



Main Stream

Mission Peak Fly Anglers

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October 2006

Club Meeting

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

DATE: Wednesday, Oct. 25th , 2006

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

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COMING EVENTS

- Tues. Oct 10th **FLY TYING - 7:30 PM** Loc same as Club Meeting
Fly Tying on 2nd Tues of the month from now on
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- Wed, Dec. 6th **BOARD MEETING 7:30 PM – Craig Gittings**
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All Newsletter materials will need to be in my hands by the Friday before the Board Meeting (first Wed of each month) except for the information from the Board Meeting , if you want it to be in the current months Newsletter.

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 Douglas Fear, 3045 Sierra Rd., San Jose, CA 95132 or mpfa_dougfear@SBCGLOBAL.Net

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;
Bill Peakes

October Guest Speakers

October's guest speaker will be Al Smatsky. His program will be on (affordable) Bluewater Destinations Favorites. We are reminded that there is more to fly-fishing than just trout and once you try it, it is difficult going back. There are few notables in his power point presentation when we previewed this program at the Tracy club. Randy Wieberg is caught holding his first permit and bonefish along with more recently Malcolm (I am canceling my club trip to Alaska in order to return to Baja) Dunn holding a nice dorado. Al covers destinations from the Yucatan and Belize area to Mulege. Species covered are tarpon, dorado, snook, permit, bonefish and smaller tuna or skipjack. After talking to Al about his shad program it was suggested that we do the saltwater program because it contained less blood and guts- I think he was referring to Jeff Lorelli's last outing for shad. We will be meeting at Jack's Brew Pub at the Hub for dinner around 5:15 and as always all are invited and welcome.

Craig Gittings

Presidents Message for October 2006



How time flies when you are having fun. Here we are in October already. At this month's meeting we will be having nominations for club officers and directors for 2007. Elections will be held at our November meeting. Because the fourth Wednesday falls on the night before Thanksgiving, our meeting will be held on the third Wednesday, **November 15**. Be sure to mark your calendars.

I look forward to greeting the new members to our club. Be sure to introduce yourselves to me at the meetings. It's always good to meet people who are interested in our sport and who want to become more involved; we welcome you!

This is the time of year for great fall fishing. The steelhead and salmon are heading up the rivers to spawn, the black bass are getting ready for winter and the striped bass are in the delta. All the fishing waters are water skier free.

The "Trout in the Classroom" program is about to get started again this year. According to Ken Brunskill, our chairman for this program, is looking to sponsor four classrooms this year. Donations are appreciated. Please contact Ken for more information.

The "Trout Bum Award" is about to end for this year. Please submit your entries to Ken Brunskill, The winner will be selected in December.

It has been a tradition of the club that the fly tying members tie flies and donate them for the silent auction to be held at the Annual Dinner. Paul Lelis will have boxes available to put the flies in at the next meeting. The date for the dinner will be on Saturday, January 13, 2007.

Until we meet again, tight lies.

Malcolm J. Dunn,
President

September 27th - Club Meeting Summary

Larry Dennis announced that volunteers are needed to help out on the effort to restore steelhead runs on Alameda Creek. So far two dams have been removed from the creek and the project is moving along nicely.

Gene Kaczmarek reported that the fishing trip to northern Oregon to fish the Deschutes River, Crooked River and the Metolius River was less than expected. The weather was great, the water was great, but the fishing was only so-so. Gene did manage to catch two 6 pound steelhead on an all-day drift with Dean Lewis and Merlin Johnson. Also, the accommodations were disappointing in some respects.

Jeff Lorelli announced that the fishout to Roosevelt Lake, Meadow Cliffs and the East Walker River in the eastern sierras will be on October 13th to 15th. The reports are that the fishing has been good in the area.

Wayne Culp reported that the two fishing trips to the Hope Valley and Tuolumne Meadows in the sierras had good fishing, but the weather was a little cold at night.

Bill Peakes reported that the fishout to Clarks Fork had a small turn-out but good fishing. He also reported that 18 people showed up for the picnic at Garin Park in Hayward on September 16th.

Ed Huff reported that Rocky Point area on Upper Klamath Lake in southern Oregon had plenty of large spooky trout that were very difficult to catch.

President Malcolm Dunn reported that club dues would be raised to \$40 (\$35 if you are a member of the Northern California Council - Federation of Fly Fishers) in order to defray increased costs imposed by the Federation.

Malcolm also announced that Paul Lelis had a supply of fly boxes to hand out for members to fill with flies for the raffle at the banquet in January.

The featured speaker was Ken Hanley who gave a very interesting slide presentation on damsel flies and dragon flies. He described their life cycle and how to imitate them. Adult damsel and dragon flies are seldom used in fly fishing, as the nymph form is much more productive for both trout and bass.

Dave Heyes

October 4th, 2006 - Board Meeting Summary

A "slot" limit for striped bass is being proposed by the Federation of Fly Fishers to the California Department of Fish and Game and they are seeking our club's concurrence. Currently one can take fish 18 inches and longer. The proposed slot limit would allow fish from 17 to 30 inches to be taken. Fish over 30 inches would have to be released. It is believed that saving the large females would benefit the fishery and result in better propagation of young stripers. The Board voted to support the slot limit proposal.

Discussions were held on potential officers for next year. A list of possible candidates was prepared. Elections will be held at the November meeting.

Recently two new members joined our club, Dennis Swanson of Oakland and Richard Chandler of Fremont. Welcome to both Dennis and Richard.

Craig Gittings announced that Jim Peterson of the Federation of Fly Fishers will be the speaker at the November meeting.

Dave Heyes

November Board Meeting

Host: Bill Peakes
Date: Nov 1st @ 7:30 pm
Place: Bill Peakes Place

New Annual Award

Annual Trout Bum award

Starts Jan 1st, 2006

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

2006 EVENTS

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Oct 25 th , 2006	Silliman Community Activity Center	Monthly Club Meeting	Malcolm Dunn	7:00 pm (New Hours)
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Dec 6 th , 2006	Craig Gittings House	Board Meeting	Craig Gittings	7:30 pm
Dec 9 th , 2006	Denny's in Hayward	Club Breakfast	Bill Peakes	9:00 am
Dec 12 th , 2006	Silliman Community Activity Center	Fly Tying	Mitch Matsumoto	7:30 pm
Jan 3 rd , 2007	TBD	Board Meeting	TBD	7:30 pm
Jan 9 th , 2007	Silliman Community Activity Center	Fly Tying	Mitch Matsumoto	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	Malcolm Dunn	7:00 pm (New Hours)

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Annual MPFA Club Awards & Officers Installtion Dinner



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

Sat. Jan 13th, 2007

6:00 pm to 7:00 pm No Host Bar & check out raffle items

7:00 pm Dinner

DINNER SELECTIONS

*All selections includea Baked Potato, All-You-Can-Eat-Salad,
Sourdough Bread, Ranch Style Beans, Coffee or Tea.
Sodas \$1.99 with complinetary 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

CHEESE RAVIOLIS TOSSED WITH A FRESH CILANTRO PESTO SAUCE

\$28.00

Annual MPFA Club Officers Installtion Dinner

Turn in before Dec 31st for 1 ticket in the early bird drawing

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,

Or

Call him

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

Is anybody really listening?

Believe it or not- when I first got into flyfishing I was intimidated by anyone whom worked in a fly shop. For lack of better words, lets just call it anxiety issues. Whenever I walked into a shop, I could feel the piercing eyes of the shop's employees sizing me up and determining that I was just not worthy of such a sport, much less be allowed to browse their wares for sale. Perhaps it had something to do with self esteem issues that I had yet to overcome in my youth as the flight part of the fight or flight senses/characteristics kicked into hyper drive . The horrendous comments designed to make one think this was actually a friendly safe place that I had to overcome by the shop's employee, "Hi, can I help you?" and "Looking for anything in particular?" Was this a secret code to the uninitiated telling me to leave the premises immediately? "Ah, who me? I am just looking." Yeah, right, looking for that clear unobstructed run to the exit door sounded more like it.

Let us fast forward to the present.

Ken Brunskill, in his quest for establishing the Trout Bum award, suggested that you are apt to get pretty good information if you ask the right questions at destination fly shops. Ken mentioned this bit of information for both of his epic western states fly-fishing odysseys. But, how many times have you gone into a fly shop to garner a just a hint what is hot or what fly is working where? We did just that on our last outing to Lake Alpine. White Pines Outdoors in the Meadowmont Center of Arnold has a dedicated space no bigger 10 by 10 feet within its sporting goods store for fly-fishing- mostly a tying material section at that. Actually, they were in the process of converting their inventory over to wintertime sports. After talking to the proprietor's son, John Liechty (who also just happens to guide in the area) for a while about our destination or other promising options, not only did they have the flies displayed on the counter, but also told us how to fish the patterns and where on the lake. To bolster reinforcement, he pulled out a photo of a trout he had caught on the lake within the last month. We were told that the lake had finally turned over, which we had hoped for in order to fish this 7000 plus foot elevation lake.

Okay, lets face it, lake fishing is not my forte, in fact I need all the help I can get. And John was going to help me immensely. He even claimed to have a killer callibaetis nymph that he can't keep in the shop. Well, if that's the case, "Would you mind tying one for us?" Rule number one- all unasked questions go unanswered and secondly, there are no dumb questions. He accommodated us immediately on one of the two fly tying stations behind the counter and even offered it non gratis, but did mention, "When you find out how well it works, just call ahead and I'll tie up a dozen for you."- talk about subtle marketing. I even went as far as asking if they had a refund policy of their flies. Of course, "Just make sure you come by on Sunday afternoon to qualify for a full refund on any and all flies that don't work- no questions asked." How could one go wrong? Then August suggested that maybe they were closed on Sunday thereby spoiling the anticipation of getting a refund on the flies. Fishing was good, but it helped to have the information that we asked for as well. As the governor so aptly says, "I'll be back" as we are now planning a fish out to Lake Alpine next year.

Craig Gittings

MISSION PEAK FLY ANGLERS
2006 FISHOUT LIST

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE OF FISH	FISHMASTER	COMMENTS

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!

Bamboo Rod Raffle

We are raffling off this Very Nice Bamboo Rod for \$2.00 a ticket. The raffle will be held when we reach a goal of \$450.00. The moneys will be used to help offset the cost of our once a month Fly Tying Night. Thanks to all that made this happen.

Rod built by our own Bill Peakes

All the components were donated by REC Components

Blank donated by MPFA



Rod Raffle Chairman August Abellar

Conservation News

By
Larry Dennis, October 2006

Our tradition is that of the first man who sneaked away to the creek when the tribe did not really need fish. - Roderick Haig-Brown

San Joaquin River Restoration

After twenty years of contentious confrontations between environmental groups and water users an agreement has been reached on returning water to the San Joaquin River as the first step in restoring salmon runs. The turning point came last year when a federal judge ordered the groups to work out a solution or he would do it. The irrigators, knowing the judge would probably lean heavily toward the Enviro side decided to negotiate in earnest and save as much of 'their water' as possible. The final agreement worked out calls for 170,000 acre-feet of water to be sent down the river each year. This represents 15% of the 1.15 million acre-feet sent to the irrigators in the Central Valley. This was the minimum amount the Enviro felt would be needed to restore the spring salmon runs and re-water the lower 60 miles of the river which has been dry for decades, except for flood years when Friant Dam could not contain the additional water.

While all concerned parties are hailing the agreement it is not a done deal. Congress must now enact the agreement into law and then provide funding for the restoration. The restoration cost estimates range from \$250 to \$800 million. It will be a real battle to pry the money from the federal government. The feds have refused to supply any money to repair or update the local levees originally built by the Army Corps of Engineers.

The irrigators have a plan in their back pocket which will allow them to recover the water once it reaches the Delta and then pump it back to their fields, paid for by you know who.

Another potential bear-trap is that written into the agreement was that the salmon restoration attempt will be termed experimental which exonerates the water users from liability should there be any fish kills. As Sarah Woolf, spokeswoman for Westlands Water District said, "We are concerned about Endangered Species Act implications that might occur if the salmon run is not deemed as experimental. If they re-introduce the species as 'experimental,' it doesn't trigger all of those laws that hinder how we use the water. It is really just the unknown of what the ESA could inflict." This opens the door for exemption from ESA regulations for all water users connected to releases from Friant Dam in the Central Valley. *I have a strong feeling this clause in the agreement will open Pandora's Box.*

DWR Sued by Fishing Alliance

A coalition of fishing groups led, in part by the CSPA has filed suit against the Department of Water Resources alleging that the agency never obtained the proper legal authority to kill fish in the process of exporting water from the Delta to Southern California.

A "take-permit" is required under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA), issued by the state DFG. The species identified in the lawsuit are the endangered winter-run chinook salmon, the Delta smelt and the spring-run chinook.

If upheld in court, the lawsuit could result in drastic reductions in the amount of water pumped from the Delta or radical changes in the exportation routine.

The lack of a "take-permit" came to light during an August 2005 hearing chaired by Sen. Machado, (D-Linden) investigating the unprecedented decline of Delta smelt. At the hearing, DWR Director Lester Snow testified that DWR did not have a permit, but claimed authority exists under a "patchwork" of other agreements.

Since the hearing, DWR has embarked on a crash course to develop a plan which would provide compliance, however it is not expected to be finished until sometime in 2008. The plan is called a "Natural Communities Conservation Plan" or NCCP

Farmed Salmon Killing Wild Salmon, Inter Press Service, 10-3-06

Canada's open-ocean salmon farms are killing enormous numbers of wild salmon, threatening the species, a new study shows.

Research published on October 1, found that sea lice – a fish parasite – from salmon farms along the British Columbia coast kill up to 95 percent of the wild juvenile salmon as they head out to sea. “It is a startling conclusion,” said Alexandra Morton, a biologist with the Raincoast Research Society and co-author of the study. “We are not going to have any wild salmon at this rate.”

The study says there is little doubt that the source of the sea lice infestation is British Columbia's booming aquaculture industry, where tens of millions of Atlantic salmon are raised in open-ocean net pens along the coast.

The impact of more than 100 large salmon aquaculture operations along the BC coastline has been bitterly disputed for the last decade. British Columbia is the fourth largest salmon producer, netting more than 300 million dollars in annual sales, mainly to the United States. The farmed fish are non-native Atlantic salmon, which are prone to infestations of sea lice, small parasites that feed on the skin and mucous membranes, which are not generally found in high numbers, except at fish farms where a million fish can be impounded.

The paths of out-migrating juvenile keeps them away from wild adult salmon, which are carriers of the lice, but the farms are often in the worst possible locations.

Lake Davis Pike

Two meetings, one the last week of September and the other during the first week of this month, were held in Portola by the DFG to outline plans to again try ridding Lake Davis of Pike. The proposal is to draw down the 70,000 acre-foot lake to just 15,000 acre-feet, then apply rotenone to the lake as well as tributary streams, ponds and springs within the watershed. Comments on the proposal will be received until 10-16-06. If all goes well the procedure will take place next fall.

Alameda Creek

In the past three weeks two more obstacles preventing salmon and steelhead migration up Alameda Creek disappeared. The Niles dam, erected at the turn of the last century creating a swim lagoon for a resort on the east side of the creek, and the Sunol dam built just a few years later to supply water to the community at the mouth of the canyon which later became part of the town of Niles and the local flour mill were both removed leaving just three obstacles remaining impeding migration to the headwaters of the creek.

Alameda County Water District has received two grants and have initiated plans to remove the lowest rubber dam, decommission the middle rubber dam and relocate all the diversion gates and pumps necessary to move water to Shinn Ponds and Quarry Lakes to the upper rubber dam. Since the last remaining rubber dam is deflated during high water events to protect it fish migration will not be an issue. Anadromous fish generally move up and down the creek only during these high water times.

PG&E has plans in place to relocate or modify the location of a 36-inch gas pipeline crossing the creek in the Sunol Valley. Moving the pipeline could cost as much as \$1 million but there might be a less expensive way to make the creek passable. The remaining impediment is the BART weir which was originally built by the Army Corps of Engineers who are now claiming poverty and refuse to do anything in the way of mitigation. “As soon as the funds are found a fish ladder will be built,” says Jeff Miller, Director of the Alameda Creek Alliance. Since Congress is so adept at collecting bribes, correction, campaign contributions maybe we can send a couple of them out to gather the needed money.

Anyway, after almost ten years of nonstop effort, especially by Jeff Miller, milestones in the restoration of Alameda Creek are being made. Congratulations to Jeff.

In a related project, six agencies are undertaking the job of battling stream bank erosion along the Arroyo de la Laguna between Pleasanton and Sunol. The Arroyo has been severely impacted by runoff from the tri-valley watershed. Harvested eucalyptus trees, root masses, rock barbs and plantings are aimed at deflecting water back into the stream bed and away from the banks which are being eroded at an alarming rate.

Arroyo de la Laguna, Alameda Creek's largest tributary, flows into Alameda creek just west of the Sunol Water Temple.

New Fishing Regulation Proposals

Some of the proposed fishing regulation changes include year-round fishing of the following rivers: American and tributaries, East Fork Carson, Hot Creek, Little Truckee, Upper Owens, Pit, Truckee, Tuolumne, East Walker and North Fork Yuba. Changes in bag and size limits for these fisheries are also being offered. Also a slot limit is being proposed for Stripers throughout the state. Details of the proposed changes can be found at:

http://www.fgc.ca.gov/2006/2_00amregs.pdf

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