

Main Stream

Mission Peak Fly Anglers

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March 2006

Club Meeting

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

DATE: Wednesday, March 22nd, 2006

TIME: 7:00 PM (Social hour begins at 6:30 PM)(**New hours for meeting**)

COMING EVENTS

- Sat. March 11th CLUB BREAKFAST : At the Denny's in Hayward on Whipple – 9:00 AM
- Tues. March 14th 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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MISSION PEAK FLY ANGLERS –2006 DUES PAYMENT FORM – Due before April 1st , 2006

Member Name: _____

Amount Enclosed (@ \$30 per member/family. \$20 per member under 18 or living outside a 100 mi radius)

PLEASE DETACH AND MAIL FORMS WITH CHECKS TO BILL PEAKES.

Program for March Club Meeting

Our March 22nd program will be Ken Brunskill and Larry Dennis with their "Trout Bum" travel log of the western United States. Is it truly possible to find compatibility in another fishing buddy after Bill McCarty's move to Oregon? We will all find out. I'm telling you, these retired guys have all the fun, especially when the spouses give their blessing to get out of the house for a while. Well, these two brave souls took the suggestion literally. And they even found that the locks had not changed during their absence. Kudos go out to both Pat and Vivian; Ken's and Larry's better halves for allowing such an adventure.

Larry Dennis could not have said it any better, "We were gone 3 1/2 weeks, drove almost 5,000 miles (4980), fished 8 states and 30 pieces of water. We fished California, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Wyoming including Yellowstone, Montana, Idaho, Oregon, finishing, again, in California on Hat Creek. My camera stopped working in Nevada so we had to rely on Ken's."

Thank goodness for auto focus, eh Ken?

This should prove to be an unforgettable program for Ken and Larry. It will not be a bad place to get ideas for your own road trip- when and if given the opportunity.

Craig Gittings
Program Chairperson

February Club Meeting Summary

Submitted by Dave Heyes

The meeting was called to order by President Malcolm Dunn at the new meeting time of 7:00 PM. Several members forgot and didn't arrive until 7:30 PM. The meetings now end at 9:00 PM, one half hour earlier than previous to accommodate the Sillimen Center.

Steve Oldfield made an announcement regarding the Trinity River Fishout to be held on March 18th and 19th. A sign-up sheet was passed around. Steve and some others plan to stay at the Lewiston Motel (next to Mama's restaurant).

Craig Gittings announced that a class in beginning fly fishing and casting will be held on April 25th - volunteers are needed to help.

A class on tying Atlantic salmon flies will be given in April and May for advanced fly tiers by Gene Kaczmaek, time still to be determined.

The Federation of Fly Fishers National Conclave will be held in Montana in July. There will be fly tying and fly casting classes. By invitation, George Bouvoine will be presenting his slide show on backpacking in the Sierra at the Conclave.

Bill Peakes gave the Treasurers report.

The business part of the meeting was abbreviated to make additional time for the nationally known speaker, A.K. Best, who presented a slide show on "Match the Hatch".

A.K. talked about how nymph patterns are usually tied to match the color and texture while the nymph is out of water, where it has a shiny appearance. He pointed out that the submerged nymph is not shiny; it has more of a dull luster, which if you think about it, is what you would expect since nymphs try to blend-in to conceal themselves and avoid predators. A flashy nymph does not represent the natural. One needs to tie their flies so that they match the submerged nymph.

Other bits of useful information included the observation that nymphs usually have short tails (but not always, tricos and calibaetis have long tails), and almost nymphs always have a waxy abdomen, not the translucent color present on many purchased flies. Good materials for matching the waxy abdomen are latex and quill.

Other observations are that bugs are generally not fuzzy and nymphs do not curl up in the water while drifting downstream, so don't tie your flies that way. Curling up is a protective response used while on the bottom, but while drifting they reach out and try to grab onto something, so tie the legs long and so they move in the water. Soft hackle is very good.

Wings often trigger a fish to strike at a fly, so match the wings as closely as possible. Also, sometimes spinners land with one wing upright and one wing on the water. The wing tips sticking out of a winged beetle are a trigger - try taking a photo of a beetle floating on the water.

A.K. encourages you to always take your camera with you when fishing because light and conditions change so you have to take the photo when the opportunity presents itself. For example: sunsets and sunrises, the colors on a fish. He likes to get up close to the fish so that you can see the fly in his mouth. It is unlikely that the event can ever be duplicated. Someday those will help you to remember the past.

March Board Meeting Summary

Submitted by Craig Gitting

Meeting was called to order. Previous minutes were read and approved

Treasurer report fell within the area that was deemed satisfactory.

A discussion on the website progress came up. George Bouvoine said that Malcolm had not yet met with Ed Huff or him because of availability issues. George also suggested a hit counter to determine viability of the website and an action committee comprised of George, Ed Huff, Doug Fear and Malcolm Dunn to work on the website. A bill was presented for the year from the web hosting company for the website. Motioned, carried and approved that it be paid.

The club's liability insurance came up and was shelved until the April board meeting when more information is available from a competing bid.

A reminder that the Intro to Flyfishing program through the Newark's park and rec dept is on March 25th. A casting instructor, possibly Larry Dennis, was mentioned; that is, if he will bring his rod collection for neophytes to cast. A casting clinic for the regular members was also mentioned. George Bouvoine declined saying he was done with any type of casting instruction especially beginning casters. Gene Kazmerek was mentioned as a possibility via a certification process. July 15th was picked for the summer intro class via Newark Park and rec guide and will be turned in tomorrow to meet publication deadline. The Kistler Ranch fish out on April 29th bill was presented for trespass fee. A reminder to include information promoting the event- cost is \$25 per angler payable to the club and a correction that Groveland resident, Tom Knoth was not the fish master, but Craig Gittings. We might just see Tom at the fishout. It was also pointed out (under the "Who was the idiot that picked that date?") that the date could have been better as not to conflict with the trout opener. August Abellar will bring the ribs and corn. A cook is all that is needed and a BBQ- Malcolm, are you interested? It was suggested that this also become a potluck.

Bill Peakes will attempt to reserve the annual club BBQ date tentatively for Sept 16th at Garin Park.

The typical annual donations to the following organizations was motioned and carried for approval: FFF, CalTrout, Trout unlimited, Nature Conservancy, CSPA, Alameda Creek Alliance and the Arroyo Flyfishers.

The March fly tying night will be Steve Potter, whose flies have graced the cover of Fly Tying Journal, tying his deer hair bass popper patterns.

Larry Dennis and Ken Brunskill will have their Trout Bum program at the next general meeting.

Next board meeting is at Terry Henry's home.

Meeting adjourned.

After the meeting Terry Henry brought out a 5-8 minute DVD on Trout in the Classroom done through his sister's 1st grade class. It was suggested that it be shown at the next club meeting.



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April MPFA Board Meeting

Host: Terry Henry

Date: April 5th @ 7:30 pm

Place:

Kistler Ranch Fishout

Craig wants to remind you to sign-up for our annual Kistler Ranch Fishout on April 29th. Event- cost is \$25 per angler payable to the club (send check to Bill Peakes) and a correction that the Groveland resident, Tom Knoth was not the fish master, but Craig Gittings. We might just see Tom at the fishout. It was also pointed out (under the "Who was the idiot that picked that date?") that the date could have been better as not to conflict with the trout opener. August Abellar will bring the ribs and corn. A cook is all that is needed and a BBQ- Malcolm, are you interested? It was suggested that this also become a potluck.

2006 EVENTS

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March 1 th , 2006	Bill Peakes Garage	Board Meeting	Bill Peakes	7:30 pm
March 11 th , 2006	Denny's in Hayward	Club Breakfast	Bill Peakes	9:00 am
March 14 th , 2006	Silliman Community Activity Center	Fly Tying	Mitch Matsumoto	7:30 pm
March 22 nd , 2006	Silliman Community Activity Center	Monthly Club Meeting	Malcolm Dunn	7:00 pm (New Hours)
March 25 th , 2006	Silliman Community Activity Center	Intro To Fly Fishing Class	Craig Gittings	TBD
April 5 th , 2006	Terry's House	Board Meeting	Terry Henry	7:30 pm
April 8 th , 2006	Denny's in Hayward	Club Breakfast	Bill Peakes	9:00 am
April 11 th , 2006	Silliman Community Activity Center	Fly Tying	Mitch Matsumoto	7:30 pm
April 26 th , 2006	Silliman Community Activity Center	Monthly Club Meeting	Malcolm Dunn	7:00 pm (New Hours)
May 3 rd , 2006	TBD	Board Meeting	Wayne Culp	7:30 pm
May 9 th , 2006	Silliman Community Activity Center	Fly Tying	Mitch Matsumoto	7:30 pm
May 13 th , 2006	Denny's in Hayward	Club Breakfast	Bill Peakes	9:00 am
May 24 th , 2006	Silliman Community Activity Center	Monthly Club Meeting	Malcolm Dunn	7:00 pm (New Hours)
June 7 th , 2006	Bill Peakes House	Board Meeting	Doug Fear	7:30 pm
June 10 th , 2006	Denny's in Hayward	Club Breakfast	Bill Peakes	9:00 am
June 13 th , 2006	Silliman Community Activity Center	Fly Tying	Mitch Matsumoto	7:30 pm
June 28 th , 2006	Silliman Community Activity Center	Monthly Club Meeting	Malcolm Dunn	7:00 pm (New Hours)
July 5 th , 2006	Malcolm House	Board Meeting	Malcolm Dunn	7:30 pm
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The Fishing Dictionary

Fishing Magazine: Just a little something to keep the fisherman busy when he's not fishing, talking about fishing, watching fishing shows on TV or shopping for fishing equipment.

Fly Casting: Classic Technique of releasing more and more line in a graceful arc until you are able to snag a branch more than 20 feet over your head.

Hand-Tied Fly: What you have when the zipper breaks on your "lucky" fishing pants that fit fine when you bought them 10 years ago.

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2006 FISHOUT LIST

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE OF FISH	FISHMASTER	COMMENTS
Mar	Trinity River	<i>Steelhead</i>	Steve Oldfield	
Mar - April	Lake Nacimiento	Bass	Joe Abinanti	Weather permitting – decision to go week before.
April				
April 29th	<i>Kistler Ranch</i>	<i>Bass, Panfish</i>	<i>Craig Gittings</i>	<i>\$25 per person with 12 person minimum. Potluck BBQ. Get your spot reserved today!</i>
May				
June 10, 2006	Manresa Beach – Santa Cruz	<i>Surf Perch</i>	Craig Gittings	Leave Fremont at O-Dark Thirty
June	American River	<i>Shad</i>	Ken Brunskill	
June 17th & 18th	Manzanita Lake	<i>Trout</i>	Mark Kaharick	Potluck BBQ
June - July	TBD	<i>Shad</i>		
Aug				
Sept 9th, 10th	Clark's Fork	<i>Trout</i>	Bill Peaks	Potluck BBQ
Sept	Feather River	<i>Salmon</i>	August Abellar	
Sept				
Oct	Yellowstone	<i>Trout</i>	Gene Kaczmarek	
Oct	Eastern Sierra	<i>Trout</i>	Jeff Lorelli	
Oct	American River	<i>Salmon</i>	Calvin Chin	
Nov				
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. 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!

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**)

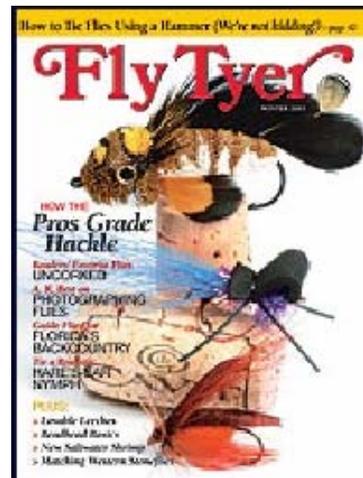
Have reported to the club and shown photos to the club at a regular meeting

This description to be affixed to the back side of the plaque

Chairperson: Ken Brunskill

The Fly Tyer for March

Guest Steve Potter



The Tyer for March fly tying night will be Steve Potter, whose flies have graced the cover of Fly Tyer (Winter, 2005). He will be tying his deer hair bass popper patterns, which will be a good fly for our *Kistler Ranch* fishout coming up in April.

Conservation News

By
Larry Dennis, March 2006

**Since we are stewards of God's green earth we should be caring for it, not exploiting it.
Sen. Sam Brownback (R-KS) 2005**

Delta

In spite of all the bad things happening and the doom and gloom surrounding the Delta, there are a few bright spots. The state Water Resources Control Board order the state Dept. of Water Resources and the federal Bureau of Reclamation to meet the salt level standards for the Delta or face being shut down. The new lower level standards were supposed to go into effect last year, but the two agencies responsible for exporting water south argued that they couldn't meet the standards and asked for more time. On Feb. 15 the Control Board said, "Time is up!" Jerry Johns, Dep. Dir. Of DWR, is upset claiming that they and BOR are being blamed for the problem. *Question: who else pumps that volume of water from the Delta? To reduce the salt levels, the two operations must reduce pumping levels, bring more water down the San Joaquin River or simply clean it up. In this issue both environmentalists and agencies representing farmers applauded the decision. Now that the Board has decided that it is in charge of the Delta, do we have a new 400 lb Gorilla?*

Secondly, a federal project to link the two water export canals together was halted. A lawsuit against the BOR by the Planning and Conservation League claimed that the BOR violated state and federal law by failing to prepare full environmental impact studies. The trial is scheduled for May.

Now for the ongoing bad Delta news: Federal scientists (?), *at you know whose instructions* have come up with a novel solution to the declining Delta Smelt problem – raise them in a hatchery! *I would guess these are the same federal scientists who claim the increased pumping is not hurting the Delta.*

One Delta Opinion Sent to the Sacramento Bee by Steve Hall of the Association of California Water Users called for the Governor to appoint a 'high-level' (read special interest) commission to review and make recommendations to address the serious threats to the Delta, and then begin action to keep the Delta intact. He states that the state should move ahead with the entire Delta improvements package – environmental improvements, upgrades to drinking water quality and improved supply reliability for Southern California and the Silicon Valley. These regions are key to the state's economic engine and must have reliable, high-quality water supplies from the Delta. *Anyone want to guess who pulls Mr. Hall's strings to make his lips move?*

In a second letter, Debra Man, interim CEO/General Manager of the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) said, "Although we've been blessed with abundant Northern California supplies in recent years, Metropolitan and its member public agencies have reduced pressures on the Delta by investing in conservation, water recycling and local storage, while balancing our imported water needs". *Then why are they demanding increased pumping from the Delta?* "That's why we must let sound science and facts guide our way as we address the Delta's long-term challenges." *Playing the 'sound science' card again!*

In a related matter, an 18-year-old court battle over how much water should flow from Friant Dam through the San Joaquin River to the Delta, hopefully, is nearing an end. Environmentalists, farmers and federal water officials informed Judge Karlton on 2/7 that they should be able to reach a settlement within the next 30 days. Karlton ruled in November 2004 that the BOR, which operates the dam, had broken state law by not leaving enough water on the river to sustain the historic salmon population. Since the dam was completed in the 40's the BOR began holding back 90% of the San Joaquin's flow in order to supply irrigators on the east side of the San Joaquin Valley. The diversion dried large portions of the river below the dam, killing off the salmon which had relied on the river to spawn, and decreasing water levels in the San Joaquin-Sacramento River Delta, which hurt local species and forced farmers in the area to rely on increasingly salty water. What's in dispute now is how much water is needed to bring the fish back.

Central Valley Forum, Fresno Bee – 2/24/06

Mike Chrisman, Secretary of resources in Gov. Schwarzenegger's administration, will be the keynote speaker at a unique conference of farmers and builders in Visalia on March 6. The title of the conference is Tulare County Land Use Public Forum. Chrisman will address the viability of the county's Rural Valley Lands Plan in protecting farm ground as the number of proposed developments in county areas increases.

The Tulare Co. Farm Bureau, Univ. of California Cooperative Extension and Building Industry Association of Tulare and Kings counties are hosting the conference. J.G. Boswell Co. and its subsidiary The Eastlake Co. are listed as co-sponsors. Boswell wants to develop its Yokohl Valley cattle ranch into a residential community. Brad Caudill, farm bureau exec. Dir., and Jim Sullins, Tulare Co. farm adviser, brainstormed the idea of a builder-farmer conference last year.

"Everybody's talking, but nobody's talking to each other," Caudell said, "How can ag and growth co-exist? Is there enough water to go around? How much land is needed? How do we keep the right to farm?" *I think the forum is for the*

masses and uneducated. The real scheme is what is going on in the back room: The BIA's motto is, "Doing our part to make a difference in the San Joaquin Valley." If you 'Google' J. G. Boswell you will find that the company grows cotton on 150,000 acres in the valley; is considered the world's largest cotton & tomato grower; has received \$172,290,870.16 in commodity subsidies from 2000 through 2004 and J. G. 'Jim' Boswell is called 'The King of California'. The Eastlake Co. is the developer of a 3200 acre planned community in Chula Vista. The scheme; extracting the highest price for farm lands while at the same time providing secure water rights (at subsidized agriculture costs). Fish still being left out in the cold!

Auburn Dam

Thought the Auburn Dam project was dead and buried? Think again, Rep. John Doolittle of Roseville has led the march of the Auburn Dam faithful for the last twenty years. Fortunately, this has been a parade of one. Doolittle says, "Any dam will eventually pay for itself. If you build a multipurpose dam, it's a moneymaking machine because it generates the sale of electricity and of water. The project is alive and well, and it begs to be completed." But most power, water and flood-control experts consider the Auburn Dam a fantasy.

The Auburn dam may end up being the most expensive dam that never was, with \$400 million and counting spent since the project was authorized by Congress in 1965. Earthquake risk halted the project in 1979, leaving behind an abandoned gravel pit. Cost to date: in addition to \$400 million spent, another \$30 million will have been spent by the end of this year to restore the gravel pit. Now, Doolittle has persuaded Congress to spend \$1 million more on yet another study by attaching it to the recently passed energy and water appropriations bill.

Logging

The state Supreme Court recently ruled that state water boards do have the right to regulate logging activities that impact streams and rivers. Logging practices can increase the runoff of sediment, a major threat to water quality and aquatic life. It also warned the boards to be careful in their regulatory powers because just saying 'no' to logging practices doesn't necessarily solve the problem.

The center of this decision came about by the friction between the district water board and Pacific Lumber Co. over logging in the Headwaters Redwood Forest area.

Pacific Lumber once owned the largest stand of old-growth redwoods in private hands. Maxxam Corp. purchased Pacific Lumber in 1985 from the heirs of the founder. Maxxam immediately removed all tangible assets leaving the subsidiary with more than \$700 million in debt. The plan was to then begin cutting the remaining forest to pay off the debt. In 1999 the state and federal governments paid Maxxam \$480 million to buy the Headwaters Forest property. Still saddled with massive debt Pacific Lumber has been forced to log as many trees as regulators would allow. The result of this hard logging has been a tremendous increase of erosion, flooding and sediment flowing into waterways. How much control water boards will have over logging in general remains to be seen.

New Deltakeeper

Since last December, Carrie McNeil has been the director of Deltakeeper, replacing Bill Jennings, who founded the organization 12 years ago. Deltakeeper is arguable the staunchest and most recognized environmental group in the Central Valley. McNeil's job: protecting Delta waterways from pollution through advocacy, science, education and, when necessary, lawsuits. Over the years Deltakeeper and its volunteers have forced the cleanup of Penn Mine, pressured state agencies to regulate polluted water draining from farms and sued several companies for Clean Water Act violations. McNeil is a graduate of the University of California, San Diego, and has worked for the state Assembly speaker pro tem and the state Senate Natural Resources and Wildlife Committee, where she helped develop laws involving abandoned mine cleanup, storm water pollution, metal contamination and nuclear wastes.

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