



# Main Stream

Mission Peak Fly Anglers

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**March 2007**

## **Club Meeting**

**PLACE: Silliman Community Activity Center**  
6800 Mowry Avenue, Newark CA 94560  
(510) 742-4400  
**DATE: Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2007**  
**TIME: 7:00 PM (Social hour begins at 6:30 PM)**

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## **COMING EVENTS**

- Wed. March 28<sup>th</sup> CLUB MEETING 7:00 PM**  
Silliman Community Activity Center, 6800 Mowry Avenue, Newark CA 94560
- Wed, April 4<sup>th</sup> BOARD MEETING 7:30 PM –**
- Tues. April 10<sup>th</sup> FLY TYING - 7:30 PM** Loc same as Club Meeting
- Sat. April 14<sup>th</sup> CLUB BREAKFAST : At the Denny's in Hayward on Whipple – 9:00 AM**
- Wed. April 25<sup>th</sup> CLUB MEETING 7:00 PM**  
Silliman Community Activity Center, 6800 Mowry Avenue, Newark CA 94560
- Wed, May 2<sup>nd</sup> BOARD MEETING 7:30 PM –**
- Tues. May 8<sup>th</sup> FLY TYING - 7:30 PM** Loc same as Club Meeting
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## The President's Message

March 2<sup>nd</sup>- With the ISE, Fly Fishing show and Hall of Fame dinner out of the way the seeds have been planted for various fly patterns to tie and try out after the opener. Others still need to hit the Northwest Fly Tyers and Fly Fishing Expo in anticipation of the upcoming season. Even Mike Colberg's North West Montana primer and his displayed fly boxes quickly had me yearning to stand calf deep on idyllic waters with companions casting to rising fish. Of course the fish were refusing my offerings, but it was all good. The advent of seasonal rains has finally arrived with its gray-clouded sky and has left a dusting of snow on the surrounding hills of the bay area. But for today clear skies, a blinding rising sun and a warming trend greet me as I struggle out the door to work. This is not a good omen for my work ethic. Arriving at work I glance over the glistening dew on the lawn near the entrance door. For a fleeting moment I find myself gripped with the notion of grabbing a fly rod and spending time lawn casting. Fridays are traditionally slow work-wise anyway; an excellent excuse for being lazy perhaps, but today it is the best excuse to work out some kinks lawn casting. Sure enough, the tailing loop reappears just like clockwork. And so it seems casting isn't like riding a bike. The timing and rhythm has to come back or I'd soon resort to adding a 2-ounce lead sinker to the end of my line- a carryover instinct from my bait fishing days. So with better weather, a fly rod in my hand (even if it is lawn casting) it is sufficient enough to take me back for the moment, if only in memory, of standing in a river, casting into the surf or fishing a lake with anticipation of the upcoming season. Mentally I am transformed and no longer lawn casting as the timing and rhythm starts to return. Just about then a passerby honks his horn and yells out the window of his vehicle, "Catching any fish yet?" I smile in acknowledgement for what might have appeared foolish to this observer and think to myself it is only a matter of time, fishing season is just around the corner.

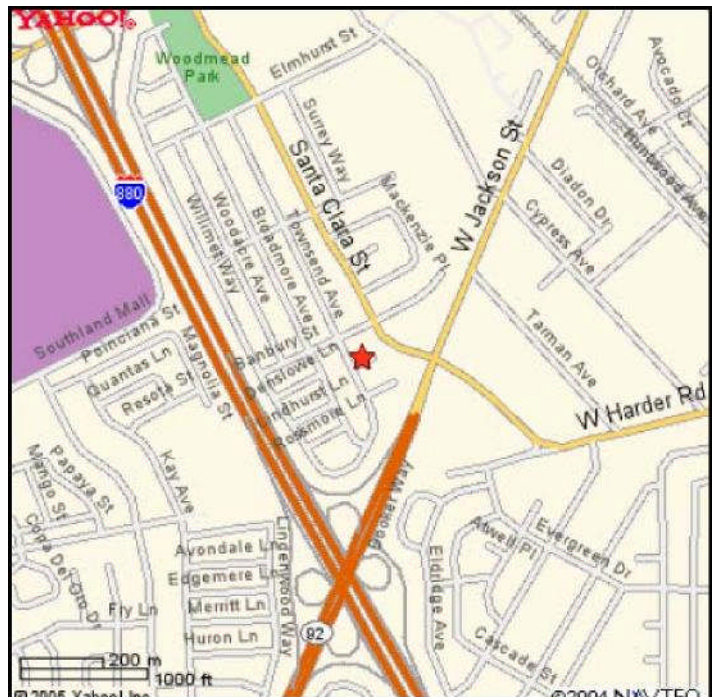
Craig Gittings

## April 4<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting

**Host: Bill Peakes**

**Date: April 4<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 pm**

**Place: Bill's Place**



## March Club Meeting Program

This month's Guest Speaker TBD

<b>DATE</b>	<b>SPEAKER</b>	<b>PROGRAM</b>
11/15/06	JIM PETERSON	FFF MEMBERSHIP
1/24/07	MARTY GINGRAS	DFG DELTA
2/28/07	MICHAEL COLBERG	KOOTENAI RIVER OF MONTANA
3/28/07		
4/25/07	JIMMIE MORALES	KINGS RIVER
5/23/07		
6/27/07		
7/25/07	PIZZA	FLY CASTING
8/22/07		
9/26/07		
10/24/07		
11/28/07		

**Deadline**  
For  
Membership Dues  
IS  
**March 31<sup>st</sup>**

**April 1<sup>st</sup> there will be an added \$5.00 enrollment Fee.**

April Fly Tying

Guest Tyer Steve Potter

Here are some of his Flys



## Annual Trout Bum award

**Starts** Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, 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

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## **2007 EVENTS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>TYPE OF EVENT</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
Mar 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2007	Silliman Community Activity Center	Monthly Club Meeting	Craug Gittings	7:00 pm (New Hours )
April 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2007	Bill Peakes Place	Board Meeting	Bill Peakes	7:30 pm
April 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2007	Silliman Community Activity Center	Fly Tying	August Abellar	7:30 pm
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May 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2007	TBD	Board Meeting	Wayne Culp	7:30 pm
May 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2007	Silliman Community Activity Center	Fly Tying	August Abellar	7:30 pm
May 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2007	Denny's in Hayward	Club Breakfast	Bill Peakes	9:00 am
May 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2007	Silliman Community Activity Center	Monthly Club Meeting	Craug Gittings	7:00 pm (New Hours )
June 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2007	TBD	Board Meeting	Steve Culp	7:30 pm
June 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2007	Denny's in Hayward	Club Breakfast	Bill Peakes	9:00 am
June 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2007	Silliman Community Activity Center	Fly Tying	August Abellar	7:30 pm
June 27 <sup>th</sup> , 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*  
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PLEASE DETACH AND MAIL FORMS WITH CHECKS TO BILL PEAKES

Note: March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007 is the deadline. After this date there will be a start up fee of \$5.

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**MISSION PEAK FLY ANGLERS**  
**2007 FISHOUT LIST**

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE OF FISH	FISHMASTER	COMMENTS
Jan - Feb		Steelhead		
Feb				
Mar.				
April - May	Kelsey Ranch			
<b>May 19th</b>	<b>Kistler Ranch</b>	<b>Bass &amp; Pan Fish</b>	<b>Craig Gittings</b>	<b>\$25 gets you a great day of fishing, camaraderie, and an Italian sausage BBQ – Muy Bueno!</b>
<b>June 2</b>	<b>American River</b>	<b>Shad</b>	<b>Ken Brunskill</b>	<b>Depending on River flows</b>
<b>June 14 or 15</b>	<b>Santa Cruz</b>	<b>Surf Perch</b>	<b>Craig Gittings</b>	<b>Leave Fremont at O'Dark 30</b>
<b>June 30</b>	<b>Santa Cruz</b>	<b>Surf Perch</b>	<b>Craig Gittings</b>	<b>Leave Fremont at O'Dark 30</b>
<b>July 14</b>	<b>Santa Cruz</b>	<b>Surf Perch</b>	<b>Craig Gittings</b>	<b>Leave Fremont at O'Dark 30</b>
June	Yuba River	Shad		
<b>June 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Manzanita Lake</b>	<b>Trout</b>	<b>Mark Kaharick</b>	<b>Potluck BBQ</b>
June - July	TBD	Shad		
Aug - Mid	Clark's Fork	Trout	Bill Peakes	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 <sup>LORELLI</sup>	
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!



## Mission Peak Fly Anglers, Minutes of March 7, 2007 Board Meeting

President Craig Gittings brought the meeting to order at 7:35. Present were VP Wayne Culp, Secretary Dean Lewis, Treasurer Bill Peakes, Board Members Larry Dennis, Ken Brunskill, Lyndin Nickerson, Program Chairman Rich Lobrovich, Past President Malcolm Dunn, Newsletter Editor Doug Fear and Fund Raising Chairman Steve Culp.

**California Central Valley Chinook Salmon:** Ken Brunskill brought this DVD that is produced by the California Department of Fish and Game. We watched the short program and then discussed the "Trout in the Classroom" project. Ken wondered if this DVD would be useful and we all agreed that it would be of interest to the students even though they wouldn't get to see all the life cycles shown in the film.

Ken reported on this year's project. We may be able to get a grant from Northern California FFF. This needs to be a long term commitment as once started in a classroom, the teacher will want it back each year. Ken is looking for more volunteers next year. The time involved is about one day per week for 4 weeks and about from 9:00 to 1:00 on those days. There is lots of interaction with students. We currently have 5 leads and need at least 2 or 3 more volunteers next year as assistants.

The program is changing for next year. EBRPD ran the program the last couple of years and now DFG is going to be in charge. The "Argus" showed up to do a story when the group was dumping the fry into Quarry Lakes.

**Fremont Art and Wine Festival:** Larry briefly discussed this item. A booth would be about \$1,200 and would be more than we could afford. There is a possibility that we could share a booth with Chamber of Commerce or Alameda Alliance, but it probably wouldn't be that productive in creating new members. See next item.

**Fremont Adult School:** Wayne and Ken stopped in and looked at the room we were told we could use. It is the right size and would work for us. By using the school and giving some tying lessons or beginning fly fishing classes, we could find ourselves in the school catalog that is mailed out to Fremont residents. This catalog would be much more productive for us in generating new members. The April Board Meeting is scheduled to be held at the school so we can fully check it out.

**Newsletter Item:** Doug reported that he had a number of people opt out of getting the sales information from the Pleasanton shop.

**Board Meetings:** A new list of hosts was made for the Board Meetings for the rest of the year.

**April** – Bill Peakes, **May** – Wayne Culp, **June** – Steve Culp, **July** – TBD,

**August** – Dean Lewis **September** – Larry Dennis, **October** – Malcolm Dunn,

**November** – Bill Peakes, **December**, Craig Gittings.

**Advertisers in Newsletter:** Discussed whether our advertisers were current in their payments. Doug believes that the Orvis shop hadn't renewed. It was mentioned that the new Pleasanton shop had offered to do a program for us.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bill reported that we had made the donations voted on at the last meeting. We are solvent with some checks still outstanding to be paid.

**Meetings:** Floyd Dean is scheduled for our July Pizza and Casting night. At this time, it has not been decided if we will hold a Board Meeting in July as we do not have a regular meeting and the normal Board Meeting night would be July 4. We will vote on it later.

**Conservation:** Larry has been doing a great job in keeping us posted via e-mail. The most important item at the moment is the e-mail he sent today on Manzanita Lake.

**Programs:** Ken is doing his road trip program in March. A computer will be needed to run it. We ran through a list of upcoming programs. Rich is trying to get August to do one on the Amazon in Peru.

**Commendation:** August Abellar is doing a great job as Fly Tying Chairman.

**New DVD's:** We discussed purchasing several DVDs submitted on a list from one of our members. We elected to purchase 6 new DVDs. We passed on the suggested Spay casting as we already have several in our library. As an aside, Dean Lewis is making DVD copies of our VHS tapes (when possible) so that you will have two formats to select when taking out a video.

**Installation Dinner:** Ken looked at the Elk's Club on Farwell (right behind Quik Stop) and found that the facility was adequate for our needs and the caterer used by the club more than meets our needs. Wayne (with assistance from Herb) was going to check on Swiss Park. Dean was going to check with the City of Newark regarding use of one of their centers and he was going to check with a caterer a business he knows used. Someone was going to check and see if "Bobby Lee's" is still in business in Hayward (a caterer).

**Insurance:** We voted to change insurance companies at a savings for the club. Ken moved and Larry seconded the motion. It was approved.

**Boy Scout Merit Badge:** Ken mentioned the Boy Scout Merit badge for fly fishing. We would host a class for them. This is a two-day training. It can be found at "[www.fedflyfishers.org](http://www.fedflyfishers.org)". Craig made the motion and Ken seconded the motion to undertake the project to host a class. Motion passed.

**Membership Chairman:** Larry Dennis suggested that we needed a membership chairman. He brought a typed proposal outlining his idea. Dean Lewis volunteered to be the "Membership Chairman". Main duty would be to create a short bio for new members that would be placed in the club newsletter. Dean also agreed to keep the membership list up-to-date.

Members voted to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:15.

Respectively Submitted

Dean Lewis  
Secretary



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# Conservation News

By

Larry Dennis, March 2007

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

*Another example of our government attempting to launch lead balloons*

U.S.-valley plan on water issues

[Glen Martin, Chronicle Environment Writer](#)

San Francisco Chronicle, Friday, February 16, 2007

The federal government would transfer ownership of one of California's largest reservoirs to the state and local water agencies and require San Joaquin Valley farmers to oversee the costly cleanup of toxic agricultural drain water, under a draft plan released Thursday.

Federal and regional water officials said their proposal could help settle two of the state's most pressing water issues: Distribution of government project water and the disposal of tainted farm runoff that has been blamed for deformities and deaths of thousands of birds since the 1980s.

The plan -- subject to extensive environmental review and congressional approval before it could be adopted -- also would settle a lawsuit by valley farmers alleging that the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation failed to provide a solution to the disposal of agricultural drain water contaminated with selenium.

Critics say the proposal would put control of a huge block of the state's water in the hands of a few regional districts, threatening the equitable flow of water during shortages. Some environmentalists and lawmakers were wary of the transfer of the massive San Luis Reservoir to the state and six water districts and putting cleanup plans in the hands of private agricultural interests.

"This is something you want to go over with a fine-tooth comb," said Rep. George Miller, D-Martinez. "Here you have a major asset (the San Luis Reservoir) that's under federal control and regulation for good reasons, and you're opening it up to some degree of privatization. It looks like they're trying to bootstrap simple water contracts into some other form of water rights."

Partners to the proposal say it could help solve conflicts over California's water distribution woes and result in a drain-water solution.

Farmers in drainage-impaired areas would receive less water than they do now -- deliveries would be capped at 1 million acre-feet annually, instead of the current cap of 1.4 million acre-feet. An acre-foot is equivalent to 326,000 gallons of water.

"That would provide a new 400,000 acre-foot pot of water that could be used for things other than irrigation, such as environmental flows (through the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta) or as a reserve in upstream reservoirs," said Jeff McCracken, a spokesman for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

Tom Birmingham, general manager of the Westlands Water District -- at 600,000 acres, it is the nation's largest irrigation district -- said the proposal allows irrigators greater flexibility.

The federal government would forgo \$490 million from water contractors in compensation for construction of the Central Valley Project, the vast system of dams, canals and pipes that delivers water from the north to the south. Birmingham said the money that water districts would otherwise have to pay for the cost of water projects would go toward implementing a drainage solution.

He said the proposal does not promote privatization, because water districts are public agencies, not private stakeholders.

Environmentalists also questioned whether valley water districts will be able to implement a satisfactory solution to the valley's drain water problem.

"The drainage cleanup cost estimates run as high as \$3 billion," said Byron Leydecker, chairman of Friends of the Trinity River, which has battled San Joaquin farmers over transfers of Trinity River water. "They (the irrigators) aren't going to pay that kind of money."

Birmingham said the proposal focuses on an "in valley" drainage solution that would dispose of the water by a variety of means, including reusing it to irrigate crops and sprinkling it on gravel-topped beds to hasten evaporation. He said the plan would not include evaporation ponds, which have been opposed by environmentalists because they attract birds.

Tom Stokely, a spokesman for the California Water Impact Network, a group that favors retiring croplands high in selenium from agricultural production, said he is leery of the proposal.

"The good news is that this won't happen overnight," Stokely said. "It's going to require full environmental review, federal legislation and action by the state Water Resources Control Board. If the devil is in the details, we'll find him."

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