



Main Stream

Mission Peak Fly Anglers

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January 2008

Club Meeting

Mehran's Restaurant

located at
5574 Mowry School Rd, Newark, Ca
Monday January 21th 2008 at 7:00 pm

COMING EVENTS

- Sat. Jan 19th Annual MPFA Club Awards & Officers Installation Dinner
Spin A Yarn Restaurant, 45915 Warm Springs Blvd., Fremont, CA 94539
- Mon. Jan 21th CLUB MEETING 7:00 PM (**New Date, Day. & Location**)
Mehran's Restaurant located at 5574 Mowry School Rd, Newark, Ca
- Wed. Feb 6th BOARD MEETING 7:00 PM – Fremont Adult School Main Office (**New Time**)
- Sat. Feb 9th CLUB BREAKFAST: At the Denny's in Hayward on Whipple – 9:00 AM
- Thur. Feb 14th FLY TYING - 7:30 PM Fremont Adult School Main Office (**new Day & location**)
- Wed. Feb 27th CLUB MEETING 7:00 PM
Silliman Community Activity Center, 6800 Mowry Avenue, Newark CA 94560
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The President's Message

The January Fly Tying night was very well received at the Fremont Adult Education Center, a special thanks goes out to Harold Whitmore. Not only was there an excellent turn out at the new location and on different night, we signed up two new members on the spot as well. First time visitors Don Lee and Jim McGoff, recognized enough value at Fly Tying night alone to join. The change in format to a tie along night was looked upon very favorably as Fly Tying Chair, August Abellar, was approached by club members asking that they be added to the lineup and lead a group tie along night or two in the future. With those volunteers stepping up to the plate, August's job became a whole lot easier. August still has non-club guest tiers in his back pocket that are at the ready to tie as well. August has certainly kept it fresh and innovative from what we have seen thus far. During the evening's fly tying, it was noted that more than a few of the idle club members in attendance took the initiative to assist with those struggling with the concept and provided individualized attention. Thanks goes to those individuals jumping in and helping out on Fly Tying night. This behavior of folks patiently assisting and guiding others through the nuances is exactly what I noticed on my initial visit as a guest when seeking out the club for possible membership. It was the deciding factor for me when joining this club as well. It is extremely heartening to still see the same treatment extended to others several years after my first visit. I have on occasion heard the Mission Peak Fly Anglers described as a social club that occasionally fishes. Upon hearing that description, I was taken back and silently scoffed at the reference as an oddity. The January Fly Tying Night exemplified that statement as a social network of fly fishers sharing their knowledge. I must admit now that it was right on the mark.

The Annual Club Awards and Officers Installation Dinner on January 19th, to be held at the Spin A Yarn Restaurant is fast approaching. It won't be much of an installation as all have agreed to stay on for another year with the exception of Doug Fear and Harold Whitmore as incoming board members- the support by these individuals is greatly appreciated. It is hoped that the fund raising part comes off as smoothly as anticipated based on the behind the scene flurry of activity. Fund Raising Chair, Stephen Culp, has done a fantastic job of soliciting items for the once a year fund raising event. It is hoped that all bring enough nondiscretionary funds to help justify Stephen's efforts. Lets not forget Bill Peakes either. As usual Bill will have a fly plate or two for those interested in adorning their walls with splendid fly framed artwork. I look forward to seeing what Bill has created for the benefit of the club as well as the winning bidder(s)..Gene Kaczmarek was solicited and has agreed to work as evening's auctioneer, something that takes very little effort on his part. It is very apparent that he relishes in moment as he works the crowd while whipping up a frothy bidders' war among the last few serious participants in an attempt to squeeze the last few extra dollars out of the final bidders. This should be a great fun filled evening as we come together, look back over the past year and raise funds in order to sustain the club for the coming year. Larry Dennis beamingly announced at the last board meeting that the John Fukumoto Fly Tying Award is finished, looks fantastic and is ready for presentation at the dinner as well. Larry, thanks for taking the lead and nurturing this idea along to fruition with the help of Ken Brunskill and Ed Huff. Things are already shaping up for a great year.

President
Craig Gittings

Welcome New Members

Jim McGoff

Don Lee

Mission Peak Fly Anglers Minutes of January 9th, 2008 Board Meeting

President Craig Gittings brought the meeting to order at 7:27. Present were VP Wayne Culp, Secretary Dean Lewis, Treasurer Bill Peakes, Board Members Ray Gauthier, Lyndin Nickerson, Doug Fear, Harold Whitmore and Fund Raising Chairman Stephen Culp. Larry Dennis was also present, but left after the second item of old business.

Old Business:

Hall of Fame Dinner / NCFFF Booth: Larry Dennis said that he would be willing to take the lead in getting a table for club members at the Hall of Fame Dinner on Saturday, February 23, 2008. He needed a check for \$400 to hold the table (8 persons at \$50 each). Dean Lewis moved and Craig Gittings seconded a motion to issue the \$400 check. The motion passed. Doug Fear (a Board Member of FFF) indicated that he could be the contact for the FFF for our reservations. At least 5 members present indicated that they will attend the dinner. NCFFF has still not decided to have a booth at the show.

John Fukumoto Award: Larry Dennis requested an additional \$36 to cover the cost of creating this award. Larry and Ed Huff decided to use an actual photograph on the award instead of the laser inscribed likeness. Ed spent lots of time creating the photo for the award. Craig moved and Dean seconded that we issue a check for the additional amount. Motion carried.

Installation Dinner January 19: 55 people have signed up for the dinner as of January 9. A few more are expected to sign up.

Raffle Committee: Stephen Culp reported that we have many really nice items for the year. We have a floating pontoon boat, several rods, a complete fishing outfit from Cabela's, etc. The TFO rod from The Crystal Springs fly shop (in a garage in Tracy) is in hand. The club purchased a large amount of materials from Crystal Springs as well as from Orvis when Orvis in Palo Alto closed their store.

New Business:

Treasures Report: We are solvent. Bill was concerned that we not go too far into expenditures with the dinner coming up in a couple of weeks and the expense of the January speaker.

Programs: The January meeting will be held on **Monday the 21st at Mehran's Restaurant located at 5574 Mowry School Rd, Newark** and will feature Jeff Currier, who works out of Jack Dennis' fly shop. Jeff is an artist and travels all the world fishing for exotic fish.

Fly Tying: The January session will be held January 10 in rooms N5 and N6 at the Fremont Adult School. This will be a "tie along" type meeting. At least 5 persons tied at the December meeting and entered the John Fukumoto award competition.

Intro to Fly Fishing: The next class will be March 8th at the Silliman Center.

Federation Members: The FFF extended the deadline for new members. The also added a new level of attainable rod to the mix. 12 new members earn the club a TFO "4P" rod. 18 new members earn the club a TFO "TX" rod.

Club Insurance: Craig has been in contact with Bobbie Armor of Armor & Associates Insurance Agency and is waiting for a quote from her. Club members will be asked to provide waivers when we get our new policy. Our current policy is with "Markel". Coverage is in the \$1million level per incident. Bobbie and her husband plan on attending our dinner.

Rod Building Class: The rod building class was tentatively set for February 2nd. Craig has received the FFF blanks for those members that signed up for the second order.

Craig moved and Harold seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting was adjourned at 8:20. **Future Board Meetings will begin at 7:00 instead of 7:30.**

Respectively submitted

Dean Lewis, Secretary.

January Club Meeting Program

**Jeff Currier is our Jan 21, 2008 guest speaker at a
SPECIAL MONDAY NIGHT EVENT, AND NEW LOCATION !**

“Hunt for the Mighty Mahseer A Fly Fishing Adventure from India and Nepal”



“Hunt for the Mighty Mahseer – A Fly Fishing Adventure from Nepal and India”

– The mahseer is considered one of the toughest game fish on earth! However, few anglers are aware of this incredible fish and almost none have caught them. Join Jeff Currier as he breaks out his rod along the glacial streams below Mt Everest and fishes his way to the southern reaches of India’s wildest jungles in search of the world’s rarest game fish and

more.

The undisputed king of the Himalayan rivers is the Mahseer. A large, powerful fish, it is the largest member of the carp family in the world. Mahseer means Great Mouth in India, an apt name for the long slim creature known to be the toughest fighter amongst fresh water sports fish.

Ranging across vast territories, Mahseer exhibits an astonishing range of habitats all across Asia, from the Himlayan highlands to the tropical forests of Thailand.

Various sub species have evolved to deal with the climatic differences. The Himalayan Mahseer or *Barbus tor putitora* as it is known, is found from the waters of the Beas, in the west, all the way to the Brahmaputra river system in the east. Some of the Rivers frequented by this very powerful fish include the Indus, Shyok, Beas, Ravi, Ganga, Yamuna, Mahakali, Teesta, Luhit, and the Dihang as the Brahmaputra is known in Assam.

Please join us for dinner at 5PM at Mehran 5574 Mowry School Rd. Call Rich Lobrovich to make a reservation for dinner, 510-909-9000. This is a Special night Monday Jan 21, 2008. Come early for the meeting to see Jeff in action painting one of his special prints. The print will be in the auction that night.

Club Meeting Programs

DATE	SPEAKER	PROGRAM TITLE
1/21/08	JEFF CURRIER	FLY FISH MAHSEER INDIA & NEPAL
2/27/08	JEFF LORELLI	EASTERN SIERRA FLY FISHING
3/26/08	CRAIG GITTINGS	FLY FISH ALASKA
4/23/08	RICKY MITCHELL	FLY FISHING FROM A KAYAK
5/28/08	RAY HUTCHERSON	GUATEMALA
6/25/08	MARK	SURF PERCH ???
7/23/08	????????????????	????????????????????????????????
8/27/08	????????????????	????????????????????????????????
9/24/08	????????????????	????????????????????????????????
10/22/08	????????????????	????????????????????????????????
11/26/08	BILL PEAKS	TROUT BUM PRESENTATION
12/24/08	NO MEETING	NO MEETING

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Annual MPFA Club Awards & Officers Installation Dinner

Held at
Spin A Yarn Restaurant
Located on

45915 Warm Springs Blvd. Fremont, CA 94539 (510) 656-9141 Sat. Jan 19th, 2007
5:30 pm to 6:30 pm No Host Bar & check out raffle items, 6:30 pm Dinner

DINNER SELECTIONS

All selections include a Baked Potato, Salad, Bread, Coffee, Iced Tea or Tea.

London Broil

Chicken Frittata

Fish (Salmon or Halibut, whatever is season)

\$28.00

Annual MPFA Club Officers Installation Dinner

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

and if you pay your dues at the same time you get another early bird ticket

Members Name _____ Number of Dinners _____ X \$28.00 = Total amt.

_____ **London Broil**

_____ **Chicken Frittata**

_____ **Grilled Pacific Salmon**

Return to: Bill Peakes, 509 Kim Place, Hayward, CA 94544 Or Call him @ (510) 783-2297

Please make checks out to Mission Peak Fly Anglers

MISSION PEAK FLY ANGLERS –2008 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

Annual Trout Bum award

Starts Jan 1st, 2008

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

2008 EVENTS

MISSION PEAK FLY ANGLERS

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE OF EVENT	CONTACT	COMMENTS
Jan. 19 th , 2008	Spin A Yarn Restaurant 45915 Warm Springs Blvd. Fremont, CA 94539	Annual MPFA Club Awards & Officers Installation Dinner	Craig Gittings	5:30 pm
Jan. 21 th , 2008	Mehran's Restaurant	Monthly Club Meeting	Craig Gittings	7:00 pm (New Hours)
Feb. 6 th , 2008	Fremont Adult School Main Office	Board Meeting	Craig Gittings	7:00 pm (New Hours)
Feb. 9 th , 2008	Denny's in Hayward	Club Breakfast	Bill Peakes	9:00 am
Feb. 14 th , 2008	Fremont Adult School Main Office	Fly Tying	August Abellar	7:30 pm
Feb. 27 th , 2008	Silliman Community Activity Center	Monthly Club Meeting	Craig Gittings	7:00 pm (New Hours)
Mar. 5 th , 2008	Fremont Adult School Main Office	Board Meeting	Craig Gittings	7:00 pm (New Hours)
Mar. 8 th , 2008	Denny's in Hayward	Club Breakfast	Bill Peakes	9:00 am
Mar. 13 th , 2008	Fremont Adult School Main Office	Fly Tying	August Abellar	7:30 pm
Mar. 26 th , 2008	Silliman Community Activity Center	Monthly Club Meeting	Craig Gittings	7:00 pm (New Hours)
Apr. 2 nd , 2008	Fremont Adult School Main Office	Board Meeting	Craig Gittings	7:00 pm (New Hours)
Apr. 10 th , 2008	Fremont Adult School Main Office	Fly Tying	August Abellar	7:30 pm
Apr. 12 th , 2008	Denny's in Hayward	Club Breakfast	Bill Peakes	9:00 am
Apr. 23 th , 2008	Silliman Community Activity Center	Monthly Club Meeting	Craig Gittings	7:00 pm (New Hours)
May 7 th , 2008	Fremont Adult School Main Office	Board Meeting	Craig Gittings	7:00 pm (New Hours)
May 8 th , 2008	Fremont Adult School Main Office	Fly Tying	August Abellar	7:30 pm
May 10 th , 2008	Denny's in Hayward	Club Breakfast	Bill Peakes	9:00 am

2008 Fishout List

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE OF FISH	FISHMASTER	COMMENTS
Jan - Feb		Steelhead		
Jan - Feb	Santa Cruz	Surf Perch	Craig Gittings	Leave Fremont at O'Dark 30
Feb				
Mar				
	Clear Lake	Bass, Crappie, Panfish	Calvin Chin	Edgewater Resort \$50 deposit needed by 3/15
May 17th	Kistler Ranch	Bass and Panfish	Craig Gittings	\$25 gets you a great day of fishing, camaraderie, and an Italian sausage BBQ – Muy Bueno!
June 8	TBD	Shad	Craig Gittings	Float Trip with Al Smatsky Excellent Adventures 209-368-9261
June	American River	Shad	Ken Brunskill	Depending on River flows
June - July	Santa Cruz	Surf Perch	Craig Gittings	Leave Fremont at O'Dark 30
June	Manzanita Lake	Trout	Mark Kaharick	Potluck BBQ
July (late)	Mulege Baja Mexico	Dorado, Roosters, etc....	Craig Gittings	Al Smatsky Excellent Adventures - 2 spots available
Aug - Mid	Clark's Fork	Trout	Bill Peaks	Potluck BBQ
Aug 22-31	Alaska Kenai Peninsula	Trout, Salmon, Grayling	Craig Gittings	
Sept	Toulumne Meadows	Trout	Wayne Culp	Camp Out
Sept 26-28	McCloud River and Reservoir	Trout	Craig Gittings	Camp at Ash Camp or B&B in town of McCloud.
Oct 3-5	Eastern Sierra	Trout	Jeff Lorelli	June Lake Loop Area
Oct	Lake Alpine	Trout	August Abellar	
Nov	Trinity River	Steelhead		
Nov	American River	Steelhead		
Nov	Feather River	Steelhead		

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 @ 510-505-0136 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!

Volunteers needed

At the time it sounded like a fantastic opportunity to raise some funds for the club and, perhaps, increase the amount and or value of the monthly raffles; continue to keep the cost low for our annual picnic; or purchase that one last super item for our annual dinner auction.

I need club members to help man the FFF booth at the February Fly Fishing Show in Pleasanton. in exchange for your help, MPFA is receiving an amount of money exceeding the annual dues of over a dozen new members. Not bad since our membership has remained pretty stagnant over the last few years.

I am asking all club members to step forward to help me man the booth for two or three hours during the three days of the Show. In exchange for your time spent I will arrange to reimburse you for your entry fee to the show, which is \$15.00 per day. It's like getting into the show for free!

The only requirements are that you be a member of the Federation of Fly Fishers and a member of Mission Peak Fly Anglers.

Following is listed the hours of the Show. You choose the hours on a first come – first served basis with the times you would like to volunteer.

**Show Hours: Friday, Feb. 22, 10 am – 6:00 pm
Saturday, Feb. 23, 9 am – 5:30 pm
Sunday, Feb. 24, 9 am – 4:30 pm**

Thanks in advance and I hope to see everyone at the show.

**Larry Dennis
Conservation Chairman
Mission Peak Fly Anglers**

Conservation News

By

Larry Dennis, January 2008

I have one dry fly that works so well, the government only allows me to tie a limited number per year; and they must be placed in military survival kits. Anon

Guest Column: Peripheral canal would destroy, not save, delta agriculture

Modesto Bee – 1/10/08

By Alex Hildebrand, of Manteca, is a farmer and engineer

Prior to the Delta Vision process, the Blue Ribbon Task Force members and the governor apparently decided that a peripheral canal of some sort was necessary to supply water to the state, and that the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta could be protected better than it is now while operating an isolated conveyance canal.

These assumptions are wrong. The task force did not discover these errors because they ignored the reasons a canal is not necessary for water supply and the reasons the delta would be trashed if Sacramento River water were diverted into a canal before it enters the delta.

This apparent pro-canal bias led to a failure to address either the impacts of a canal or alternatives that would meet Delta Vision's goal of water supply without a canal.

The report does not call for analysis of the increase in salinity in the delta that any isolated export of Sacramento River water would cause, particularly during months and years when flow in the river is low. Fresh water inflow from the San Joaquin and east side rivers already has been largely eliminated by export to the Bay Area and elsewhere. A technical analysis soon will be available that demonstrates this inevitable rise in salinity. Such a rise would be a disaster. It not only would destroy delta agriculture, but would cause the delta to become a salty inland bay.

The report ignores the fact that exporting water through the isolated portion of a "dual- conveyance facility" would increase salinity to higher than acceptable levels in the through-delta portion for either export to others or for use in the delta. A dual-conveyance system is therefore unsustainable.

The report does not make it clear that a canal would have to go through the delta -- not around it -- because of existing development on the east side. It would sever waterways, roads, farm fields, irrigation and drainage systems, and the circulation of channel waters.

It would create blind sloughs where salinity, dissolved oxygen and water hyacinth could not be controlled. It would be a barrier to major flood flows from south and east of the canal and cause increased flooding. It would cost billions of dollars and do nothing to increase the already inadequate statewide developed water supply.

The report does not even mention the plan submitted to the task force by the South and Central Delta water agencies, which incorporates the Delta Corridor Plan. It would separate and protect the San Joaquin fishery from the export system; it would keep in-channel salinity at levels that would preserve delta farms, and it would assist in quick recovery of exports and delta protection in the event of multiple levee failures caused by a major earthquake. It would maximize the water available for export while protecting the delta.

It also would cost less and could be implemented faster.

The task force report also does not mention that the fish species most endangered thrive best in water with low salinity.

Delta farmers are the primary mountaineers of the nonarable levees that preserve the basic pattern of channels and lands that now constitute the delta. The report does not acknowledge that these farmers could not survive an increase in salinity caused by isolated conveyance of export water. It does not propose another means of levee maintenance. It does not discuss the consequences if levees are abandoned.

Overall, the report proposes protection of delta agriculture, and then makes proposals that would destroy agriculture. #

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