



Main Stream

Mission Peak Fly Anglers

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November 2014 Club Meeting

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

DATE: **Wednesday, November 19th** (Note day and date)

TIME: 6:30 pm

PROGRAM : Fly Fishing Videos with narration

***** UPCOMING FUTURE EVENT ***** *Annual Installation Dinner* on [January 24th 2015](#)

Upcoming Events

- Wed. Nov. 19 Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Hospital, Livermore, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
- Wed. Nov. 19 Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Palo Alto, 2:30 PM to 4:00 PM
- Wed. Nov. 19 *Fly Tying Night* ***** **CANCELLED** *****

- Wed. Nov. 19 **Club Meeting-** 6:30 PM, Silliman Community Activity Center
- Thurs. Nov. 20 Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Hospital, San Jose, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

- Fri. Nov. 21 Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Hospital, Menlo Park, 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM

- Wed. Dec. 3 **BOARD MEETING** 7:00 PM Fremont Activity Center, 3375 Country Dr., Fremont
- Wed. Dec. 3 Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Hospital, Livermore, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
- Wed. Dec. 3 Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Palo Alto, 2:30 PM to 4:00 PM

- Fri. Dec. 5 Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Hospital, Menlo Park, 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM
- Sat. Dec. 13 **Club Breakfast:** At the Denny's in Hayward on Whipple - 9:00 AM

- Wed. Dec. 17 Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Hospital, Livermore, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
- Wed. Dec. 17 Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Palo Alto, 2:30 PM to 4:00 PM

- Wed. Dec. 17 **MOVIE AND SWAP MEET** - 6:30 PM, Silliman Community Activity Center

- Thurs. Dec. 18 Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Hospital, San Jose, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
- Fri. Dec. 19 Veterans First Fly Fishing - VA Hospital, Menlo Park, 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM

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Video Library	Bill Mattson		Raffle Chairman	Dave Heyes		
Web Master	Ray Gauthier		Trout Bum Award	Craig Gittings		
Trout in the classroom	Ed Huff		Fukumoto Award	Mitch Matsumoto		
			Fly Fishing Volunteers	Ken Brunskill		

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E-mail address list

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.

President's Message

THE LOCAL SCENE:

LAKE CHABOT

For one of those times that you would like to get out of the house for a few hours, plus do a little fishing, Lake Chabot is one of our eastbay lakes that might be just the place to visit. The lake is close to home and has a number of activities to offer.

The lake is well stocked and is a good place to take the kids, and grandkids, and is especially good for first time fishing youngsters. While catch and release fishing is encouraged, there are limits you may keep and take home.

Boating is allowed in the 315 acre lake and there are rental boats available. Canoes, kayaks, and small boats with electric motor may be used in the lake.

Float tubes and other inflatables must have more than two chambers. Boats longer than twenty feet are not allowed and, all boats must be carried from the parking area to the marina launch area.

The marina has a café and bait and tackle shop. The café serves breakfast and lunch, and snacks are available. The tackle shop is well stocked.

Access to the lake is from Lake Chabot road in Castro valley. More information can be found on their web site: WWW.ebparks.org.

The reservoir was built in the late 1800s as a water source for the eastbay. In the 1960s it was opened for fishing and recreational use.

After moving to the bay area in 1964 and settling in Hayward, and, being a life long fisherman, I was drawn to the lake because it was close to home. While I have not fished Lake Chabot for a number of years, it was a nice place to go without driving a long distance. I started taking my son there when he was 16 months old. I have many good memories of our fishing trips. We didn't stay for too long at a time. He learned to fish there and today is an avid outdoorsman and fisherman.

by Jan Van Zandt

Annual Trout Bum Award

Starts Jan 1, 2014

Awarded by MPFA Board of Directors at December board meeting

Requirements:

Candidate 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 with the use of a fly only, and report to the club documented with photos during a regular meeting.

Chairperson: Craig Gittings

Veterans First Fly FishingAttention Mission Peak Members Veterans First Fly Fishing

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

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, STEPHEN CULP – Mission Peak Fly Angler’s patches and pins are available from Stephen at a nominal price. New members should have received either a pin or a patch when they joined; if not, call Stephen Culp.

******* Notice *******

The Fly Tying Night could not be rescheduled in November. It is **cancelled** for the month of **November**.

The November **Club Meeting** will be on the *third Wednesday, November 19th*.

Mission Peak Fly Anglers Board Meeting of November 5, 2014

Dean Lewis brought the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. In attendance besides Dean were; Ron Smith, Stephen Culp, Wayne Culp, Bruce Butler, Fred Gerace, Jan Van Zandt, Paul Tavres, Ed Huff, and Craig Gittings.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes: Jan Van Zandt motioned and Stephen Culp seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the October 1, 2014 meeting. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Stephen Culp, reported that the club's finances were good.

Newsletter Items: Thank you Wayne for writing the "Board Members Message" in the September Newsletter. .

Programs: Mikey Weir will do a smattering of films, including golden trout. Ron has a possible striper program by Lee Haskins in January. Possible Mike Reisner, of Baja Big Fish, has a program on Magdalena Bay (Pacific Ocean side of Baja) in February, if we change the meeting date to the third Wednesday. Ron is done as program chair. Anyone interested?

Club Elections: Fred can't find anyone to run for president. This is disheartening to Fred. Dean discussed what would happen if he ran another year. He still wants someone else to run. Discussion on elections was lively. A small group is consistently doing the work for the club. Officers in training might be the solution. Ron Smith put a motion out there for the club to pay board members for their Installation dinners. No response so motion died for lack of second. It was an idea floated by Paul.

Installation Dinner Progress on Raffle, club contacts: Fred has contacted 6 of the local clubs to solicit ticket sales for both the kickboat raffle and Installation dinner tickets. Two guides are able to donate a portion of a trip. Greg Hector and Anthony Carruesco have made offers, but they want to see the club members use their services throughout the year- not just for our fundraising. Non fishing related items to be donated. Live auction by Gene Kazcmarek and possibly his tying a "Bill Peakes Memorial Fly". Discussed possible name change of "Fly Fisherman of the Year" to the "Bill Peakes Fly Fisherman of the Year" award. Arguments centered around the fact that Malcolm Dunn was not remembered, nor Calvin Chin in a similar way.

Steve brought up budgetary issues of the raffle items paid for, non fishing items, but not reimbursed to Fred Gerace. Steve motioned that the club pay Fred \$425.22, Ron seconded and approved reimbursement. Line winders available. Kay Heyes is doing the Women's table.

Bucket raffle and silent auction issues discussed.

Suggested asking Club members for donations of unused extra equipment similar to what Tri-Valley does and/or having members tie a box of flies for the dinner (See Paul Lelis for boxes).

Fish outs: Next up is the UC Davis Property on the Yuba December 13.

Board Member Items:

Jan was impressed with the work both Fred and Paul had made on the installation dinner so far and thought it appropriate to commend them for their efforts.

Dean mentioned that the new "Dick's" sports store at the "Block" didn't have one fly rod for sale and no fly fishing stuff.

Dean clocked out at 8:43 after Jan motioned, Bruce seconded for adjournment.

Craig Gittings, Club Secretary

Fly of the Month



hook 2/0 jig hook
head 1/4" foam
eyes 7mm doll eyes
body 3 hen hackles
legs 6 silly legs, knotted at each end to form flippers
thread . . . 6/0 black

In October 2014, Ken Barker demonstrated tying a **Shadow Frog Fly**.

[Shadow Frog Fly Video](#)

Monthly Programs

Dated	Speaker	Program Title
Nov. 19th	Mickey Weir	Fly Fishing Videos with narration
Dec. 17th	Movie/ Swap Meet	Movies: "Kiss the Water" and/or "Only the River Knows"

November Program

Mickey Weir has been a guide and film maker traveling all over the world. Besides being a nice guy his films are outstanding with great crucial acclaim !

Mickey Weir will be talking on and showing various short films that he has done. We are giving him a free rein on what subject matter he chooses. Having watched some of his other films like, (Fish 2) when he narrates it really adds a tremendous amount of information that doesn't make it into the film. Hopefully he will include some of his Golden Trout footage. Mickey is now working for Trout Unlimited and doing various films for them. This should be a very entertaining evening.

by Ron Smith

THE JOHN FUKUMOTO FLY TYING AWARD

The criteria:

- Only current members of Mission Peak Fly Anglers are eligible.
- The fly must be presented and tied at a monthly fly tying session.
- Special consideration will be given to original patterns and unique variations of a standard pattern.
- The award cannot be won by an individual in consecutive years.
- Selection of each year’s winner will be made by the current Fly Tying Chairman and two club members of his choosing.

Outstanding Video

Video No.	Title	Out Since	Borrower
152	MPFA Fly Tying with Ed Huff	5/28/14	Rich Choy

****** Video Library******

MPFA Maintains a 200+ library for the benefit of its members and we need the help of every member to keep it available to the entire membership.

We ask that you check out a video (Honor System) and return it within 2-3 months. After the 2nd month, the librarian will send the borrower an e-mail or note reminding them that there is a video(s) checked out in their name.

After the 3rd month, the librarian and/or the secretary will send a note asking for the video or \$40 to cover the purchase of it's replacement. Thanks.

Your Video Librarian,
Bill Mattson

MISSION PEAK FLY ANGLERS
2014 FISHOUT LIST (Preliminary and subject to change)

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE OF FISH	FISHMASTER	COMMENTS
Jan				
Feb				
Feb - March				
March				
March - April				
March - April				
May				
May 15-16				
June – July				
July/Aug				
Sept				
Sept 27-28				
Sept/Oct				
Sept/Oct				
Sept/Oct				
Sept/Oct				
Oct				
Oct				
Nov	Trinity River	Steelhead		
Dec 13	UC Davis Property/ Yuba River			Contact Craig Gittings for information.

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 Dean Lewis 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!

Conservation News
by Steve Schramm

One of my favorite sayings goes, "Experience is what you get when you don't get what you want." Unfortunately, at least from my perspective, Proposition 1 passed on November 4th and now I'm afraid that a heap of experience, the bulk of it bad for fish, is about to be handed down. How bad remains to be seen, but with a nothing to lose Governor that didn't even break a sweat getting re-elected for a 4th term and who thirsts to put a double barrel suckgun to the Delta in order to blow its collected headwaters off to moneyed agricultural interests in southern California, who knows what's in store. From a look at the list of donors Proposition 1 was the best election money could buy. Anyway, it's something to think about while driving past all those green lawns and almonds for export while on route to your favorite dewatered river.

Speaking of dewatered fishing holes several of you including myself wrote letters on behalf of the Owyhee River last month. Thanks for doing that by the way. Surprisingly the biologist for the watershed district responded, albeit with mostly physical measurement data for the remaining trickle of water still seeping from the dam, and some anecdotal information on fish feeding. Sadly the opinion rendered towed the company line and found that there is no biological basis for closing the Owyhee River to fishing despite the extremely low and unsporting flows. I find this view akin to saying that there is no need for burying a patient that is on life support, after all, he's alive isn't he?

Here's the response to the call for closure of the Owyhee River:

MEMORANDUM

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
Hines District Office

DATE: November 4, 2014

TO: Chip Dale, Bruce Eddy, and Bruce McIntosh

FROM: Dave Banks

SUBJ: Owyhee River brown trout

The purpose of this memo is to provide you with information regarding brown trout management in the Owyhee River below Owyhee Reservoir, provide facts regarding preferred temperature and dissolved oxygen level for brown trout, and to report on observed conditions found on October 13, 2014.

Brown trout have been stocked into the Owyhee River, below the dam, since 1990 to provide an angling opportunity for trout near Ontario, Oregon. Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) stocked the river with rainbow trout prior to this time, but they did not consistently meet management objectives. The Department selected brown trout because they are known to tolerate warmer water than rainbow trout (Wydoski and Whitney 2003). Brown trout were stocked into the Owyhee River below the dam in 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1995, 1997, and 1999. Stocking ceased because the brown trout had become self-sustaining. Data collected from sampling efforts has revealed the following:

- Average winter flows (Nov. 1-Feb 28/29) have ranged from 1.3 cfs (1992-93) to 1101 cfs (1996-97).
- 75% of the average winter flows prior to 2005-06 were below 15 cfs with most in the single digits and similar to current flows.
- Average winter flows from 2006-2013 have been greater than 20 cfs.
- Survival estimates of brown trout from 1990 to 2005 range from 57.1% to 80.4% with average survival during this time period of 67.1%.
- Rainbow trout became less prevalent in the samples as water warmed downstream of the dam (Perkins 2012).
- Brown trout had a positive correlation with warming water downstream of the dam (Perkins 2012).
- Current (13 Oct 2014) water temperatures were sampled from 11 locations from the work site to Snively Hot Spring. Water temperatures ranged from 14.9 to 17.2 °C (58.8 to 62.9 °F). Reported preferred water temperatures for brown trout are 12°C–20°C (53.6°F–68°F) (Moyle 2002). Raleigh et al. (1986) reported preferred water temperatures for brown trout are 12°C–19°C (53.6°C–66.2°F).
- Brown trout were actively feeding at all locations on 13 October 2014 when Malheur Watershed District staff sampled temperature and dissolved oxygen on the lower Owyhee River.
- There is no biological reason for the Department to close the fishery based on Department observations from sampling and literature information.

Sincerely,



Malheur District Fish Biologist

Literature Cited

Moyle, P. B. 2002. Inland Fishes of California. Berkeley: University of California Press.

Perkins, R. Lower Owyhee inventory report, 2012. Hines, Oregon. Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. 2012.

Raleigh, R.F., L.D. Zuckerman, and P.C. Nelson. 1986. Habitat suitability index models and instream flow suitability curves: Brown trout, revised. U.S. Fish Wildlife Service, Biological Report 82(10.124) 65pp.

Wydoski, R. A. and R. R. Whitney. 2003. Inland Fishes of Washington 2nd Ed. Singapore:

If you're interested in seeing my follow up letter please shoot me an email and I'll forward it to you.

Below are a few of the conservation related items that caught my eye in the last 30 days. All links were active as of November 14th 2014. Check them out.

Amid California's drought, a bruising battle for cheap water - LA Times

<http://www.latimes.com/local/california/la-me-westlands-20141021-story.html#page=1>

California's Drought Is So Bad, Even Its Hydropower Is Drying Up

<http://thinkprogress.org/climate/2014/10/07/3576715/california-drought-hydropower/>



Copco No. 1 dam on the Klamath River outside Hornbrook, Calif.

Sportsmen to EPA: Stop Pebble!

<http://www.savebristolbay.org/blog/sportsmen-to-epa-stop-pebble>

To Save Wild Steelhead, Get Rid of Hatcheries

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B60MQikoC3drdUZ1ZTNsTU9WWTA/view?pli=1>

Historic plan to save endangered salmon, steelhead

<http://www.kirotv.com/news/news/historic-plan-save-endangered-salmon-steelhead/nhdms/>

Rescue nets thousands of Deschutes River fish

<http://www.bendbulletin.com/localstate/2534824-151/rescue-nets-thousands-of-deschutes-river-fish?entryType=0#>

Last Week Tonight with John Oliver: Salmon Cannon

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I9qA8c-E_oA#t=52

Have A Happy Thanksgiving!

Annual Mission Peak Fly Anglers Awards & Officers Installation Dinner

Swiss Park 5911 Mowry Ave, Newark, CA 94560 (510) 793-6272	Saturday, January 24, 2015 5:00 – 6:00pm No Host Bar Check Raffle Items 6:00pm Dinner
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Choice of: Tri-Tip, Salmon or Chicken (Pasta Primavera for non-meat guests)
Complemented with mixed vegetables, roasted potatoes
Coffee or tea and Desert
Served as a Buffet
\$35.00 per person

----- MPFA Installation Dinner-----

Member Name: _____

Dinner Selection: Tri-Tip: _____ Chicken: _____ Salmon: _____ Pasta _____

Number of Dinners selected _____ x \$35.00 = _____

Mail Checks to:
Stephen Culp

Make All Checks Payable to: Mission Peak Fly Anglers

----- MPFA 2015 Dues-----

Member Name: _____ **Wife's Name:** _____

Address: _____

Preferred Phone # _____ **E-Mail:** _____

FFF Member Number: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

\$40.00 per member/family
\$35.00 for current member of FFF
\$20.00 if under 18 or living more than 100
miles radius from Fremont




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