

# Main Stream

Mission Peak Fly Anglers

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## January 2006

### Club Meeting

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

DATE: Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2006

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

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COMING EVENTS

- Tues. Jan 10<sup>th</sup> FLY TYING - 7:30 PM Loc same as Club Meeting  
**Fly Tying on 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues of the month from now on**
- Sat. Jan 14<sup>th</sup> CLUB BREAKFAST : At the Denny's in Hayward on Whipple – 9:00 AM
- Sat. Jan 14<sup>th</sup> Annual MPFA Club Awards & Officers Installtion Dinner – 6:00 PM  
Cattlemens Restaurant, 35000 Newark Blvd, Newark, CA 94560
- Wed. Jan 25<sup>th</sup> CLUB MEETING 7:00 PM “*New Time*”  
Silliman Community Activity Center, 6800 Mowry Avenue, Newark CA 94560
- Wed, Feb 1<sup>st</sup> BOARD MEETING 7:30 PM – Ken Brunskill
- Sat. Feb 11<sup>th</sup> CLUB BREAKFAST : At the Denny's in Hayward on Whipple – 9:00 AM
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**Program for January Club Meeting**

Trent Pridemore, a local favorite, will give his program on Trout fishing the Tahoe Basin.  
Craig Gittings



## No Club Meeting in December



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January Board Meeting Summary

Submitted by Vic McPhearson

The meeting was held at Bill Peakes' home on January 4th. Malcom Dunn presided and Doug Fear was the host. A detailed treasurers status report including current balance and planned expenses was reviewed. Minutes of the last board meeting were also reviewed to ensure that no business was left pending.

A brief 'Trout in the Classroom' report was given by participating members present. Three aquariums have been assembled and are ready to place in the classrooms. The program is currently waiting notification that the trout eggs are available. Once this is received a member will have to go to Yountville to retrieve them and then take them along with the aquariums to the classrooms in one day as the fry will not survive a lengthier transport.

Steve Culp is currently supporting the raffle function along with other members. The current effort involves preparing for the annual banquet. It was decided to review the prize inventory to separate banquet versus monthly prizes after the board meeting concludes. Current plans involve beginning the setup at 5pm prior to the banquet. Terry Henry has completed an inventory of the tape library. Several items are missing, but signed out to current members. Nine missing items cannot be resolved and will be purged from the list. Members are again requested to return tapes in their possession.

Trent Pridemore will present Tahoe fly fishing during the January general meeting and AK Best has been scheduled for February. Fly Tying Chronicles will be scheduled for a tying session soon.

Malcolm reported that banquet preparations are completed as he has signed the contract. Arrangements are similar to last year. With the dining and prize areas on separate sides of the room. A no host portable bar will be provided.

Bill Peakes reported that the new bamboo rod project components have received except that guides for only one tip were received. The donor has agreed to send the additional pieces asap.

The next board meeting will be hosted February by Ken Brunskill. The location TBD.

**Next Board Meeting**

**Host: Ken Brunskill**

**Date: Feb 1<sup>st</sup> @ 7:30 pm**

**Place: TBD**



August and his Striper

## 2006 EVENTS

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE OF EVENT	CONTACT	COMMENTS
Jan 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2006	Silliman Community Activity Center	Fly Tying	Mitch Matsumoto	7:30 pm
Jan 12 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , & 15 <sup>th</sup> 2006	San Mateo County Expo Center	ISE Show San Mateo		Noon-8pm Thur-Fri, 10am-7pm Sat 10am-5pm Sun
Jan 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2006	Denny's in Hayward	Club Breakfast	Bill Peakes	9:00 am
Jan 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2006	Cattlemens Restaurant Newark	Annual MPFA Club Award & Officers Installtion Dinner	Malcolm Dunn	6pm-7pm No Host Bar & checkout raffle items 7pm Dinner
Jan 19 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>th</sup> , & 22 <sup>nd</sup> 2006	Sacramento Cal Expo Center	ISE Show Sacramento		Noon-9pm Thur-Fri, 10am-8pm Sat 10am-5pm Sun
Jan 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2006	Silliman Community Activity Center	Monthly Club Meeting	Malcolm Dunn	7:00 pm (New Hours )
Feb 1 <sup>th</sup> , 2006	TBD	Board Meeting	Ken Brunskill	7:30 pm
Feb 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2006	Denny's in Hayward	Club Breakfast	Bill Peakes	9:00 am
Feb 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2006	Silliman Community Activity Center	Fly Tying	Mitch Matsumoto	7:30 pm
Eeb 17 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> , & 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2006	Marin County Civic Center	The Fly Fishing Show, San Rafael		11am – 6pm Fri 9am – 5:30pm Sat 9am – 4:30pm Sun
Feb 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2006	Marin Rod & Gun Club	Hall of Fame Dinner		6:00 pm Sat
Feb 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2006	Silliman Community Activity Center	Monthly Club Meeting	Malcolm Dunn	7:00 pm (New Hours )
March 1 <sup>th</sup> , 2006	Bill Peakes Garage	Board Meeting	Bill Peakes	7:30 pm
March 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2006	Denny's in Hayward	Club Breakfast	Bill Peakes	9:00 am
March 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2006	Silliman Community Activity Center	Fly Tying	Mitch Matsumoto	7:30 pm
March 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2006	Silliman Community Activity Center	Monthly Club Meeting	Malcolm Dunn	7:00 pm (New Hours )
March 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2006	Silliman Community Activity Center	Intro To Fly Fishing Class	Craig Gittings	TBD
April 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2006	Terry's House	Board Meeting	Terry Henry	7:30 pm
April 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2006	Denny's in Hayward	Club Breakfast	Bill Peakes	9:00 am
April 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2006	Silliman Community Activity Center	Fly Tying	Mitch Matsumoto	7:30 pm
April 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2006	Silliman Community Activity Center	Monthly Club Meeting	Malcolm Dunn	7:00 pm (New Hours )

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### MISSION PEAK FLY ANGLERS –2006 DUES PAYMENT FORM

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.

**MISSION PEAK FLY ANGLERS**  
**2006 FISHOUT LIST**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>TYPE OF FISH</b>	<b>FISHMASTER</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
Jan - Feb	Gualala/Garcia River	<i>Steelhead</i>	Calvin Chin	
Feb				
Mar	Trinity River	<i>Steelhead</i>	Steve Oldfield	
Mar				
April				
April				
May				
May				
<b>June 10, 2006</b>	<b>Manresa Beach – Santa Cruz</b>	<i>Surf Perch</i>	Craig Gittings	Leave Fremont at O-Dark Thirty
June	Yuba River	<i>Shad</i>	Joe Abinanti	
June	American River	<i>Shad</i>	Ken Brunskill	
June 17 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup>	Manzanita Lake	<i>Trout</i>	Mark Kaharick	Potluck BBQ
June - July	TBD	<i>Shad</i>		
Aug				
Aug				
Sept	Feather River	<i>Salmon</i>	August Abellar	
Sept 9 <sup>th</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup>	Clark's Fork	<i>Trout</i>	Bill Peaks	Potluck BBQ
Sept				
Oct	Yellowstone	<i>Trout</i>	Gene Kaczmarek	
Oct	Eastern Sierra	<i>Trout</i>	Jeff Lorelli	
Oct	American River	<i>Salmon</i>	Calvin Chin	
Oct	Eagle Lake	<i>Trout</i>		
Nov				
Nov				
Dec				
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!

Mitch's Foam Madam X

**Hook:** Size 8 TMC 5263 or equivalent  
**Thread:** 3/0 any color  
**Tail** Deer or Elk  
**Body:** Evazote foam strip  
**Wing:** Deer or Elk



Mitch's Polychute Dun

it is not really a fly at all but more the demonstration of the tool to tie it.



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**2006 INTERNATIONAL SPORTSMEN'S EXPO, BAY AREA'S LARGEST OUTDOOR SHOW, ANNOUNCES NEW DATES, CELEBRATES 30TH ANNIVERSARY**

## San Mateo, CA

The 30th annual Bay area International Sportsmen's Exposition will feature the strongest lineup of celebrities, exhibitors and special events and features in the show's history!

Special celebrity guests include Lefty Kreh, Mel Kreiger, Valentine Atkinson, and Dez Young.

Northern California's largest sportfishing show is also the Bay area's largest hunting show, and the largest fly-fishing show west of the Mississippi! Plus, there's a Youth Outdoor Sports Fair, which runs throughout the weekend.



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WHAT: 30th annual San Mateo International Sportsmen's Exposition

WHERE: San Mateo County Expo Center

WHEN: January 12-15, Thursday through Sunday

HOURS: noon until 8p Thurs.-Fri.; 10a-7p Sat.; 10a-5p Sun.

TICKETS: \$12 adult; youth 12 and under enter for FREE

NEW: Coming in December, buy your tickets online from the ISE Web site! Also, seminar schedules and more show info.

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**2006 SACRAMENTO INTERNATIONAL SPORTSMEN'S EXPO EXPANDS SEMINAR SCHEDULES**

## Sacramento, CA

From Redding to Fresno, from Vacaville east to Reno, the Sacramento International Sportsmen's Exposition fills all of Cal Expo with a huge sportfishing show, a giant hunting show, and the largest sportfishing-boat show in Northern California. Plus, California's largest Youth Outdoor Sports Fair, which runs throughout the weekend.

The 2006 Sacramento show will feature new hunting seminars from bowhunting authority Chuck Adams, the strongest lineup of bass-fishing pros in the state, and nearly a dozen hands-on activity areas and theaters.



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WHAT: Sacramento International Sportsmen's Exposition

WHERE: CAL EXPO / State Fairgrounds

WHEN: January 19-22, Thursday through Sunday

HOURS: noon until 9p Thurs.-Fri.; 10a-8p Sat.; 10a-5p Sun.

TICKETS: \$12 adult; youth 12 and under enter for FREE

NEW: Coming in December, buy your tickets online from the ISE Web site! Also, seminar schedules and more show info.



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**Admission \$14 per day for adult; two day pass \$24; three day pass \$32. \$2 per day for kids under 12**

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*The Northern California/ Nevada Chapter Federation of Fly Fishers  
invites you to attend the induction of*



**Mr. Marty Seldon**  
*into the  
Fly Fishing Hall of Fame*



*Saturday Evening February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2006  
(Just after the Fly Fishing Show in San Rafael)*

Marty's contribution to the sport of fly fishing will be formally recognized as he becomes the  
25<sup>th</sup> inductee into the NCCFF Fly Fishing Hall of Fame

Join local fly fishing personalities and national celebrities for a lively evening of dinner, induction ceremony  
and fund raising as we celebrate Marty's accomplishments in both local and national fishery conservation

To be held at the Marin Rod and Gun Club, San Rafael, California.

Social hour and silent auction starting at 5PM. Dinner at 7PM. Followed by live auction

For more information and reservations to this special event please visit our web site at  
[www.nccff.org](http://www.nccff.org)

**Federation of Fly Fishers**  
Conserving – Restoration – Education through Fly Fishing

Registration forms along with payment must be received by February 11, 2006 to reserve your space. Event limited to 250 guests

# Conservation News

By  
Larry Dennis, January 2006

## **Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter - Martin Luther King**

### **Special Interests, acting through Elected Officials, Attack the ESA**

*By Dr. C. Mark Rockwell, D. C. – V. P. Conservation, NCCFFF*

For over thirty years, the Endangered Species Act has been a safety net for our nation's species on the brink of extinction. Because of its protections, majestic bald eagles still soar over our mountains, wild salmon and steelhead still return to our rivers, wolves once again roam in Yellowstone and humpback whales travel our coasts. In addition, the law also protects the ecosystems which endangered species depend upon, providing important safeguards to America's mountains, forests, and rivers.

Today, America's natural heritage is threatened by politicians and special interests in Washington D.C. seeking to eliminate the checks and balances that the Endangered Species Act provides. House Resources Committee Chairman Richard Pombo (R-CA) is leading the charge to aggressively strip the Endangered Species Act of its strongest protections. In September, the House of Representatives passed Pombo's Extinction bill that would significantly weaken protections for endangered species and habitat. If this bill becomes law, it would eliminate habitat protection, abandon the commitment to recovering species on the brink of extinction, repeal protections against hazardous pesticides, and politicize the scientific decision-making process. In addition, it would set up an unprecedented entitlement program that would require the federal government to use taxpayers dollars to pay developers for complying with the Endangered Species Act's prohibition against killing or injuring endangered species. The Endangered Species Act is a safety net that works to protect species on the brink of extinction. Rep. Pombo's bill would cut large holes in this safety net, with dire consequences for America's natural heritage.

In December, Senator Crapo (R-ID) introduced a companion bill in the Senate, similar to Representative Pombo's. Although the bill purports to provide greater incentives for private landowner conservation, the legislative language does not carry out the bill's stated goals. It would waive fundamental habitat protections, indefinitely delay listing and protection of endangered species, and force taxpayers to pay developers and other landowners to comply with the law.

These bills represent some of the most serious threats to the Endangered Species Act in its 33 year history. We have a responsibility to stop them from weakening this law, and the protections it provides to species on the brink of extinction. The Endangered Species Act is a landmark law that prompts us to be good stewards of our land and the web of life it supports. It has been enormously successful in preventing the extinction of hundreds of species, including bald eagles, humpbacks, wolves, salmon and steelhead. We must not diminish protections for these magnificent animals, or for the places they call home. We owe it to our children and grandchildren to be good stewards of the environment and leave behind a legacy of protecting endangered species and the special places they call home.

## **California's water woes in 2005**

*By Lloyd Carter*

Like Old Man River, another year has rolled by in California's water world and, as usual, things have gotten worse. The year started with recurring news reports of the continuing decline of several critical fish species in the Bay-Delta Estuary, which is also the source of drinking water for 23 million Californians.

Then in the wake of Hurricane Katrina last summer came sobering news that the fragile Delta levee system near Sacramento and Stockton could collapse in a major earthquake or a horrendous storm event, causing massive destruction and loss of life. Undeterred, developers proposed another 100,000 homes in the Delta region -- *below* the levees!

Last month the state's Little Hoover Commission released a report criticizing "CALFED," the consortium of state and federal agencies created in 1994 to "solve" the problems of the Delta. More than a decade and \$3 billion later, the Little Hoover Commission report notes CALFED has little to claim in the way of improvements for the Delta or the state's water problems.

"Frustration with CALFED is warranted," the commission told Gov. Schwarzenegger and the legislature in a November 17 public letter.

[T]he winds of Hurricane Katrina have reached California -- blowing out the flicker of confidence that officials had in the ability of Delta levees to withstand earthquakes, rising sea levels and inevitable winter floods. Some \$3 billion have been spent trying to fix the Delta. But the Delta smelt that some consider to be the estuary's coal mine canary are even harder to find than stakeholders who are willing to put up their own money to continue funding CALFED.

The fundamental problem, in my view, is that the two primary agencies in CALFED, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Bureau) and the California Department of Water Resources (DWR), have spent the last several decades building a water-delivery system primarily for agribusiness, and they still act like it's the 1960s. Other agencies in CALFED, such as the U.S. Geological Survey, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the California Department of Fish and Game add window dressing to CALFED's prestige, but rarely have the final say.

Thus, while the Delta fishery is collapsing, the Bureau and DWR are both pushing *increased* exports from the Delta -- as much as 25 percent more.

And the Bureau, in a process occurring outside the CALFED framework, wants to provide Westlands Water District in the western San Joaquin Valley a 25-year water contract (with a virtually automatic 25-year renewal clause) for over one million acre-feet of water. An acre-foot of water is 325,851 gallons and will meet the domestic needs of two families of five for a year. In other words, the 400 growers in Westlands will get enough water to meet the needs of a city of 10 million people.

This massive amount of water apparently will be provided even though the 600,000-acre Westlands has unsolvable drainage problems caused by the trace element selenium and plans to take as much as 200,000 acres out of production. Westlands drainage water containing selenium poisoned the Kesterson National Wildlife Refuge more than 20 years ago.

Even more amazing, the Bureau wants to build another Kesterson evaporation pond facility -- three times larger than the original one -- for Westlands' 400 growers, at a cost of nearly \$1 billion. Bureau officials claim birds will be protected, but don't say how. State and federal scientists are incredulous. Again, this scheme is being proposed outside the CALFED process.

DWR, meanwhile, is promoting the water interests (both irrigation and selling water) of big growers and water marketers in the Tulare Basin of the southern San Joaquin Valley, including cotton billionaire J.G. Boswell and Beverly Hills billionaire Stewart Resnick, who has been buying tens of thousands of acres of farmland and jumped into water marketing.

In my view, California's water crisis will never be solved as long as these two agencies -- who see their mission as providing all the water agribusiness wants -- continue to call the shots. California has more than two million acres of farmland planted with crops subsidized by American taxpayers (cotton, rice, corn, grains), using water subsidized by California taxpayers. Even the conservative Heritage Foundation decries this massive waste of public funds and precious water.

Meanwhile, urban water system infrastructures throughout California continue to decay. Underground drinking water pipelines and deteriorating wastewater lines in Sacramento alone will cause \$4 billion to repair. San Joaquin Valley farm towns report recurring problems with drinking-water quality.

Will the governor take charge? After two years in office, he has yet to give a speech on or show any interest in water issues. His staffers hint he will mention water in his State of the State message early next year. A mention isn't going to change anything.

With California's population estimated to reach 46 million in the next few decades, water use clearly will shift away from agriculture to cities and growth. The agricultural San Joaquin Valley, which is poorer than Appalachia, is expected to add five million people by the year 2050. Who will profit from this shift of water?

Thanks to state and federal laws passed in 1992, irrigation districts and individual growers are now free to sell their cheap irrigation supplies at retail market prices. In other words, growers can buy water from these two agencies at \$10 to \$100 an acre-foot and sell it to Southern California developers for \$600 an acre-foot.

Which is why smart growers know that water is the new cash crop.

What will become of the Little Hoover Commission report? What will become of cries for repairing the Delta levees? Don't hold your breath. The public generally doesn't care about water issues unless the water poisons them or drowns them, as Katrina proved. Hard water decisions are the third rail of California politics.

My guess? The report is likely to gather dust on a shelf until California's version of Katrina hits.

*Lloyd Carter was an award-winning reporter for UPI and the Fresno Bee for more than 20 years. Now an attorney, he heads the California Save Our Streams Council and continues to write op-ed pieces and speak out on the misuse of California's rivers and water supplies. He is a strong advocate of restoration of fishery flows on California's second largest river, the San Joaquin.*

### **Christmas Steelhead Ruling Scrooges Alameda Creek Trout**

The National Marine Fisheries Service today announced final Endangered Species Act listing decisions for 10 populations of west coast steelhead trout, including the Central California Coast (CCC) population, which encompasses Alameda Creek. NMFS' decision reaffirms the threatened status of CCC steelhead, which were originally listed under the ESA in August 1997, but excludes resident rainbow trout and landlocked steelhead trout above dams.

NMFS had proposed in June of 2005 to include resident trout and some landlocked steelhead, including those in Alameda Creek, as part of the CCC steelhead trout population based on genetic evidence that Alameda Creek's resident fish are similar to adult ocean-run steelhead.

The ACA is looking into a legal challenge of this flawed listing and exclusion from critical habitat. Other conservation and fishing groups will likely challenge the new listing policy as well.

Read the ACA press release at: [http://www.alamedacreek.org/Press\\_Releases/index.htm](http://www.alamedacreek.org/Press_Releases/index.htm)

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