



Main Stream

Mission Peak Fly Anglers

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January 2011 Club Meeting

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

DATE: **Thursday, January 27** (Note day and date)

TIME: **6:30pm** (Note new time)

COMING EVENTS

Wed. Jan 5 BOARD MEETING 7:00 PM Fremont Adult School, Room N-9

Wed. Jan 5 Fly Fishing Volunteers– VA Hospital, Livermore, 10am to 11:30am

Sat. Jan 8 CLUB BREAKFAST: At the Denny's in Hayward on Whipple – 9:00 AM

Wed. Jan 12 FLY TYING 7:00 PM Fremont Adult School, Room N-9

Wed. Jan 19 Fly Fishing Volunteers – VA Hospital, Livermore, 10am to 11:30am

Thurs. Jan 27 CLUB MEETING - Silliman Community Activity Center, 6:30pm

Sat. Jan 29 ANNUAL INSTALLATION AND AWARDS DINNER-Spin A Yarn restaurant
See flyer for details

Wed. Feb. 2 BOARD MEETING 7:00 PM Fremont Adult School, Room N-9

Wed. Feb. 2 Fly Fishing Volunteers– VA Hospital, Livermore, 10am to 11:30am

Fri. Feb. 4 Fly Fishing Volunteers – VA Hospital, Menlo Park, 10am to 11:30a

Wed. Feb. 9 FLY TYING 7:00 PM Fremont Adult School, Room N-9

Sat. Feb. 12 CLUB BREAKFAST: At the Denny's in Hayward on Whipple – 9:00 AM

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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

This will be my final "Wayne's Wanderings". Aren't you lucky? Anyhoo and yes that is hoo, I have had a great time being President of Mission Peak Fly Anglers. As I look back at the last two years, I wonder if there is anything that I would like to have changed. I can't think of one. Some of the local fly clubs try very hard at getting large numbers of members. I, on the other hand, think quality of people is way better than quantity. I enjoy the company of all the members of M.P.F.A.

After 34 years M.P.F.A has had many changes, all for the better. This fly fishing club is engaged with several outside organizations to assist each groups' endeavor. We assist the Boy Scouts of America, volunteer with Veterans and visit school classrooms to teach proper environmental issues. I am sure we will continue to participate and organize additional activities to enhance our mission. *Promote the sport of Fly Fishing, the Art of Fly Tying and the practice of conservation of fisheries and fisheries habitat*.

Of course, I appreciate all of the help I got from many members. You will need to be at the upcoming installation dinner to hear me say more about this. I encourage all members to continue to give a helping hand to the next President, Dean. I know that the club will be in great hands.

Wayne's Wanderings



***** Video Library *****



MPFA Maintains a 200+ library for the benefit of its members and we need the help of every member to keep it available to the entire membership.



We ask that you check out a video (Honor system) and return it within 2-3 months, After the 2nd month the librarian will send the borrower an email or note reminding them that there is a video(s) checked out in their name.



After the 3rd month the librarian and/or the secretary will send a note asking for the video or \$40 to cover the purchase of its replacement. Thanks



Your Video Librarian
Pheo Truong



NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE

**THE MEETING NIGHT FOR THE MONTHS OF JANUARY THRU APRIL
WILL BE THE FOURTH THURSDAY OF THE MONTH.**

**THE FIRST MEETING FOR 2011 WILL BE ON THURSDAY, JANUARY
27, 2011. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!**

Mission Peak Fly Anglers Board Meeting - January 5, 2011

President Wayne Culp brought the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. Present were Secretary Dean Lewis, Treasurer Bill Peakes, Board Members: Malcolm Dunn, Frank Rodriguez, and Stephen Culp, V.P. Elect Ed Huff and Secretary elect Carrie Payne. Also present were Jeff Lorelli.

Old Business:

- **Budget for Monthly Raffle:** Some discussion on how much we have been spending for the monthly raffle. Dave Hayes has a \$1000 budget, but only has spent about half that amount. Stephen gets prizes for the dinner and shares excess with Dave.
- **Prizes for the Dinner:** Some of the items we have this year are 3 rods, an Orvis Staff, and Elkhorn reel, waders, and Orvis Rod Carry case. We have at least one fishing buddy trip, a possible guide trip to Mammoth and some expensive sun glasses.

Awards: We discussed the awards and who would present each of them.

New Business:

- **Vise Holders:** Harold and Ken were attempting to build three vise bases for donation to the club. These were not necessarily for the dinner.
- **Boy Scout Merit Badge:** Jeff Lorelli will be running this program this year. Several board members volunteer to help. Class will be limited to 10 boys and probably held in early to mid April.
- **NCCFFF Road Show:** The NCCFFF has come up with a project where they will visit a club, on a Saturday, and teach fly tying, and casting. Gene Kaczmarek will be asked to explain the "Road Show" and the next regular meeting to see if this is of interest to the club members.
- **Annual Awards:** We went over the awards for this year. They are Presidents Pin, Trout Bum, Fukamoto, Schlep, and Fly Fisher of the Year.
- **Club Meetings 2011:** There has been some problem with the Silliman Center. Our regular meeting, for the first four months of the year will be moved to the 4th Thursday of the month.
- **Veteran Budget:** Apparently Ken Brunskill had some questions about a budget from our club. He was not at the meeting, so further discussion will have to occur when he is present. It was thought that he was given \$100 budget in the past, but we couldn't confirm that at the meeting. (looking at the proposed budget from 2010, we show \$200 in our calculation).
- **Activity Dates:** Dates for Kistler and possibly Kelsey were discussed. Al Smatsky will be our speaker in January, so we will work out some sort of trip to Kelsey. Kelsey is only 12 people and costs \$100 per person.

Frank moved, Wayne seconded that we adjourn. Motion passed and we adjourned at 8:15pm

Respectively submitted:
Dean Lewis, Secretary.

Conservation News

By Larry Dennis, January 2011

"If people concentrated on the really important things in life, there'd be a shortage of fishing poles." - Doug Larsen

Once a pillar of Delta culture, salmon sport fishing nears extinction

By Hannah Dreier
Contra Costa Times

12/31/2010

Six years ago, Antioch-based fishing guide Jay Sorensen had all the salmon he could want. He brought happy clients back to shore with the limit of chinook salmon after just an hour or two of trolling the rivers and channels of the Delta.

This fall, the guide of 40 years could not catch a single fish for his clients, though he spent entire days on the water and searched far up the Sacramento River.

Sorensen and other local guides say this kind of fruitless, frustrating trip has become the norm as California's historically bountiful salmon run, which once surged by the millions up the Sacramento River to their spawning grounds, has dwindled to a level that some advocates say might warrant protection as an endangered species.

As a result, recreational salmon fishermen and the industry they once supported have all but disappeared in the Delta.

Oakley bait-and-tackle shop owner Gene Buchholz used to be among the many East Contra Costa sportsmen who eagerly awaited the annual return of the fall-run salmon and always caught the legal limit of two fish a day.

"When that season came up, it was a very big deal," he said. "You would almost have to pick a number to troll for them."

Buchholz noticed a gradual slowdown in the salmon run over the past decade, but the real change came after the state implemented a total ban on salmon trolling in 2008 amid an unprecedented population decline.

"It was like somebody flipped a light switch," Buchholz said.

Fishing aficionados once came from all over California and neighboring states to troll the bucolic Delta for salmon. Sportsmen say the ocean dweller packs more fight than other Delta fish and are heavier. They also have the special allure of a delicacy available just one month out of the year.

"It's a hard-fighting fish," Sorensen said. "They're just heavy-bodied and meaty."

Delta-hooked salmon also differ in quality from their ocean-caught counterparts. Salmon swim against the current toward their spawning ground at the end their life cycle, and their impending death affects their meat. Jack Chapman, who keeps a boat in Antioch, calls them "smokers."

Hopes were high this fall when the state opened the Delta for salmon fishing for the first time in three years, but the season never offered the consistent catch many had counted on. Meanwhile, guides and tackle-shop owners have felt the pinch, and some have gone out of business.

"The salmon were in the Delta system long before anyone else was," Buchholz said. "You've got people who make a living off them here the same way you might have people making a living off party boats in the Bay Area."

Buchholz estimates that the decline in salmon sport fishing costs him more than \$200,000 annually in lost equipment sales. Shops that specialize in live bait instead of the lures used to catch salmon, on the other hand, have seen a surge in sales, according to Audie Urbano, of Hap's Bait & Tackle in Rio Vista.

In a report issued this spring, the Business Forecasting Center at University of the Pacific estimated that the closure of recreational salmon fishing cost California 826 jobs and \$70 million annually. The estimate did not break out river versus ocean fishing.

While locals lament the state of salmon fishing, few seem willing to give up on the long-term prospects of the sport here.

Salmon are a resilient species, and returns this year have been the strongest in a couple of years, leading to optimism that anglers may soon get a longer fishing season.

Chapman, at least, has reason to celebrate the reopening of the run this year.

After hours of searching the Sacramento River with two others in October, his party finally snagged two 40-pound fish. "We should've got more," he said. "But we were happy because we did as well or better as anyone else on the river."

Annual Trout Bum Award

Starts Jan 1, 2010

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

Fly Fishing Program for Vets.....Attention Mission Peak Members Fly Fishing Program for Vets

Who would like to join us 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 Menlo Park 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 there 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. Ken Brunskill

Editorial

Happy New Year everyone. This is going to be a great year for fishing. My outboard motor is repaired and it runs great. I would like the members of this club to send me pictures and stories of their fishing trips. This is your newsletter and it is an excellent medium to share experiences with fellow club members. While you were fishing, I'm sure you got hungry and were looking for a good place to have dinner. We can start a column for favorite eating places for the areas that we like to fish. Be sure to get the addresses of the restaurant so we can load it into our GPS.

I hope everyone is going to our annual dinner. We need a minimum of 76 people to obtain the whole room.

Don't forget the meeting night has changed to the 4th Thursday for the next four months.

Until next month, may all your fly lines be tight, Malcolm J Dunn, editor

On the Yuba River With The Oakland Casting Club



An outsider's point of view or "show me your secret" as August might say

It is all experience, no matter if it is good or bad, one can draw upon it sometime down the road. Fishing was difficult for some, if not all. Almost all, that is, on the UC Davis Research Property along the Yuba River. It did appear that some just have a natural knack or was it just the right fly presented in the proper holding water? Yes, I'll admit it, we cheated. The original intent was to see where the successful anglers plied their craft and observe what water they cast to. Not to pass on relevant information, one first has to recognize it as such. It is all information gathering. Before we could get our waders on, we were introduced to the entomology as one member showed us his first live skwala sample of the season at the parking lot. This was the first clue to unlocking the river's secret- size and shape. Lets face it, I am a lazy opportunist. But I will always remember that high flows have a tendency to push and concentrate the fish into the softer water where under normal flows would be void of fish. Ask me how I know. Seen it a number of times under adverse or less than optimal conditions. The myth is they (the fish) get flushed down stream. Eliminate the blown out areas of the river and look for the safer conditions for fish- try the edges. Fish will always hold in the same types of water. It is just recognizing those areas on the river with relation to flow and where they might hold until things get to back to normal. I thought it was amazing, if not odd to see almost 100 plus yards of river neglected and void of anglers on my favorite type of water during high flows. What was thought to be the attractor fly became the main forage for these fish as well. Refer back to the earlier entomology lesson above. Debbie caught this fish before I could even tie on my own flies. And no that is not a cigar in that fish's mouth. Sad to say, she is definitely on her own next time. But for now, Debbie, how was that hike anyway?

I'll let the food critic, Frank, fill you in on the taqueria in Yuba City. Lets just say, it won't be included in Frank's yet to be published book of his favorite dives.

Thanks again for saving us some lunch.

For John, a water haul with a locked wrist and use of a full arm mends did the trick on this day. I hope you don't mind, as I referenced those ideas mentioned on Thursday. Does this count as internalizing an idea or suggestion?

The camera was close by on the following fish. That is because Debbie didn't even wait for me to enter the river before she started catching fish! After that, I wasn't leaving to get the camera- although I should have in retrospect.

Craig Gittings

Monthly Programs

DATE	SPEAKER	PROGRAM TITLE
January 27 Thursday	Al Smatsky	Do It Yourself rafting trip in Alaska
February 24 Thursday	Carl "Boomer" Stout	Green River
March 24 Thursday	Bob Alexander	Deschutes River
April 28 Thursday	John Gantner	Crossing Into Canada
May 25 Wednesday	Rich Lobrovich	Rooster Comb Ranch
July 27 Wednesday	Casting and pizza night	
August 24	OPEN	

January Program

~~Long time club supporter Al Smatsky, of Excellent Adventures, will be our guest speaker this coming Thursday night, January 27 at the Silliman Center Conference room.~~

His program will be on a DIY (do it yourself) Alaskan float trip. Know anybody that is good at the oars? Al did this about three or four years ago with a couple of buddies. He will cover the logistics as well as the headaches involved for such an endeavor. Multiple mid river furry boulders of the fish eating kind are but just a few of the obstacles he encountered. The fishing wasn't bad either.

~~This space reserved for members buy and sell area.~~

Contact the editor to place your ad in this column. Free to members of MPFA

MISSION PEAK FLY ANGLERS
Preliminary 2011 FISHOUT LIST

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE OF FISH	FISHMASTER	COMMENTS
Jan				
Feb				
March				
April				
May	Kistler Ranch	Bass and Panfish	Craig Gittings	Saturday fishout and BBQ
May	Burney Area	Trout	Wayne Culp	Weekday fishout
June	Yuba or American River	Shad		
June	Davis Lake	Trout	Mitch Matsumoto	
June	Sawmill Lake	Trophy Trout	Craig Gittings	8 angler max; if more interest we can add a weekday fishout
June	Manzanita Lake	Trout	Mark Kaharick	Potluck BBQ – Make your reservations now!
June	American River	Shad	Ken Brunskill	Day trip
June - July	Santa Cruz	Surf Perch	Craig Gittings	Leave Fremont at O'Dark 30
Aug	Rooster Comb Ranch	Bass	Rich Lobrovich	Private ranch in Henry Coe Park
Sept	Toulumne Meadows	Trout	Wayne Culp	Camp Out
Sept	Californian Stillwater Ramble	Trout	Ken Brunskill	Central Sierra stillwaters Combined with Clark's Fork fishout
Sept	Clark's Fork	Trout	Bill Peakes	Potluck BBQ
Oct	Davis Lake	Trout	Mitch Matsumoto	
Oct	McCloud/Pit Rivers	Trout	Jeff Lorelli	

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 Mission Peak Fly Anglers Awards & Officers Installation Dinner

Spin A Yarn Restaurant
45915 Warm Springs Blvd
Fremont, CA
510-656-9141

Saturday, January 29, 2011
5:00pm to 6:00pm No Host Bar &
check raffle items
6:00pm dinner

DINNER SELECTIONS

*INCLuDEs CALifoRNIa MiXEd GREn SALAD, HERbEd RicE oR RoAsTEd NEw poTAToEs
FRESH SEASoNAL vEGETABLEs, fRESH RoLLs, coffEE oR icEd TEA ANd A gLASS of TABLE wiNE
ANd A cHoicE of THE foLLowINg ENTRÉE*

LoNdoN BRoiL, cHickEN piccATA, gRiLLEd sALMoN

\$35.00

Annual MPFA Awards & Installation of Officers Dinner

*Turn in reservation form before December 31st for one ticket in the early bird drawing and
if you pay your dues at the same time you will get another early bird ticket.*

Member's Name: _____ No. of Dinners: _____ X \$35..00 = _____

_____ **London Broil** _____ **Chicken Piccata** _____ **Grilled Pacific Salmon**

Send Checks To: Bill Peakes.

Please make all Checks Payable to: Mission Peak Fly Anglers

Please send all forms with checks to Bill Peakes

Mission peak fly anglers - 2010 dues payment form

Member's Name _____ Wife's Name _____
Address _____
Email: _____ Phone: _____
FFF Member Number _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

\$40.00 per member/family
\$35.00 current member of **FFF**
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