealing with its past water moves, but city leaders say they are also intent on doing the right thing in keeping up a vital source of water while avoiding further damage to the Owens Valley.

H. David Nahai, president of the board that oversees the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, said Los Angeles was looking for less adversarial ways to resolve differences over the valley, which provides 40 percent to 60 percent of the city’s water supply, depending on the snowfall in the mountains.

“We can’t change the past, but we can shape the future,” said Mr. Nahai, one of five board members appointed by Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa, who promised a friendlier approach to the valley when he took office in July 2005.

Susan Cash, the chairwoman of the Board of Supervisors of Inyo County, where the Owens Valley is located, said animosity toward Los Angeles had lessened since the early 20th century, when the water diversion was made possible by the purchase of much of the valley by less-than-forthcoming city operatives.

The underhanded moves, as chronicled by historians, included city representatives posing as ranchers as they bought up property. The questionable land dealing provided the inspiration for “Chinatown,” the 1974 movie starring Jack Nicholson as a private detective who stumbles across corruption on a Los Angeles water project.

Water from the valley made possible the growth of what became the nation’s second-largest city. But people in the valley have long regarded the water dealings as a double-edged sword.

Officials here have argued that the water diversion undercut the potential for growth. But others say that such prospects were dim anyway in such a dry and remote valley, and that Los Angeles’s keeping the water clean and the land relatively untouched has been a boon.

Los Angeles’s policy of allowing public access to much of its land and the fact that many people here have worked for the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, one of the valley’s largest employers, or have friends or relatives there, have contributed to improved relations. The godfathers of Ms. Cash’s children worked for the department.

“The fact is,” she said, “we are in a marriage with no annulment in the near future, so we have to find a way to work together.”

Inyo officials said the city’s projects could inspire more tourism, the only real economic activity in this dry, high-desert valley.

“We have recreational users now but not to the extent it can be once the river is flowing and there is sufficient water for fish and wildlife,” said Arlene Grider, president of the chamber of commerce here.

The long-promised river restoration is a \$24 million project, compensation won from a lawsuit by environmental groups over excessive groundwater pumping. It came after delays that prompted a county judge in September 2005 to impose daily fines of \$5,000 on Los Angeles. The penalty has so far cost the city \$2.3 million and will continue until a large volume of water flows through the river in the coming months.

The work on the lake, scheduled to be completed by 2010, will irrigate or otherwise control dust over 43 square miles.

The improvements result from an agreement the city signed with the local air pollution control regulator in 1998 that sets a timetable to comply with federal requirements to control dust on the lake. The city has spent \$400 million on dust control for just under 30 square miles of the worst pockets, and in December, through a mediator, it agreed to do 12.7 more square miles by 2010 at a cost of \$105 million.

A water department spokeswoman in Los Angeles, Carol Tucker, said ratepayers would see relatively modest increases in their monthly bills; the river restoration, for example, would amount to an increase of about 26 cents. Los Angeles has one of the country’s more intensive conservation programs, allowing it to use roughly the same amount of water even as it has grown by 750,000 residents in the past two decades.

But environmentalists say they doubt the city can grow much more without finding more water.

Mr. Nahai said the Department of Water and Power was already studying other possibilities, like using groundwater from within Los Angeles, buying water from other places and desalinating ocean water.

But one thing is certain, he said: “Are we going to get to a place where we are going to pump all the water out? No.”

Still, most everyone suggests there could be rough going ahead. Ms. Cash, the Inyo County supervisor, said officials were only “cautiously optimistic” about a changed relationship with Los Angeles because they had heard nice words from the city before, only to end up in court.

Mr. Nahai acknowledged that the litigious nature of the relationship would be difficult to break.

“Nobody can guarantee there won’t be litigation in the future, and litigation has its uses,” he said. “There is no denying what the City of Los Angeles has done far too often has been because of court order.”

He added, “It’s like what [Mark Twain](#) said: ‘Whiskey is for drinking, and water is for fighting over.’ ”



NORTHWEST FLY TYERS AND FLY FISHING EXPO
MARCH 9TH AND 10TH, 2007
LINN COUNTY EXPO CENTER, ALBANY, OREGON

The Oregon Council Federation of Fly Fishers 19th Fly Tyer's Expo is the largest fly tying exhibit in the west and will be expanded to include a fly fishing educational extravaganza which will include indoor and outdoor casting ponds, educational seminars and classes, exhibits by guides, manufacturers, fly shops and distributors. The Tying and Exhibit hall will be open Friday, March 9th at 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, and March 10th 8:00 am to 5:30pm. Raffles and silent auctions each day and a banquet and live auction will be held Saturday night starting at 6:00pm. Admission is \$5.00 for general public, youth and FFF member free. Visit the website www.nwflytyerexpo.com for more information.



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