



Sat. February 14

December 2008

Club Meeting

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

DATE: Wednesday, No Meeting, Merry Christmas

TIME:

COMING EVENTS

CLUB BREAKFAST: At the Denny's in Hayward on Whipple – 9:00 AM

Wed. January 7	BOARD MEETING 7:00 PM – Fremont Adult School Room N-9
Thur. January (TBA) F	LY TYING 7:00 PM - Fremont Adult School Room N-9
Thur. January 8-11 IN	ΓERNATIONAL SPORTSMAN EXPOSITION, SAN MATEO
Sat. January 10	CLUB BREAKFAST: At the Denny's in Hayward on Whipple – 9:00 AM
Wed. January 28	CLUB MEETING 7:00 PM Silliman Community Activity Center, 6800 Mowry Avenue, Newark CA 94560
Sat. January 31	MPFA ANNUAL AWARDS AND INSTALLATION DINNER Open to all fisher persons and friends. See flyer in this newsletter.
Wed. February 4	BOARD MEETING 7:00 PM – Fremont Adult School Room N-9
Thur. February 12	FLY TYING 7:00 PM(New Time) Fremont Adult School Room N-9

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Trout in The Classroom, Project Healing Waters				

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Ken Brunskill

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E-mail address list

The club is compiling an e-mail address list for the use of club members. If you want your address included or wish to have a copy of the list, send an e-mail to Craig Gittings.

Notice

Members

The Newsletter will be coming out on the 15th of each month. Send your articles or information to the editor by the 12th of each month.

BUDDING FLY FISHING WRITERS

Here is your chance to gain some experience writing about your fabulous fly fishing trips to places near and far. The club newsletter is seriously lacking in members written and photographic accounts of our fishouts. Of course you may not think a trip to Putah Creek is worthy of such notoriety, but remember, many members have never been there and would welcome a description of how your fishout went And as for a trip to Alaska or Baja, a story of your adventure would be most appreciated. Send articles to the editor

NOTE FROM TREASURER, 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; if not, call Bill Peakes.

Bill Peakes

The President's Message

Outgoing President's Message

I hope that I have lived up to your expectations as the club's president- seeing how no one else wanted to do it. If I made mistakes, it only reminded me that I am human and with error. I realize now that the only real requirement is to have a pulse or the ability to fog a mirror, but not necessarily both. Yet no one seems willing to take on the task of holding the tiller without some serious coaxing- myself included. The old adage, "The more hands, the easier the load" holds true for the club. Amazingly, there are plenty of folks that openly support the club in one form or another and the tasks at hand. These, I feel, are the true heroes that make this club function on autopilot through their commitment. Without their help I don't feel we could or would function as a club. In fact, all I really had to do as president was watch the clock in the back of the room during the meetings in order to stay focused. "Stay focused on what?" one might ask, I am still at a loss for that answer. President elect Wayne Culp did not get much practice in before accepting the nomination of president while vice president. Dean Lewis doesn't hesitate to make changes on his own when it will benefit the club. The nametags are but one fine example. Dean also reminded me on occasion when the board had previously voted and approved an action. Kay Heyes doesn't miss a beat when it comes to bringing refreshments. Her counter part, Dave, is always at the ready to help out with the monthly raffle. Doug Fear is always there as well, not to mention being instrumental in bringing Bill Peakes into the 21st century via computing skills and the internet. Bill even sends out emails now announcing the club breakfast. Bill Peakes tolerated my comments at the monthly meetings concerning his handling of club funds- if only I had him handle my retirement account as well. Bill also is responsible for the annual dinner fly plates, not only for Mission Peak, but the NCCFFF and Blanton BBQ fundraisers. Board member Ray Gautier didn't hesitate to take over video taping the monthly fly tiers. I must say Ray did an incredible job. The remarkable thing is he is also editing the videos before donating them to the club library in a timely manner. Ed Huff and Malcolm, both seasoned club video guys, were always at the ready to step in for Ray as well- even prior to Ray spending his economic stimulus check for the digital video camera. Rich Lobrovich stayed on task as program chair and always had a guest speaker lined up, although he did have difficulty with folks not calling in order to reserve a big enough table for dinners with the guest speaker. Ken Brunskill wears plenty of hats; firstly the club librarian, followed by Trout in the Classroom, the Boy Scout Fly Fishing Merit Badge program. If that isn't enough he has taken on Healing Waters Project for disabled veterans. Malcolm Dunn has always been ready anytime BBQ is mentioned whether it is the annual picnic or Kistler Ranch. He is not bad at sharing his techniques if you stand around the fire long enough. Stephen Culp has always been there when it comes to soliciting and gathering donations for the annual fundraiser and more recently his accounting skills came in handy when he audited the club's books. Ed Huff does his magic with graphic design that lends itself to the club's logo and other things such as the Life Cycle of Trout poster for Trout in the Classroom and recently the California Department of Fish and Game. August Abellar has been instrumental in bringing in top-notch tiers for the club members' benefit at Fly Tying night. Larry Dennis has us all more conscious of water and conservation issues of the day. Interestingly, Gene Kaczmarek and now Doug Fear have me more involved with Federation issues as well. Harold Whitmore has been pretty gracious by having his room at the Fremont Adult Education Center available for fly tying night and board meetings. But the key was to make the whole process fun. I appreciate the friendships developed and support that the mentioned and unmentioned gave me while serving as your president. I will do likewise for any incoming president just as those before me.

Wayne, this will be the easiest thing you have ever done. If you recall, I did check to see if you had a pulse before asking you to take on the task of becoming club president. The fogged mirror test would have been too obvious.

Mission Peak Fly Anglers Board Meeting - December 3, 2008

President Craig Gittings brought the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Present were VP Wayne Culp, Treasurer Bill Peakes, Secretary Dean Lewis, Board Members Harold Whitmore and Ray Gauthier and Committee Chairs Stephen Culp, Ken Brunskill and Larry Dennis and guest Cynthia Culp..

Old Business:

501c(3): MPFA fiscal year ends at the end of March. Stephen will file our 501c(3) application in April.

Letter Writing: Stephen and Craig indicated that the responses were about the same so far as last year. Letters went out in October and Stephen follows up with e-mails in November, December and January.

Items for annual dinner: Discount purchases from Orvis were selected for dinner prizes. Leland Fly Fishing Outfitters is donating a complete rod outfit. Dean moved and Craig seconded that Keith Westra be given two tickets for our dinner. Motion passed. Bill and Doug will run the raffle, Dean, Stephen, etc will help with setup. We will have a Joe Kemsy plate, and a Mike Lawson/Jack Dennis plate and a TFO rod in the auction. Hook and Hackle will donate something yet to be determined.

NCCFFF Donation: Will be ready in January for donation for the Hall of Fame Dinner.

New Business:

Treasurer's Report: Bill reported that we are healthy.

Programs: Craig Gittings is taking over program chairmanship. Rich Lobrovich is stepping down. Nice job these past many months Rich. Way to go. In January Craig will present a program on Alaska, February will be Frank Pisciotta and Joe Cerniglia on Fly Fishing Opportunities in the Truckee area and March will be Jerry Nueberger on Bass fishing the southern delta.

Fly Tying: December is the swap and sale meet. August will tie in January – his "White Phantom" pattern..

Fishouts: Calvin Chin is going to Sacramento (American) on December 15. We are working on two dates for Sawmill Lake in June. We already have June 13th and will try to add another mid week. Kistler Ranch is set again for May 16th.

Trout in the Classroom: Ken has a fair amount of donated funds and is looking to purchase some laptop computers and digital projectors. He would like to get 5 sets and spend less than \$1,000 per set.

Tie Along: Ken Hanley will be tying his furled flies at a tie along on March 21. \$15 per person limited to 8 persons. Harold is getting the room.

Tee Shirts: Larry turned back the last 6 club tee shirts he had. They will be used for raffle prizes.

Advertisers and Businesses: The Board discussed how we should deal with advertisers in the newsletter when the advertiser happens to be a club member or is associated with the advertiser. After some discussion, it was felt that this club member should have access to the club roster and should be able send business related e-mail or use other methods to correspond with club members. Individual club members will have to decide on a case by case basis if they want to receive these business mailings and in the case of e-mail, block them from being delivered.

Dean moved and Ray seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 7:55 – passed.

Respectively submitted, Dean Lewis, Secretary.

Conservation News

By Larry Dennis, December 2008

"I look into... my fly box, and think about all the elements I should consider in choosing the perfect fly: water temperature, what stage of development the bugs are in, what the fish are eating right now. Then I remember what a guide told me: 'Ninety percent of what a trout eats is brown and fuzzy and about five-eighths of an inch long." ~ Allison Moir

Major changes to Endangered Species Act San Francisco Chronicle 12/12/08 Jane Kay, Chronicle Environment Writer

(12-11) 20:28 PST -- Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne announced major changes Thursday to the Endangered Species Act, causing environmental groups to charge that the "midnight rules" set to go into effect before President-elect Barack Obama takes office are intended to eviscerate the nation's premier wildlife-protection law.

The regulations eliminate a requirement that federal agencies seek review by government scientists before approving logging, mining and construction projects to make sure the activities don't endanger rare animals and plants. In addition, the regulations say the law could not be used to protect polar bears, walrus, mountain frogs and other species vulnerable to the effects of global warming.

"The Bush administration is using this to go after our most imperiled wildlife and kick them when they are down," said Janette Brimmer, an attorney with Earthjustice, an environmental group. "The act is our nation's most important law for protecting wildlife like wolves, grizzlies, salmon and lynx."

Reid Cherlin, a spokesman for the Obama-Biden transition team, said, "President-elect Obama will review all 11th-hour regulations and will address them once he takes office." Obama has said he does not favor changing the Endangered Species Act.

Kempthorne, at a news conference in Washington, said that he knew changes to the act would evoke controversy but that he is certain the new rules would clear up confusion over the law that had existed for years.

"Nothing in the regulation relieves a federal agency of its responsibilities to ensure that species are not harmed," he said. Law covers 1,400 species

The law protects 1,400 species. In the last eight years, there has been a slowdown in adding new plants and animals, building a backlog of hundreds of species waiting for scientific review and approval, including California's furry Pacific fisher and Sierra Nevada yellow-legged frog.

The Interior Department proposed the new regulations in May and since has received nearly 300,000 comments, the vast majority opposing the changes.

Hours after Thursday's announcement, three environmental groups, Greenpeace, Defenders of Wildlife and Center for Biological Diversity, filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court in San Francisco seeking to halt regulations that they say are inconsistent with the act.

The regulations don't require federal agencies to seek consultation with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service before approving projects, the lawsuit said.

In Congress, Rep. Edward Markey, D-Mass., called a hearing to review the regulations and said members would work to restore the act. Rep. Nick Rahall, D-W.Va., said members may try to eliminate the regulations by using a special congressional act that allows the review of newly adopted administrative rules.

Part of the new regulations prohibit regulators from taking into account the effects of greenhouse gases on habitats and on species. Kempthorne said his legal advisers concluded that considering global warming a threat to the survival of the polar bear would require tracking emissions to a particular factory and determining how that would melt Arctic ice and harm the bear.

"That's completely wrong, and they're just making that up," said attorney Kassie Siegel of the Center for Biological Diversity, which is suing the federal government in an attempt to protect polar bears.

Federal agencies are supposed to look at sources of greenhouse gases from projects they approve, then analyze ways to reduce those emissions, Siegel said.

"There's no requirement to trace any molecule of DDT to the thinning of bald eagle eggs just as there's no requirement to trace any molecule of carbon dioxide to the death of any particular polar bear," she said.

In California, the requirement to consult with government biologists before construction projects is particularly crucial, said Mark Rockwell, California state representative of the Endangered Species Coalition, an alliance of 50 environmental, business, hunting and fish and religious groups in the state.

Monthly Programs

DATE	SPEAKER	PROGRAM TITLE
Jan 28, 2009	Craig Gittings	Alaska
Feb 25	Frank Pisciotta, Joe Cerniglia	Fly Fishing Opportunities in the Truckee area
March 25	Jerry Nueberger	Bass Fishing the Southern Delta

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The U.S. Forest Service approves logging plans that might affect coastal coho salmon and steelhead, marbled murrelets and Pacific fishers on national forests. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers give permits for filling wetlands.

Without the requirement, there's no incentive for the agencies to seek consultation and a biological opinion, Rockwell said.

For example, the Bureau of Reclamation was forced by the current requirement to seek biological opinions on whether the amount of water being diverted from the southern part of the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta would hurt the delta smelt or harm chinook salmon.

Protections found lacking

Environmental groups challenged opinions that water flows for the fish were adequate, and won decisions agreeing that the protections were indeed lacking in the plans.

"It was the biological opinions that led to the challenges," Rockwell said. "If you don't have an opinion, you have nothing to challenge."

Under the new regulations, the federal agencies would have the discretion of deciding whether or not to ask for a consultation and opinion, Rockwell said.#

http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2008/12/12/MN6A14MK48.DTL

2009 Events

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE OF EVENT	CONTACT	COMMENTS
Dec 25, 2008	Everywhere	Christmas	Everyone	Merry Christmas
Jan 7, 2009	Fremont Adult School Rm N-9	Board Meeting	Craig Gittings	7:00pm
Jan 8-11	San Mateo Fairgrounds	ISE Show		
Jan 10	Denny's in Hayward	Club Breakfast	Bill Peakes	9:00am
Jan 8	Fremont Adult School Rm N-9	Fly Tying	August Abellar	7:00pm
Jan 28	Silliman Community Center	Club Meeting	Wayne Culp	7:00pm
Jan 31	Spin A Yarn Restaurant	Annual Dinner	Bill Peakes	5:00pm

Annual Trout Bum Award

Starts Jan 1, 2008

Awarded by MPFA Board of Directors at December board meeting

Requirements: AMPLIFICATION

Candidates must:

Have fished 10 or more waters during the calendar year (no private pay to play waters) This means that the general public have unrestricted access at all times, without any special fees to the waters fished

Waters may be tributaries of any river or lakes domestic or international

Meaning any named stream, river, or section of river (As in Upper Sacramento R. or Lower Sacramento R. - would be two waters) in any country.

Used fly fishing tackle only Simply that!

Have fished for trout (This is a Trout Bum Award) Simply that!

The award generally will go to the person who fly fished for trout in the most public waters

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

Reporting means informing the membership-simple as that - Does not mean that the person must give a slide show presentation, just tell the club where you fished, how you did, what you used - show some pictures.

The purpose of the award is to encourage members to explore, fish as many new waters as they can, tell the membership about the experience there-fore encouraging others to do likewise.

Chairperson: Ken Brunskill

PROJECT HEALING WATERS.......Attention Mission Peak Members......PROJECT HEALING WATERS

Who among you would like to join me and be part of helping our veterans through this worthwhile program?

What you might ask is involved? It can be as little as a group of us going out to Livermore and and/or Palo Alto once a month to teach fly casting and fly tying to our wounded veterans. It could go as far as accompanying a group of veterans on a fishing trip to be their 'gillie' and personal assistant on that trip. I have made the initial contact at Livermore VA Nursing unit and their seems to be an interest, but I cannot do it alone.

I'd bet we can get funding help from the FFF, NCCFFF, the Elks Lodge, Kiwanis, VFW, and other service organizations, all we need to do is give a little of our own time to those who have given so much for us. If interested please contact me, Thanks.

Editorial

I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Next month "The Fly of the Month", "Tips and Ideas", and "Recipes" columns will return. All members are encouraged to contribute to these columns to share their knowledge with other members.

This year I have volunteered to take charge of the fly casting game at the ISE Show for the Western Outdoor News Youth Fair. I will need volunteers to help show the children between the ages of 3 to 12 how to cast a fly to plastic fish. You will get a free pass for the day to the show for a two hour shift at the Youth Fair fly casting game. Please contact me if you are interested.

Until next month, keep those lines tight and the rods bent. Malcolm Dunn, Editor

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More conservation news submitted by Craig Gittings

Larry Dennis' Conservation and Action Alerts sometimes provide a link for further reading. While perusing CSPA's website, my peripheral vision noticed something about the Little Truckee River so I continued reading. Being a little curious why nothing had been reported so far, I sent off an enquiry to Frank Pisciotta yesterday about the OHV issue the Little Truckee and Prosser Creek. Frank has guided in the Truckee area exclusively since 1984. What better way to get a handle on the situation? Here is the corrected history:

Frank was, in part, responsible for posting the barbless and zero limit (winter only) sign-age along the Little Truckee River within the special reg water below Stampede dam. Both Frank and Joe Cerniglia got the project/lobbying started and did a "hand-off" to Trent Pridemore who completed the project. Most of the hanging of signs was actually done by Paul Dillon (co-conservation chair of the Tahoe Truckee Fly Fishers) and Trout Unlimited's David Lass. Funding for this endeavor ran approximately \$1000+- from Tahoe-Truckee Fly Fishers' coffers and \$400+- from Trout Unlimited in order to get the sign-age up.

A lot off of us have fished the Little Truckee River Meadow area and perhaps even Prosser Creek. I was amazed by the dirt bike activity last time I fished the meadow area of the LT and this was on a weekday. I didn't give it too much thought to the annoyance until I read up on the situation provided by Larry Dennis. If they have their way with an established OHV trail on the west side of the Little Truckee, it will only get worse. Legalizing the access? Give me a break.

Here is the direct link to the page Larry mentioned for letter writing purposes so that you won't have to search the CSPA site. http://www.calsport.org/11-26-08a.htm Please send those letters off to Tom Quinn as soon as possible.

Below are the emails that started it all

Hi Frank,

http://www.calsport.org/11-26-08a.htm

How detrimental to the area will the OHV be for this drainage

And Frank's response:

Craig----Thanks for your interest in this important matter.

OHV is in fact detrimental to both the LT Meadow area and Prosser Creek below their respective dams. Renegade dirt-bikers and ATV's have progressively made in-roads in these areas and they are impacting both areas. Three (3) single-track "hill-climbs" have appeared in the LT meadow area during the last two years...and it is getting worse! I was (am) involved with this process of de-commissioning the LT trail; attending meetings and making a presentation with five (5) others before the USFS Tahoe National Forest's Supervisor Tom Quinn.

The more letters sent, the better

Ill follow-up this e-note with a letter I wrote about 6 weeks ago. I've "hung-fire" with it but will send it soon.

Frank R. Pisciotta

530-587-7333

www.cyberfly.con

Now you know. What can you do about it? It is grass roots oriented- send a letter

MISSION PEAK FLY ANGLERS Preliminary 2009 FISHOUT LIST

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE OF FISH	FISHMASTER	COMMENTS
Jan - Feb	Santa Cruz	Surf Perch	Craig Gittings	Leave Fremont at O'Dark 30
Feb		Steelhead		
Mar		Steelhead		
April	Clear Lake	Bass, Crappie, Panfish	Calvin Chin	
May	Burney Area	Trout	Wayne Culp	
May 16	Kistler Ranch	Bass and Panfish	Craig Gittings	\$25 gets you a great day of fishing, camarade- rie,and an Italian sau- sage BBQ – Muy Bueno!
May 27-29	Rock Creek Lake	Trophy Trout	Tom Knoth	Chance of a trout of a lifetime! \$325 for 3 days fishing and lodging. Maximum 4 anglers.
June	TBD	Shad	Craig Gittings Jeff Lorelli	Float Trip with Al Smat- sky Excellent Adventures 209-368-9261
June	American River	Shad	Ken Brunskill	Depending on River flows
June 13	Sawmill Lake	Trophy Trout	Craig Gittings	8 angler maximum; if more interest we can add a weekday fishout
June - July	Santa Cruz	Surf Perch	Craig Gittings	Leave Fremont at O'Dark
June 20-21	Manzanita Lake	Trout	Mark Kaharick	Potluck BBQ
Aug 29-Sept	Alaska Kenai Peninsula	Trout, Salmon, Grayling	Craig Gittings	
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Sept	Toulumne Meadows	Trout	Wayne Culp	Camp Out
Sept	Clark's Fork	Trout	Bill Peaks	Potluck BBQ
Oct 2-4	McCloud River and Reservoir	Trout	Craig Gittings	Camp at Ash Camp or B&B in town of McCloud.
Oct - Mid	Eagle Lake	Trout	Mitch Matsumoto	
Oct - Late	Eastern Sierra	Trout	Jeff Lorelli	
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 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!

Fly of the Month

Tips and Ideas

Recipes

Annual MPFA Club Awards & Officers Installation Dinner

Held at Spin A Yarn Restaurant

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