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March 2011 Club Meeting

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

DATE: Thursday, March 24 (Note day and date)

TIME: 6:30pm (Note new time)

COMING EVENTS

Wed. Mar. 2	Fly Fishing Volunteers – VA Hospital, Livermore, 10am to 11:30am
Wed. Mar. 2	BOARD MEETING 7:00 PM Fremont Adult School, Room N-9
Fri. Mar. 4	Fly Fishing Volunteers – VA Hospital, Menlo Park, 10am to 11:30a
Wed. Mar. 9	FLY TYING 7:00 PM Fremont Adult School, Room N-9
Sat. Mar. 12	CLUB BREAKFAST: At the Denny's in Hayward on Whipple – 9:00 AM
	Fly Fishing Volunteers- VA Hospital, Livermore, 10am to 11:30am
Wed. Mar. 16	CLUB MEETING - Silliman Community Activity Center, 6:30pm
Thurs. Mar. 24	
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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

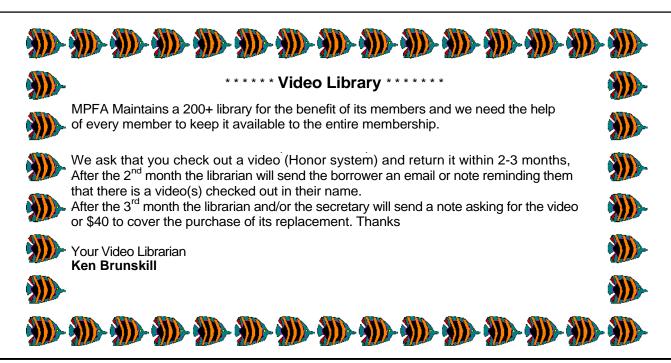
Another month has come and gone. Those of us that are involved with "Trout in the Classroom" are just about to wind up the process for the year. We have successfully released Rainbow trout fry in either Quarry Lakes or Lake Temescal. This is such a great program and hopefully some of you will be interested in participating next year. The students range from Kindergarten to Sixth grade.

The students find our presentations interesting and it is most rewarding when they begin to ask intelligent questions and begin to understand the relationships between our lives and the lives of the trout. Pollution, trash, and all the other problems that affect the trout also impact our lives. These very students will be the Stewards of this Earth in the next 20 years. They are our hope for maintaining a livable Earth by the middle of this century. Think about joining us next year for an experience you will not forget.

On another topic, be sure to watch the announcements for fish-outs. These fish-outs are a great way to pick up knowledge about fly fishing and to also become more a part of the club by building friendships while out on the stream or lake.

Welcome to new members Walt Klinefelter and Santiago Jimenez. I hope you find what you are looking for in our club. Don't hesitate to jump right in and ask questions, go fishing with us and/or ask us to help you with tying or casting. It is your club too.

Dean



NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE

THE MEETING NIGHT FOR THE MONTHS OF JANUARY THRU MARCH 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 March 2, 2011

President Dean Lewis brought the meeting to order at 7:15 pm. Present were V.P. Ed Huff, Secretary Carrie Payne, Treasurer Bill Peakes, past President Wayne Culp, Board Members: Frank Rodriguez, Stephen Culp and Malcolm Dunn. Also present were Ron Smith and Gene Kaczmarek.

First Order of Business:

Accept Resignation of Marilu Sawyer from Board

Motion: Stephen Culp, 2nd: Carrie Payne; Motion Passed

Accept Replacement Ronald Smith

Motion: Carrie Payne; 2nd Ed Huff; Motion Passed

Old Business:

Fish Outs

April 2nd – Kelsey Reservoir for Bass, Up to 12 anglers

May 7th - Kistler Ranch - Annual Club Outing for Bass

June 11th - Sawmill Lake (Depends if snow has cleared) Only 8 anglers, trip already filled

June 18th – Fish Out at the UC Property on the Yuba, 15 Fishermen only June 25th – Manzanita Lake Fish Out

Boy Scout Merit Badge

April 16th – Boy Scout Merit Badge at Oakland Casting Ponds

April 23rd - Boy Scout Merit Badge at Oakland Casting Ponds

NCCFFF

April 9th – NCCFFF Hall of Fame Dinner, Napa, \$70 per person

May 21st – Tentative Date for the NCCFFF Road Show

Gene Kaczmarek suggested a time of 10-3PM with a cost of \$10 non-FFF Member & \$5 FFF Member; A place is still to be reserved for this event

Video Library - Videos not being returned. It was suggested to put people's names in the newsletter. Motion: Malcolm; 2nd: Frank; Motion Passed

New Business:

Board Policy

The board agreed that we had to restate the policy that if a member of the club wishes reimbursement for something it needs to be presented for approval before proceeding with making or purchasing. Motion: Frank; 2 nd: Ron; Motion Passed with 1 abstention

- Treasure's Report Bill gave a report that we have a fair sum of money.
- NCCFFF Hall of Fame Dinner: April 9, 2011, Napa, Silenus Vintners, \$70 per person

Fly Tying: March Fly Tyer is Craig Gittings. He will be tying a Stone Fly

- Raffle Items; An inventory of raffle items was done to find out what we currently have on hand. Some of these items are being held over for next year's annual dinner or in the case of some the items when a certain dollar figure has been reached to hold a drawing. Rod & Reel (Leland Fly Shop); Rod (Cabelas); Scissors; Fly Tying February Speaker – Trout Creek Flies – Gift Certificate good between Oct – April: Rainbow Bend Stuff: Flyfishing - Gift Certificate
- **Live Auctions:** Dean to send out e-mails to members re: Live Auction of Gift Certificates at upcoming meetings.

Dean: Thank you to Carrie for 1st minutes of January Board Meeting. You will do an excellent Job. Motion to adjourn was passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectively submitted:

Carrie Payne, Secretary.

Conservation News

By Larry Dennis, March 2010

Some still fish by the strict rules of the river: upstream, dry flies only and only to rising trout the sporting way. Playing

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Opinion by Dr. Peter Gleick San Francisco Chronicle 2-5-11

In a desperate attempt to make it easier to solve California's complex and contentious water problems, a dangerous new idea has recently been floated -- intentionally letting some species go extinct rather than take the difficult steps needed to save them and their ecosystems. This idea should be quashed, smothered, strangled, and quickly tossed in the dumpster of failed ideas.

The first hint of this appeared earlier in February in the 52-page study released by the Delta Stewardship Council. That report argued that it was possible that some species of fish might be so devastated already and their ecosystems so ruined that they were unlikely to survive even with significant efforts to save them. This, of course, is an argument long made in private by some agricultural and urban interests unwilling to accept the difficult strategies to save endangered and threatened species because it might cost them water.

Then, just this week, the argument for explicitly permitting extinction was described in the newly released water report from the Public Policy Institute of California. They are stunningly blunt, calling for the state to consider practicing "endangered species triage," intentionally permitting a species to go extinct if an argument can be made that it will somehow help other species survive -- a very strange concept to ecologists who look at the health of overall systems. This is, however, not really an argument about letting one species die off to save other species: their argument hides the real driver behind the destruction of fisheries and aquatic ecosystems -- economic competition for water. Any species can be saved if we are willing to spend the money and put in place the policies to do so -- such efforts just come at an economic cost. PPIC acknowledges this driver deep in their report (on page 412) when they say: "The condition of native fish populations has continued to deteriorate, despite decades of well-intentioned but insufficient and poorly coordinated policies to protect them.

Efforts to stop these declines now threaten the reliability of water supplies and flood management projects."

That's the real point: now that serious efforts are finally being made to tackle the real threats driving Delta fish species to extinction, economic interests are being threatened and fighting back. The delta smelt is not being driven to extinction by conflicting priorities among other species of threatened fish. It is being driven to extinction by policies around human withdrawals and uses of water for economic gain. The idea of endangered species "triage" is simply a wedge in the door to permit species to go extinct when the policies to protect them cause hardship for special interests.

There are those who believe that killing off a species of animal, or bird, or fish in the name of economic gain is reasonable, including legislators trying to weaken or destroy the Endangered Species Act. To me this is a moral, ethical, and political outrage. Moreover, it is a infinitely dangerous idea, since once we start down that road, where do we stop? Who gets to play God? If condemning the delta smelt or coho salmon to extinction in return for a few hundred thousand acre-feet of water to grow alfalfa, or cotton, or almonds is acceptable or to permit more housing in floodplains, why not wipe out the San Joaquin kit fox and the California clapper rail in order to have more development on sensitive lands in the Central Valley and along the edges of San Francisco Bay? And why stop there? If economics rules, then those sperm whales still have lots of great oil in them and killing the last tuna for sushi is just a financial decision.

Endangered species triage? That way madness lies, with no end except spiraling ecological destruction, impoverishment of the environment, a sterile landscape, and the final triumph of money over our souls.

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

It is now the time to prepare our gear for this year's fishing season. Lines need to be cleaned, reels need to be lubed and leaders need to be checked. Hopefully the flies have been tied during the winter season.

When the weather around our area clears, I'm ready to go bass fishing in the delta. This winter I rebuilt the carburetors on my outboard motor. It now runs like a new one. I'm also adding a fuel additive to the tanks to help keep the fuel fresh. Today's gasoline has 10% ethanol and it is not good for marine use. Alcohol attracts moisture and outboard motors do not like water in the gasoline. To prevent problems I also have installed an inline water separating fuel filter. Another good practice is to burn up the residual gas in the motor after the boat is back on the trailer. The best way to prevent problems with your boat is to go fishing often.

Until next month, keep those rods bent. Malcolm Dunn, Editor

Fly Of The Month

Straggl e Soft Hackle

HOOK: Tiemco 3769 - 2XH Nymph hook #12 - 16

THREAD: Dun or tan 8/0 Uni-Thread BODY: Pale Olive Micro Straggle

THORAX: Peacock Herl WING: Olive Partridge HEAD: Tying thread



Straggle Serendipity

HOOK: Tiemco 2487 or any curved pupa hook #12 - 16

THREAD: Olive 8/0 Uni-Thread BODY: Pale Olive Micro Straggle WING: Natural gray deer hair

HEAD: Tying thread



Straggle Fly Nymph

HOOK: Tiemco 200R - 3XL Nymph hook #12 - 16

THREAD: Dun or tan 8/0 Uni-Thread

TAIL: Fine Gray Ostrich Plume

BODY: Gold/Golden Olive Micro Straggle

WING CASE: Turkey slip THORAX: Light Tan dubbing

HEAD: Tying thread



<u>Micro Straggle</u> available from Fly Tying Specialties (Steve Korbay) http://www.flytyingspecialties.com/ http://www.flytyingspecialties.com/product_info.php?cPath=17&products_id=295

Flies Tied by Gene Kaczmarek

Monthly Programs

DATE	SPEAKER	PROGRAM TITLE
March 24 Thursday	Bob Alexander	Deschutes River
April 27 Wednesday	John Gantner	Crossing Into Canada
May 25 Wednesday	Rich Lobrovich	Rooster Comb Ranch
June 22 Wednesday	Bob Flasher	Redwood Creek Restorations or Trout In The Classroom
July 27 Wednesday	Casting and pizza night	
August 24 Wednesday	Craig Schuhmann	Williamson River
Sept 28 Wednesday	Rob Anderson, Reno Fly Shop	Pyramid Lake

March Program

Streamers for Trout & Steelhead

Bob Alexander of Rainbow Bend Guide Service presentation will focus on streamer presentation for "big trout". Bob will be cover Rods, Lines, Leaders, flies and presentations, all Streamer specific. Bob floated the Deschutes with Kelly Galloup last November. Kelly, for those that do not know, is a streamer fanatic. Kelly is a guide & lodge owner of Slide Inn Trout Fly Fishing Lodge located on the Madison River in Montana. Bob supported him and another guide/friend of mine while they did a video shoot for Fly Fish TV. Bob not only learned a lot from Kelly, that info was added to his own streamer experiences should provide a good learning experience for those that can attend our meeting

Notice Notice Notice

Our video library is missing several titles. If you have checked out a video without signing the log book please return it so other members can check it out. This is an honor system.

Classified Section For members

FREE TO A GOOD HOME: I have a large (22") round (closed front) float tube.

Float tube only - no accessories. First person who wants it gets it.

Contact Larry Dennis

MISSION PEAK FLY ANGLERS 2011 FISHOUT LIST

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE OF FISH	FISHMASTER	COMMENTS
March	Quarry Lakes	Trout, Bass	Jerry Reynolds	
April 2	Kelsey Ranch	Bass, Bluegill, Carp	Craig Gittings	\$100/per person, need 12 anglers to close the lake
May 7	Kistler Ranch	Bass and Panfish	Craig Gittings	Saturday fishout and BBQ
May	Burney Area	Trout	Wayne Culp	Weekday fishout??
June 1-11	Yuba, American River, or Sacramento	Shad	Jeff Lorelli	Float dates still available with Excellent Adventures; call Al Smatsky 209-368-9261; Make your reservations now!
June 13-17	McCumber Lake	Trout	Ken Brunskill	fishout with the veterans.
June 24-26	Manzanita Lake	Trout	Mark Kaharick	Potluck BBQ and campout!
June	American River	Shad	Ken Brunskill	Day trip
June - July	Santa Cruz	Surf Perch	Craig Gittings	Leave Fremont at O'Dark 30
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 10-11	Clark's Fork	Trout	Bill Peakes	Potluck BBQ
Sept 23-25	Pit/McCloud Rivers	Trout	Jeff Lorelli	Joint fishout with the Tracy club at the PG&E cabins above Pit 5; approx cost is \$50/person/night for cabins
Oct	Davis Lake	Trout	Mitch Matsumoto	

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!

Notice

If your name is on this fishout list as a fishmaster and there is no date, please contact Jeff Lorelli to update this chart.

Heritage Trout Quest by Harold Whitmore

July 16th 2010, 4:30 am, we are departing from Hayward. My fishing buddy Ken Brunskill and I were packed for any and all fishing conditions. In search of the Warner Lake Redband, Gooselake Redband and the McCloud Redband. With a short discussion we decided that our first fish to target would be the Warner Lake Redband

With the anticipation that the Warner Lake Redband would be the furthest and hardest fish to get, we chose to target this first. Our destination for the Warner Lake Redband would be the upper North-Eastern corner of California, East of Goose lake (I think if you miss the turn off you will turn around in Oregon!). We were in search of "Dismal Creek" located in "Dismal Swamp". I'm sure with a name like "Dismal" it isn't a popular vacation destination. Our drive took us over Hwy 80 to Cabelas (of course) and north on 395. Ken has a practice of changing drivers every two hours. This I have found really puts a relaxing spin on what could be "a rush to get there feeling", besides it was nice to filter the coffee that often.

Stopping for breakfast in Colfax and lunch at Cabelas we arrived at our camp destination of Cave Lake campground. Here we found a small uncrowded camping area with plenty of fire wood cut from the post winter clean-up. A quick dinner and a comfortable night in the tent we awoke at sunrise. With coffee, tea and eggs benedict (aka oatmeal) we headed up the dirt road to Dismal creek. We had been warned the road was very rough and a Four wheel drive was recommended. We were also advised not to spook the cattle in the area. We did not want them tromping into the creek.

Ken's fishing machine (a soccer mom's mini van) handled the road just fine. There were the cattle, out among the Snow Flowers and Miners Cabbage. Driving past slowly not to disturb them we entered Dismal Swamp. Dismal Swamp is swampy yes, but it is more of a lush green high meadow at this time of year. Located at the very top of a mountain pass.

Dismal Creek is no wider than four feet at the widest spot. Our research told us to fish this early in the day due to windy conditions on this high plateau. Besides needing a stealthy approach, casting to a spot only two to three feet wide is difficult enough without the help of mother nature whipping your 3 weight line around. We located a great spot to start. Just after the road crossed Dismal Creek we pulled over, geared up, and worked up stream "buddy fishing". Ken introduced me to this style of fishing with a true friend. I say true friend because you need to enjoy watching your friend catch fish as well as you. It is where one person fishes the stream as the other watches out of the way (sometimes even holding the brush back) until he has a "take" and or lands a fish. Then the other buddy fishes on until he gets a "take" or lands his fish. This could go on all day if you wanted, but we decided as soon as we both caught our fish we were not going to terrorize these rare California Heritage Trout. We

were pleasantly surprised that both of us landed our fish rather quickly and within 100 yards of our car!!!

Next up, the Goose Lake Redband

Episode 2



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