



Main Stream

Mission Peak Fly Anglers

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September 2006

Club Meeting

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

DATE: Wednesday, Sept 27th , 2006

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

COMING EVENTS

- Tues. Sept. 12th FLY TYING - 7:30 PM Loc same as Club Meeting
Fly Tying on 2nd Tues of the month from now on
- Wed. Sept. 27th CLUB MEETING 7:00 PM "New Time"
Silliman Community Activity Center, 6800 Mowry Avenue, Newark CA 94560
- Wed, Oct. 4th BOARD MEETING 7:30 PM – Steve Culp
- Tues. Oct 10th FLY TYING - 7:30 PM Loc same as Club Meeting
Fly Tying on 2nd Tues of the month from now on
- Sat. Oct 14th CLUB BREAKFAST : At the Denny's in Hayward on Whipple – 9:00 AM
- Wed. Oct 25th CLUB MEETING 7:00 PM "New Time"
Silliman Community Activity Center, 6800 Mowry Avenue, Newark CA 94560
- Wed, Nov 1st BOARD MEETING 7:30 PM – Bill Peakes
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September Guest Speakers

September should be called Ken Hanley month at Mission Peak Fly Anglers. "The show", as Ken refers to it, is titled "Dragons and Damsels" and is scheduled for the September 27th meeting. It is a presentation on the habitat and lifecycle of these cool creatures. Discussion will include techniques for stillwater and streams. Everyone can benefit from this show...trout and bass fishers alike.

It is not often that we can get someone of this caliber from our own backyard to do a program combined with our monthly fly tying all in the same month. Ken Hanley- where does one start in his list of credentials? Ken is the 2005 inductee into the NCCFFF Fly Fishing Hall of Fame, writer for various outdoor sports magazines, author (his collection of flyfishing books alone are worth having along with a couple of videos out there), educator (teaching not only flyfishing for both freshwater and saltwater species aspects but also outdoor business courses on the collegiate level), proprietor of Pacific Extremes an outdoor adventure company (checkout his website online), a pro fly tying staffer on the fly tying circuit and recognized world wide in the fly fishing arena as one hell of a dynamic speaker. All that attend Ken's fly tying session on September 12th will find this program to be the compliment to the tying night for all practical purposes.

Before meeting Ken, I had purchased his California Fly Tying and Fly Fishing Guide as my very first book for tying flies combined with Jack Dennis' Western Trout fly Tying Manual- what a combination. And as time passed, Ken was even invited to our Kelsey Ranch fishout just a couple of years back for his generosity to the club. For those that attended, Ken graciously provided his book, Fly Fishing Afoot for Western Bass as a thank you to club members. And if you read it as August did, you would know that the dragon fly nymph is a killer pattern as well as the Kaufmann stonefly nymph, both of which Ken included in his book as major food source for bass and later reinforced by August's personal experience after reading Ken's book. Can anyone say, "YEE HAW!" better than August?

Craig Gittings

Presidents Message for September 2006

It is about that time of year that we should start thinking about the officers for our club for 2007. At the board meeting it was suggested that the vice president should run for president. There will be positions for secretary and vice president.

Due to rising expenses the club will have to increase the annual dues to \$40.00 per year. Our rent for the meeting place has increased, liability insurance, and per capita to the FFF(Federation of Flyfisherman) and cost of programming. This year we paid \$100.00 plus \$2.00 per member of MPFA who are not members of the FFF. The board of directors has approved a discount for MPFA members who are also FFF members. When you are submitting your dues for 2007, include a copy of you FFF membership and your dues will only be \$35.00 per year.

At this time I would like to thank our vice president Craig Gittings , also the program chairman, for providing us with excellent monthly guest speakers. If anyone have some suggestions please contact him.

Until next time, tight lines

Malcolm J. Dunn,
President

October Board Meeting

Host: Steve Culp
Date: Oct. 4th @ 7:30 pm
Place: Steve Culp

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

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE OF EVENT	CONTACT	COMMENTS
Sept 12 th , 2006	Silliman Community Activity Center	Fly Tying	Mitch Matsumoto	7:30 pm
Sept 16 th , 2006	Garin Park, Hayward	Club Picnic	Malcolm Dunn	11:00 AM
Sept.27 th , 2006	Silliman Community Activity Center	Monthly Club Meeting	Malcolm Dunn	7:00 pm (New Hours)
Oct 4 th , 2006	Steve Clup House	Board Meeting	Steve Clup	7:30 pm
Oct 10 th , 2006	Silliman Community Activity Center	Fly Tying	Mitch Matsumoto	7:30 pm
Oct 14 th , 2006	Denny's in Hayward	Club Breakfast	Bill Peakes	9:00 am
Oct 25 th , 2006	Silliman Community Activity Center	Monthly Club Meeting	Malcolm Dunn	7:00 pm (New Hours)
Nov 1 st , 2006	Bill Peakes House	Board Meeting	Bill Peakes	7:30 pm
Nov 11 th , 2006	Denny's in Hayward	Club Breakfast	Bill Peakes	9:00 am
Nov 14 th , 2006	Silliman Community Activity Center	Fly Tying	Mitch Matsumoto	7:30 pm
Nov 15 th , 2006	Silliman Community Activity Center	Monthly Club Meeting	Malcolm Dunn	7:00 pm (New Hours)
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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MISSION PEAK FLY ANGLERS
2006 FISHOUT LIST

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE OF FISH	FISHMASTER	COMMENTS
<i>Sept 21-24</i>	<i>Tuolumne Meadows – Yosemite NP.</i>	<i>Trout</i>	<i>Wayne Culp</i>	<i>2 camp sites presently reserved at Tuolumne Meadows.</i>
<i>Oct 13-15</i>	<i>Eastern Sierra – Bridgeport Area.</i>	<i>Trout</i>	<i>Jeff Lorelli</i>	<i>Staying at Meadowcliff Lodge. 1-888-333-8132</i>

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. Contact 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

ANNUAL MPFA CLUB PICNIC

The annual Club picnic will be held on Saturday, September 16th at Garin Park in Hayward. Parking is \$5:00 this year. Bill Peakes is requesting all members planning to attend to **PLEASE MAIL YOUR RESERVATION FORM AND PAYMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

The cost is \$5 per person over the age of 12. Kids 12 and under are free. The Club will provide the drinks and main course (chicken, ribs, etc.). Otherwise, you will need to bring an appetizer, salad or dessert for ten, please see below.

Last names beginning:

A to J bring an appetizer (use your imagination!)

K to O bring a salad (potato, macaroni, green leaf with dressing, or your favorite)

P to Z bring a dessert (YUMMIE!)



2006 Mission Peaks Annual Summer Picnic

Members Name _____
of Tickets needed (Adults & children over 12 years) x \$5.00 = Amount
(enclose check) Total Amt. _____ **Return to:**
Bill Peakes,

Trash Fly Tying Contest

We will be having our Annual Trash Fly Tying Contest at the Club Picnic again this year. There are some new guide line. You may bring your own Vice (we will have an area to support c clamp vices) tools and theard. We will supply the hooks (size 6 & 10). You may entry as many flys as you want. You can only uses trash that you have collected from the park after you have arrived. We will ty to 1pm). The Flys will be judged by 2 judges on use of trash and looks. If you win you will have your name engraved on a plate on the perpetual trophy and a picture of your fly on the trophy in which you get to keep to display for a year (to be return.for the next year contest) Also you will receive a plate with your fly in it for you to keep. We hope we have a lot of entrys

Doug Fear

MPFA FLY TYING CLASS

Mission Peak Fly Anglers will conduct a **BEGINNER FLY TYING CLASSES** later this year. Classes will be two (2) hours in length from 7:00pm to 9:00pm for 6 consecutive weeks

The fee will be \$30 for club members and \$70 for non-club members.

You will learn to tie the following flies

Wooly Worm,
Elk Hair Caddis (dry fly)
Adams (dry fly)

Gold Ribbed Hare's ear (nymph)
Bead Head Prince Nymph
Pheasant Tail Nymph

You will need the following tools:

Fly tying Vise	Scissors
Bobbin	Hackle Pliers
Thread (Pre-waxed Black 6/0)	Hair stacker

Mission Peak Fly Anglers will supply all the tying materials needed for each class. Your instructors will provide you with a personal packet for each fly you will be tying. This packet will include detailed instructions (and pictures) on how to tie each fly so you can continue to practice at home.

We are currently looking for a location and setting a date for the class

Those interested in taking the beginner tying class contact
Gene Kaczmarek

Ken Hanley will demo his damsel series at the September 12th fly tying night. This also coincides with his program on "Dragonflies and Damsels" later this month. We don't have photos or recipes of his patterns this go around.

I originally cut my teeth on fly tying by way of introduction to Ken Hanley's **California Fly Tying and Fishing Guide** long before I ever meeting him at one our club meetings. On my first encounter I knew Ken was my kind of guy. Humble, but very engaging and willing impart information, a lot of information in fact for those that would listen attentively. I guess you could call him a fanatic, but more importantly it is his style of teaching that will maintain the interest by everyone in the room. I hope that you can make it to this meeting with local celeb, Ken Hanley.



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Friday, October 6, 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 7, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 8, On-the-Water and Casting Workshops

Event includes:
Live and Silent Auctions - Raffles
Fly Casting Instruction - Kids' Corner
Fly Tying - Fishing Techniques - Travel Programs
Artists - Manufacturers - Exhibitors
Banquet - Chili Feed

For more information & updates go to: www.nccff.org
Or Call Phil Greenlee (530) 222-5285

Conservation News

By
Larry Dennis, September 2006

How long does it take to learn fly fishing? No one knows – Anon.

Marine Sanctuaries Established, San Francisco Chronicle, 8-16-06

State wildlife officials voted August 15 to create a network of fish refuges from Half Moon Bay to Santa Barbara, forging the most ambitious marine conservation program in the nation.

The proposal will protect about 110 square miles off the Central Coast by banning most human activity, from recreational and commercial fishing to scuba diving. The plan approved by the state Fish and Game Commission also gives varying levels of protection to about another 94 square miles of ocean, including some areas where fishing would be limited to recreational anglers or certain fish species.

If the program works as hoped, it could resuscitate flagging populations of rockfish, a complex of bottom-dwelling fishes that was once a mainstay of the state's commercial and sport fisheries. It could also protect crucial habitat that helps sustain everything from sea slugs to gray whales.

After a 12-hour meeting in Monterey, commissioners chose a middle-of-the-road approach that didn't quite satisfy environmentalists but protected much more marine habitat than was favored by fishing groups.

The process of developing a refuge plan has been long and arduous, involving seven years of negotiations among the various stakeholders – environmentalists, commercial fishermen, sport anglers, divers, citizens and civic leaders from coastal towns.

Generally, fishing groups felt the commission's preferred alternative was too tough, putting too much water off limits to commercial fishing and angling. Environmentalists countered that their plan provided the minimal protections needed for rockfish and other near-shore marine life.

Jim Martin, a regional director for the Recreational Fishing Alliance, favored a more lenient compromise. The adopted plan restricts too much water and anglers will be shut out of some of the best fishing grounds, he said. "The Morro Bay and Avila region could really get hurt. (Regulators) have grabbed every rocky headland so people won't have many (fishing) options," he said.

Zeke Grader, the executive director of the Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations, said refuges alone shouldn't be considered a sufficient response to the threats facing coastal fisheries. "Whatever option you choose won't save a fishery stock or cause its extinction," Grader said, adding that state regulators should focus on cutting ocean pollution caused by cities.

Environmentalists cited numerous scientific studies that found fish populations benefited from establishing marine refuges. Such reserves, they said, can harbor large numbers of big, mature fish, which can "seed" adjacent areas with their young. "What we have underwater is as precious as the Grand Canyon, but we're playing catch-up on the oceans," said Karen Garrison, the ocean programs coordinator for the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC). "(Reserves) are hard to create, but they're something we can all be proud of." Garrison also argued that state officials should expand the planned protections for the area around Ano Nuevo Island. Without a ban on squid and salmon fishing, marine animals would still struggle to find sufficient food.

John Urogoretz with the state Department of Fish and Game said that a refuge had to be practical to be effective. "We tried to simplify (things) as much as possible," Urogoretz told commissioners. "If you create a resolution that is difficult to follow, people may break the regulations."

But some at the meeting said the entire effort was misdirected. "This focuses exclusively on commercial and recreational fish species," said Judah Sanders, a San Luis Obispo scuba instructor. "It just puts lines around swatches of ocean. There hasn't been enough research." Sanders said regulators should put more effort into identifying areas with special biological significance. "We also need to protect some really trashed areas, so we can use them for baseline data. We can compare their recoveries to more desirable habitats."

Commissioner Bob Hattoy said the final plan didn't go far enough. "It is a compromise of a compromise," he said. "We had a chance to be historic tonight, and all we were was adequate. We had an opportunity to run a great race, and we barely stumbled across the finish line."

DFG Wardens

The union representing California public safety employees announced that an agreement which would increase the salaries of game wardens, park rangers and Department of Justice special agents by 25 percent over the next four years. Under the terms of the new deal, the three groups will receive an immediate 10 percent raise followed by another 5 percent on January 1, 2007, then two more 5 percent raises in 2008. Currently, park rangers receive a top annual pay of \$49,620; wardens, \$53,184 and DOJ agents, \$69,192. The current salaries have not been enough to attract people to the agencies. The DFG currently has a third of its 192 line warden positions vacant.

Trinity River Restoration

Part of the Trinity River Restoration Plan has been completed with the deposit of over 2,500 tons of coarse gravel placed in 1,000 feet of river bed just below Lewiston dam. This is the area referred to as the "Fly-only section." Since the dam's completion in the early 1960s, gravel up to 5 inches in diameter has slowly been swept downstream leaving a river bed devoid of suitable spawning gravel for returning salmon and steelhead.

San Joaquin River, LA Times, 8-20-06

"Remember this, water is California's most valuable possession – we need every drop that falls on the mountains and on the plains." The speaker was Gov. Earl Warren. The year was 1949. The occasion was the opening of two giant valves at the base of Friant Dam, for the first time sending the cold, Sierra-fed waters of the San Joaquin River pouring into an irrigation canal big enough to float a destroyer. In few places in California was Warren's mandate taken to heart as conscientiously as at Friant, northeast of Fresno.

By the time the 151-mile canal running to Bakersfield, the Friant-Kern, was inaugurated two years after Warren's speech with a fly-over of 100 planes and flotilla of bathing beauties in cruising power boats, one of California's greatest rivers was in its death throes, swallowed virtually whole by the nation's biggest irrigation project. About 60 miles of the San Joaquin, the state's second-longest river, shriveled to dust as its mountain waters were rerouted to a million acres of farmland up and down the arid eastern flanks of the San Joaquin Valley.

A chinook salmon run of tens of thousands was wiped out.

The lower stretch of the river filled with runoff and farm drain water so tainted that it came to be known as the "lower colon of California."

Now, thanks to a settlement in a tortured, nearly two-decade-long court fight, the San Joaquin is about to get some of its water back. The agreement, in the final stages of approval, is designed to resurrect the salmon run and return year-round flows to the river for the first time since Harry Truman was president.

"The San Joaquin was just killed," said Harrison "Hap" Dunning, a UC Davis emeritus law professor and authority on water law. "It's a monumental restoration."

It has not come easily. Kole Upton is a 63-year-old Chowchilla grower with a sharp sense of humor, an engineering degree from Stanford, and 1,200 acres of cotton, corn, almonds and wheat that would wither without water from the San Joaquin. He has been one of the leaders in years of off-and-on settlement negotiations involving growers, environmentalists and the federal government, which operates the dam.

He says he takes a lot of grief for dealing with environmentalists. Other growers tell him, "You're selling us out!" But he said he thought there was no choice but to deal, and ultimately settle, after a series of unfavorable court decisions. In a 1988 environmental lawsuit made it clear that if the growers didn't help decide how much water to put back in the river, a federal judge would do it for them. "We've been through this for 18 years," he said. "We spent a lot of money. We delayed as long as we could."

Judge Rejects Forest-Logging Plans

Federal Judge Charles R. Breyer recently sided with environmental groups that had sued the US Forest Service over plans to permit timber cuts on up to 3,200 acres each year in the 328,000-acre Giant Sequoia National Monument, home to two-thirds of the world's largest trees. "The Forest Service's interest in harvesting timber has trampled the applicable environmental laws," Breyer wrote, calling the forest management plan "incomprehensible."

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