

# Main Stream

Mission Peak Fly Anglers

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## September 2011 Club Meeting

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

**DATE:** **Wednesday, September 28** (Note day and date)

**TIME:** **6:30pm** ( Note new time )

**PROGRAM:** Ralph Cutter's Video on "Bugs of the Underworld"

- Wed. Sept 7 Veterans First Fly Fishing– VA Hospital, Livermore, 10am to 11:30am
- Wed. Sept 7 BOARD MEETING 7:00 PM Fremont Activity Center, 3375 Country Dr. Fremont
- Sat. Sept 10 CLUB BREAKFAST: At the Denny's in Hayward on Whipple – 9:00 am
- Fri. Sept 16 Veterans First Fly Fishing – VA Hospital, Menlo Park, 10am to 11:30am
- Wed. Sept 21 FLY TYING 7:00 PM Fremont Activity Center, 3375 Country Dr. Fremont**
- Wed. Sept 28 CLUB MEETING - Silliman Community Activity Center, 6:30pm
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NCCFFF Fly Fishing Festival, John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks, Nevada
- Sat Oct 8 CLUB BREAKFAST: At the Denny's in Hayward on Whipple – 9:00 am  
NCCFFF Fly Fishing Festival, (see ad on page 8)
- Wed. Oct 19 FLY TYING 7:00 PM Fremont Activity Center, 3375 Country Dr., Fremont
- Wed. Oct 26 CLUB MEETING - Silliman Community Activity Center, 6:30pm

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\* Trout In The Classroom

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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 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. Send your articles or information to the editor by the 12<sup>th</sup> of each month.

### **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, 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; if not, call Bill Peakes.  
Bill Peakes

## The President's Message

As I write this message, my head is still full of thought and visions of my recent trip to Alaska. My wife and I left on the 19<sup>th</sup> of August and returned on the 10<sup>th</sup> of September. Along the way, we were overwhelmed by the beauty and vastness of that State. Anchorage is the largest city with 2-300,000 thousand residents. It is much like here, with most of the same stores and business we find in our area. The differences stop there. About one half the total population of Alaska lives in Anchorage. For a state larger than California, that is hard to imagine. The city is surrounded by mountains and bays. In the rest of the state, the vastness and open space is unbelievable. Mountains peaks are everywhere you look.

Our first destination was Denali National Park, home to the tallest mountain in North America. This park is four time the size of Yellowstone and is only fourth on the list of the 5 largest national parks. Four of the top 5 are in Alaska and all are pretty remote with the exception of Denali. Yellowstone doesn't even make the top 5 and is somewhere further down on the list. Denali is something like 6 million acres and has only one gravel road that traverses the park for about 60-70 miles. The average person must ride the park busses to even get on this road. Busses are frequent and provide a wonderful view of the park.

We had planned on three nights at Denali, but soon expanded that to four more nights. There is so much to do and see. Seeing nature in the absolute wild is exciting and reminds one of what the lower 48 states were like 200 years ago. They do it right at Denali and have managed to keep it wild and free. There is some minor fishing in the area, but most of the rivers have too much glacial silt to allow salmon and other fish to enter them. This first part of our trip was certainly not for the purpose of fishing.

The number of full time residents, within miles of Denali, probably numbers in the very low thousands if not just in hundreds of residents. They are hardy people and are those willing to put up with 6-8 months of cold, dark, and snow. Somehow I envy them and their living in and on the last frontier.

Dean



### \* \* \* \* \* 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 2<sup>nd</sup> month the librarian will send the borrower an email or note reminding them that there is a video(s) checked out in their name.



After the 3<sup>rd</sup> month the librarian and/or the secretary will send a note asking for the video or \$40 to cover the purchase of its replacement. Thanks



Your Video Librarian  
**Ken Brunskill**



## **NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE**

From Leland Fly Fishing - We have a rod/reel/line plus 1 day seminar that include fishing on private pond. Log on to [www.lelandflyfishingoutfitters.com](http://www.lelandflyfishingoutfitters.com) scroll down to Sonoma Ranch then to Leland class on left hand side. This \$395 package is available for \$200 or more offer I receive by Aug 31 .. call steve @ 510-461-3431 for more details if interested.

## Mission Peak Fly Anglers Board Meeting . September 7, 2011

Vice President Ed Huff brought the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. Present were Secretary Carrie Payne, Treasurer Bill Peakes, Board Members: Stephen Culp, Wayne Culp and Malcolm Dunn

### Old Business:

- **Calvin Chin:** - Calvin did not attend the picnic. Dean Lewis needs to make arrangements to present Calvin with his Lifetime Member Certificate

### New Business:

- It was mentioned that a **VA Program** was being held on 9/10 & 9/11 from 12-6 pm. It was believed that Ken Brunskill was attending. No further information available at the meeting.
- **Casting Class** – Malcolm to talk to Ken Brunskill & find a date and place to hold it.
- **Treasurer's Report** - Bill gave a report that we have a fair sum of money
- **Fish Outs** – Sept 10-11 Clarke's Fork (Fish Master Bill Peakes) 11 people; Sept 18-21 Tuolumne Meadows (Fish Master Wayne Culp)

September Club Meeting – The speaker will not be able to make it. Craig has more CD's to show. Motion to adjourn (Stephen / Malcolm) was passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50PM.

Respectively submitted by: Carrie  
Payne, Secretary

# Conservation News

By Larry Dennis, September 2011

## Wildlife preserve plan west of Modesto moves ahead

**Recreation, habitat, flood control among the goals** By Garth Stapley

Modesto Bee

Sep 6, 2011

The concept of a 1,600-acre wildlife and flood-control preserve west of Modesto could be nearing reality.

The Lyons family has agreed to sell Dos Rios Ranch, where the Tuolumne and San Joaquin rivers meet, for \$5.4 million, state officials say.

California Wildlife Conservation Board members were scheduled next week for a final vote on a grant from the Habitat Conservation Fund, established by state voters in 1990.

But that meeting will be postponed until Nov. 17, said River Partners, a Chico-based nonprofit that would get the money.

The grant is the last major step to protect habitat for chinook salmon, steelhead trout and riparian brush rabbits 20 minutes from Modesto, south of Paradise Road and west of Shiloh Road, said Meg Gonzalez, River Partners' Central Valley education director.

The Bee was unable to reach the Lyons family for comment.

A portion of the property, with three miles along both rivers, could be converted to a public park with hiking, bird watching, fishing and hunting, River Partners told The Bee four years ago.

Stanislaus County supervisors endorsed the project in December 2007.

In a recent interview, Supervisor Jim DeMartini called the selling price "awfully high" but said flood control is needed there. He farms between Modesto and Patterson.

Lowering levees would allow the ranch to flood during wet seasons, acting "as a safety valve, relieving pressure off the rest of the system," DeMartini said. "Overall, it's probably a good thing."

River restoration could take a decade or more and the ranch could become part of the adjacent San Joaquin River National Wildlife Refuge, a 12,000- acre area, supporters have said.

The property fits into the Lower Tuolumne River Parkway concept proposed by the Tuolumne River Coalition, a collection of public agencies and conservation groups.

Others collaborating on the preserve include the Tuolumne River Trust, U.S. National Resource Conservation Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, San Francisco Public Utility Commission, and California Department of Water Resources.

## Annual Trout Bum Award

**Starts Jan 1, 2010**

Awarded by MPFA Board of Directors at December board meeting

**Requirements:** *AMPLIFICATION*

**Candidates must:**

**Have fished 10 or more waters during the calendar year (no private pay to play waters)** *This means that the general public have unrestricted access at all times, without any special fees to the waters fished*

**Waters may be tributaries of any river or lakes domestic or international** *Meaning any named stream, river, or section of river (As in Upper Sacramento R. or Lower Sacramento R. - would be two waters) in any country.*

**Used fly fishing tackle only** *Simply that!*

**Have fished for trout (This is a Trout Bum Award)** *Simply that!*  
*The award generally will go to the person who fly fished for trout in the most public waters*

**Have reported to the club and shown photos to the club at a regular meeting**  
*Reporting means informing the membership-simple as that - Does not mean that the person must give a slide show presentation, just tell the club where you fished, how you did, what you used - show some pictures.*  
*The purpose of the award is to encourage members to explore, fish as many new waters as they can, tell the membership about the experience there-fore encouraging others to do likewise.*

**Chairperson:** Ken Brunskill

### Veterans First Fly Fishing ..... Attention 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

### Editorial

The Clarks Fork fish out was once again a success. There was lots of fish in the river to catch, the weather was perfect and the food on Saturday evening was excellent. Bill Peakes has been the fishmaster for this event for the past 30 years or there about. There were at least 20 people attending the potluck dinner. I would like to get the recipe for Bill's chili one of these days. It was excellent. I just made a large pot of spaghetti and meatballs. The wine selection was great. After dinner we all sat around the campfire and shared fishing stories.

The NCCFFF (Northern California Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers) will hold their festival on Friday, October 7 and Saturday, October 8 at John Ascuagas Nugget Casino in Sparks , Nevada. The rooms are only \$79.00 per night. This is an opportunity to learn more about the art of fly fishing by attending the seminars, talking to and watching fly tiers.

Until next month, Malcolm Dunn, editor

**Fly Of  
The  
Month**



**Black Nosed Dace**

**Materials:**

**Hook:** Streamer, size 2-6, 4XL

**Thread:** Red and black, 6/0

**Body:** Flat silver or gold tinsel (large)

**Ribbing:** Oval silver tinsel.

**Wing:** White, black and brown bucktail

**Eyes:** Flat stick-ons or paint



**Mickey Finn**

**Materials:**

**Hook:** Streamer, size 2-6, 4XL

**Thread:** Black, 6/0

**Weight:** (optional) Fine lead wire

**Body:** Flat silver or gold tinsel (large)

**Ribbing:** Oval silver tinsel.

**Wing:** Yellow and red bucktail

**These flies will be tied by Ed Huff at  
the September fly**



## Monthly Programs

DATE	SPEAKER	PROGRAM TITLE
September 28	Ralph Cutter's Video	Bugs of the Underworld

**Entomology**- is it taken for granted or is it actually an afterthought? Entomology should be foremost in the fly fishers' understanding of the predator/prey relationship that occurs everyday and out of sight of the incidental angler. Once armed with the knowledge and understanding, it will change your view as well as up your catching ability when you ply your craft upon river or lake. With that in mind, our September program will be Ralph Cutter's video "Bugs of the Underworld". Ralph Cutter's video has been in the club library since its original release. But how many have taken the opportunity to check it out? It will give you a new perspective on entomology as it relates especially to fly-fishing. I will go so far as to say that it replaces Dave Whitlock's illustrated book, The Guide to Aquatic Trout foods. Whitlock's book was indispensable when discovering entomology as was the Hatch Guide for Western Streams. For those building their own library, Ralph Cutter's book, Trout Food layers the information nicely. But Ralph made an incredible leap via video what the aforementioned books could never do. Adding action instead of illustration and still photography that made all the difference.

While fishing with newer members in the club, it has been noted that they are not equipped with the knowledge of aquatic insects behavior. For instance, I have seen fly anglers give long fast retrieves with midges as well as dragon fly nymphs, myself included. Then the light goes on when you take the time and make the discovery that you are actually puppeteering or imitating insect movements that are readily available to sustain trout, bass and even bluegill populations. Just hearing Ralph's comment concerning a day underwater in scuba gear in a stream or lake is equal to a full year of fly fishing prowess stuck with me when it comes to studying insect behavior. It is not certain if that was his original mantra, but this comment resonates within the video. Was he a zealot or was Ralph onto something. When Ralph Cutter came out with this collaborative video effort with his wife Lisa, it became the piece de le resistance as far as I am concerned.

*By Craig Gittings*

**MISSION PEAK FLY ANGLERS  
2011 FISHOUT LIST**

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE OF FISH	FISHMASTER	COMMENTS
Sept 18-21	Toulumne Meadows	Trout	Wayne Culp	Campsites available first come, first served
Sept 23-25	McCloud River	Trout	Jeff Lorelli	Ash Camp or Ah Di Nah campout
Oct 14-16	Eastern Sierra	Trout	Jeff Lorelli	Staying at the Meadowcliff Lodge in Coleville, to reserve: <a href="http://meadowcliff.com/reservation.htm">http://meadowcliff.com/reservation.htm</a> Or 1-888-333-8132
Oct	Davis Lake	Trout	Mitch Matsumoto	

**The fishmaster**  
**e Your**  
**b fishmaster:**  
**e welcome**

**o** above fishout calendar is tentative and subject to change. Always contact the fishmaster the week of the fishout to  
**n** notified of changes due to weather and unforeseen circumstances. Also check the newsletter for detailed information  
**Nt** fishing tackle, flies, directions and accommodations, as recommended by the fishmaster.  
**Th** that only the fishouts shown in **BOLD** on this calendar are actually confirmed at this time; all others are tentative.  
**e** actual dates of wintertime fishouts are highly dependent upon the weather conditions and will be confirmed by the the week of the fishout.

**Notice**

If your name is on this fishout list as a **fishmaster** and there is **no date**, please contact Jeff Lorelli to update this chart.

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August 15, 2010

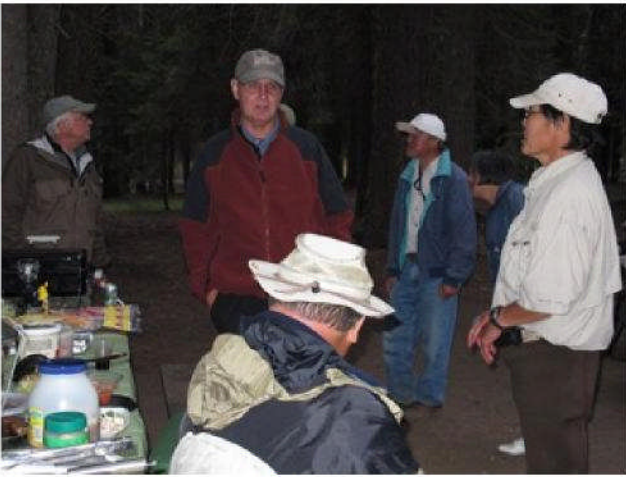
As the sun rose, so did we. We California Golden Trout. The Eastern and over Sherman pass, a long at the ranger station for some local received anywhere. Thanks Ann!

If you knew Ken. I swear he nearly across his face at Ann's suggestion were the fish. A short hike and quest for the California Golden. guide yet so I encouraged him ready. My first cast again another landed my California Golden. successful with his first cast. Steve few minute and Steve had his fish

This brings Ken and I up to Six

Up next the Lahontan Cutthroat.

**Clark Fork Fish Out**



**Everyone is waiting for the potluck dinner to get started**

## The List of Outstanding Videos

Video No.	Title	Author	VHS	DVD	Out Since	Borrower
102	International Spey Casting	Rio Products		X	1/11/2001	
127	Tying Still Water Patterns for Trophy Trout	Denny Rickards		X	1/11/2001	
154	Streamer Fishing for Trophy Trout	Kelly Galloup		X	1/11/2001	
147	Lessons with Lefty	Lefty Kreh		X	3/25/2009	Bonilla
132	Yellowstone Ties	Bob Jacklin	X		5/27/2009	Mitch Matsumoto
3.2	Learning to Fly Fish	Jack Dennis		X	9/22/2010	Jeff Malina
17	Rod Building Basic & Finishing	Dale Clemens		X	2/24/2011	Pheo Truong
93	Hair Trout Flies w/Chris Helm	Chris Helm		X	2/24/2011	Jerry Reynolds
51	Montana Trout & the Nature Conservancy			X	5/25/2011	Bruce Butler
64	The Joan & Lee Wull School of Fly Casting	Joan Wulff		X	5/25/2011	Jensen Sun
74	A Casting approach to Nymphing Tactics	Joe Humphries		X	5/25/2011	Bruce Butler

**Because there was no July meeting & the sign out book was not available these videos are expected Aug. 24th**

# The Federation of Fly Fishers Northern California/Nevada Council

*Conserving • Restoring • Educating • Through Fly Fishing*

## Fall Fly Fishing Festival

**SAVE THE DATE**

BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY

**TO RENO, NV**

**October 7 & 8, 2011**

**Learning Center:**

- Bring your kids, learn to tie a fly with your kids
- Both you and your kids learn to cast a fly
- Learn about the programs for you and your kids

**• Fly Tying Demonstrations • Casting Demonstrations • Vendors •**

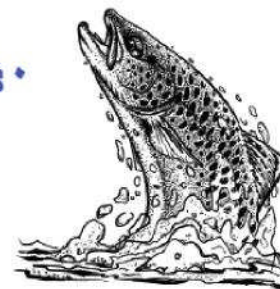
**Location:**



John Ascuaga's Nugget • 1100 Nugget Avenue,  
Sparks, Nevada 89431

For special rates go to <http://www.januggetsecure.com/jump/1476/>  
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<http://www.nccfff.org/nccfff-fof-conclave-2011.html>





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