



Main Stream

Mission Peak Fly Anglers

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July 2006

Club Meeting

PLACE: Silliman Community Activity Center
6800 Mowry Avenue, Newark CA 94560
(510) 742-4400
DATE: Wednesday, July 26th, 2006
TIME: Casting 6 pm to 8 pm – Pizza 7:45 to 10 pm

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COMING EVENTS

- Wed. July 26th CLUB MEETING **Casting & Pizza Night 6:00 PM**
Silliman Community Activity Center, 6800 Mowry Avenue, Newark CA 94560
- Wed, Aug 2nd BOARD MEETING 7:30 PM – Dave Heyes
- Tues. Aug 8th FLY TYING - 7:30 PM Loc same as Club Meeting
Fly Tying on 2nd Tues of the month from now on
- Sat. Aug 12th CLUB BREAKFAST : At the Denny's in Hayward on Whipple – 9:00 AM
- Wed. Aug 23rd CLUB MEETING 7:00 PM “New Time”
Silliman Community Activity Center, 6800 Mowry Avenue, Newark CA 94560
- Wed, Sept 6th BOARD MEETING 7:30 PM – Wayne Culp
- Sat. Sept 9th CLUB BREAKFAST : At the Denny's in Hayward on Whipple – 9:00 AM
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President's Message July 2006

It is hard to believe it is July already. How time flies when you are having fun. I hope every member is finally getting a chance to fish after all the rain and high water that we had during the month of March. Some of you were on guided float trips and this brings up the subject of safety on boats. Fly casting is difficult enough on land but casting on a small moving boat is another subject. I'd like to remind all of you that catching a fish is not as important as the safety of your fellow fishing buddies. I have heard of too many incidents of people getting hooked by a fly on the back cast. Please be aware of your surroundings before making your first cast.

Our website has been updated with the monthly newsletters and the photo gallery has new pictures of our members on fishouts. Doug Fear has been working on the newsletter and photo sections of the site and Ed Huff and George Bouvoine will be working on the fly of the month and some of the artwork of the site.

This year we will be having baby back ribs as the main entrée at our annual picnic on Saturday, September 16, 2006. Check the newsletter for more details.

The club needs someone to help with the monthly raffle. Contact me for details.

Until next time, see you on the water or next event.
Malcolm Dunn

July Club Meeting Program

Our July meeting, the annual casting/pizza night will take place at 6 PM on the grass area south of the parking lot next to the Silliman Community Activity Center.

Ray Hutcherson of Sea Level Flyfishing Adventures and Tony Yap, recent winner of the All-Around Handicap Prize at the Oakland Casting Championships will be our guests. Along with their presence, they will have a few Albright rods for us to try out.

Between 7:30-8: PM as the casting winds down, the migration to the Round Table Pizza parlor located at 5544 Thorton Ave. in Newark. Be ahead of the game by pre-ordering your pizza up to 24 hours in advance. And there is a 20% discount on the pizza if you can pool your order to come up to 4 pizzas. Separate orders will not qualify for the discount. Of course, you can add your pizza order to an existing tab that qualifies for the discount when you show up. You might have to wait for the pizza though. Here is Round Table Pizza's phone number- 510 796-4040 for pre orders. As in the past, all drinks of the non-alcoholic kind are on the club. Liability issues preclude the club from supplying beer, a primary compliment and staple to pizza.

See you there.
Craig Gittings

MPFA FLY TYING CLASS

Mission Peak Fly Anglers will conduct a **BEGINNER FLY TYING CLASSES** later this year. Classes will be two (2) hours in length from 7:00pm to 9:00pm for 6 consecutive weeks

The fee will be \$30 for club members and \$70 for non-club members.

You will learn to tie the following flies

Wooly Worm,
Elk Hair Caddis (dry fly)
Adams (dry fly)

Gold Ribbed Hare's ear (nymph)
Bead Head Prince Nymph
Pheasant Tail Nymph

You will need the following tools:

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| Fly tying Vise | Scissors |
| Bobbin | Hackle Pliers |
| Thread (Pre-waxed Black 6/0) | Hair stacker |

Mission Peak Fly Anglers will supply all the tying materials needed for each class. Your instructors will provide you with a personal packet for each fly you will be tying. This packet will include detailed instructions (and pictures) on how to tie each fly so you can continue to practice at home.

We are currently looking for a location and setting a date for the class

Those interested in taking the beginner tying class contact the Club

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

Bamboo Rod Raffle

We are raffling off this Very Nice Bamboo Rod for \$2.00 a ticket. The raffle will be held when we reach a goal of \$450.00. The moneys will be used to help offset the cost of our once a month Fly Tying Night. Thanks to all that made this happen.

Rod built by our own Bill Peakes

All the components were donated by REC Components

Blank donated by MPFA




Rod Raffle Chairman August Abellar

2006 EVENTS

| DATE | LOCATION | TYPE OF EVENT | CONTACT | COMMENTS |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| July 26 th , 2006 | Silliman Community Activity Center | Monthly Club Meeting | Malcolm Dunn | 7:00 pm (New Hours) |
| Aug 2 nd , 2006 | Dave Heyes House | Board Meeting | Dave Heyes | 7:30 pm |
| Aug 8 th , 2006 | Silliman Community Activity Center | Fly Tying | Mitch Matsumoto | 7:30 pm |
| Aug 12 th , 2006 | Denny's in Hayward | Club Breakfast | Bill Peakes | 9:00 am |
| Aug 23 rd , 2006 | Silliman Community Activity Center | Monthly Club Meeting | Malcolm Dunn | 7:00 pm (New Hours) |
| Sept 6 th , 2006 | Wayne Culp House | Board Meeting | Wayne Culp | 7:30 pm |
| Sept 9 th , 2006 | Denny's in Hayward | Club Breakfast | Bill Peakes | 9:00 am |
| Sept 12 th , 2006 | Silliman Community Activity Center | Fly Tying | Mitch Matsumoto | 7:30 pm |
| Sept 16 th , 2006 | Garin Park, Hayward | Club Picnic | Malcolm Dunn | 11:00 AM |
| Sept.27 th , 2006 | Silliman Community Activity Center | Monthly Club Meeting | Malcolm Dunn | 7:00 pm (New Hours) |
| Oct 4 th , 2006 | Steve Culp House | Board Meeting | Steve Culp | 7:30 pm |
| Oct 10 th , 2006 | Silliman Community Activity Center | Fly Tying | Mitch Matsumoto | 7:30 pm |
| Oct 14 th , 2006 | Denny's in Hayward | Club Breakfast | Bill Peakes | 9:00 am |
| Oct 25 th , 2006 | Silliman Community Activity Center | Monthly Club Meeting | Malcolm Dunn | 7:00 pm (New Hours) |
| Nov 1 st , 2006 | Bill Peakes House | Board Meeting | Bill Peakes | 7:30 pm |
| Nov 11 th , 2006 | Denny's in Hayward | Club Breakfast | Bill Peakes | 9:00 am |
| Nov 14 th , 2006 | Silliman Community Activity Center | Fly Tying | Mitch Matsumoto | 7:30 pm |
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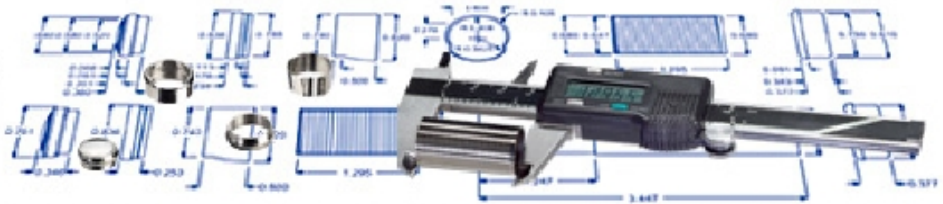
**MISSION PEAK FLY ANGLERS
2006 FISHOUT LIST**

| DATE | LOCATION | TYPE OF FISH | FISHMASTER | COMMENTS |
|---|--|---------------------|--------------------|---|
| Aug 27-29 | American River Silver Fork | Trout | Bill Peakes | Weekday fish and camp |
| Sept 9th, 10th | Clark's Fork | <i>Trout</i> | Bill Peakes | Potluck BBQ |
| <i>Sept 21-24</i> | <i>Tuolumne Meadows – Yosemite NP.</i> | <i>Trout</i> | Wayne Culp | <i>2 camp sites presently reserved at Tuolumne Meadows.</i> |
| <i>Oct 13-15</i> | <i>Eastern Sierra – Bridgeport Area.</i> | <i>Trout</i> | Jeff Lorelli | <i>Staying at Meadowcliff Lodge. 1-888-333-8132</i> |
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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. contact Jeff Lorelli 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!



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ANNUAL MPFA CLUB PICNIC

The annual Club picnic will be held on Saturday, September 16th at Garin Park in Hayward. Parking is \$5:00 this year. Bill Peakes is requesting all members planning to attend to **PLEASE MAIL YOUR RESERVATION FORM AND PAYMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

The cost is \$5 per person over the age of 12. Kids 12 and under are free. The Club will provide the drinks and main course (chicken, ribs, etc.). Otherwise, you will need to bring an appetizer, salad or dessert for ten, please see below.

Last names beginning:

A to J bring an appetizer (use your imagination!)

K to O bring a salad (potato, macaroni, green leaf with dressing, or your favorite)

P to Z bring a dessert (YUMMIE!)



2006 Mission Peaks Annual Summer Picnic

Deadline is September 6th

Members Name _____

of Tickets needed (Adults & children over 12 years) x \$5.00 = Amount

(enclose check) Total Amt. _____

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Bill Peakes,



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Friday, October 6, 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 7, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

***Sunday, October 8, On-the-Water and
Casting Workshops***

Event includes:

Live and Silent Auctions - Raffles

Fly Casting Instruction - Kids' Corner

Fly Tying - Fishing Techniques - Travel Programs

Artists - Manufacturers - Exhibitors

Banquet - Chili Feed

For more information & updates go to: www.nccfff.org

Or Call Phil Greenlee (530) 222-5285

Conservation News

By
Larry Dennis, July 2006

“Calling fly fishing a hobby is like calling brain surgery a job” – Paul Schullery

Settlement Reached on San Joaquin River Suit

A settlement has been reached in a court multi-year battle over how much water should be allowed to flow from Friant Dam into the San Joaquin River to restore the salmon population. Terms of the settlement won't be released and the agreement won't take effect until all parties, environmentalists, fishing organizations, irrigators, water districts, federal agencies and the court approve it. The approval process is expected to take six weeks. Stay tuned.

Sportsman Economics

A report issued the first week of June said hunters and anglers in six western states spend more than \$2.9 billion (that's BILLION) each year pursuing their recreation. The reporting agencies, Sonoran Institute of Sedona AZ and the T. Roosevelt Conservation Partnership of Missoula MT went on to detail the fiscal connection between roadless areas and money spent by hunters and anglers. The total impact amounts to \$70 billion each year when expenditures for licenses, fees, associated taxes, travel and lodging are factored in. “If hunters and anglers comprised a corporation, they'd be in the top 3% of the Fortune 500 list,” said Bill Geer, policy initiative manager for the partnership. “By virtue of their economic impact alone, sportsmen's views on land protection need to be at the forefront as our governors consider whether to petition for the protection of inventoried areas in their states.” The report comes at a crucial time in the move to replace protection for roadless areas that were removed last year by the current administration.

Hatcheries

The Department of Fish & Game has just released a plan to fully implement the hatchery enhancements called for in AB7 introduced by Assemblymember Dave Codgill which passed the state Legislature, was signed into law by the governor and became effective on July 1. The bill requires the DFG to deposit one-third of sport fishing license fees in the Hatchery and Inland Fisheries Fund. These funds are to be used to support DFG programs related to the management, maintenance and capital improvements of state hatcheries, the Heritage and Wild Trout Program and enforcement activities.

In other hatchery news, biologists and pathologists are continuing their investigation into the source of the virus that caused an epidemic of infectious hematopoietic necrosis, which killed about 2 million juvenile chinook salmon at the Nimbus Hatchery this past spring. Officials at the hatchery report that the outbreak is largely over and over 3 million survivors have been transferred to San Francisco Bay to start their life in the ocean.

The DFG enlisted the help of anglers by allowing biologist to sample fish caught in Folsom Lake to look for antibodies in the blood. The sampling was conducted on Saturday 6-17 at the boat ramp. Results will be announced at a later date.

New Interior Secretary Shows Interest in National Parks

Newly appointed Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne indicated recently that he wants fewer snowmobiles, off-road vehicles and cell phone towers in America's national parks. He stated that he advocates a 'no impairment' and 'do no harm' policy. “When there is a conflict between conserving resources unimpaired for future generations and the use of those resources, conservation will be predominant.” Kempthorne said.

Dams

After last-minute political maneuvering, the Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee effectively killed a bill that would provide seed money for another dam on the San Joaquin River above Friant Dam. The bill, if passed, would put a \$1.2 billion bond on the November ballot for 'water storage, dam studies and river restoration'. The package included \$500 million for the dam, \$125 million for studies and \$600 million for San Joaquin River restoration. Irrigators are claiming that without the water, the valley will basically disappear. *In reality, the speed in which the way land is being turned over to developers will hasten the disappearance of the valley more than the absence of water.*

Trinity River Season Change

Cal Trout, in consort, with The Trinity River Restoration Program have submitted a regulation change proposal to the Fish & Game Commission. The proposal would move opening day for the fly fishing section of the river from the general

opener of the last Saturday in April to April 1. This will provide three weeks of fishing before the newly established flow regime take effect making the river dangerous and unwadeable.

Silver King Creek

It was recently announced that the US Fish and Wildlife Service, US Forest Service and state DFG will again mount a plan to poison this remote Sierra stream in an effort to reclaim more habitat for one of the world's rarest trout. Since 1964 numerous unsuccessful attempts have been made to remove non-native species. The area of interest is a nine mile stretch of Silver King Creek from Llewellyn Falls to Silver King Canyon which now contains Rainbow and hybridized trout. The creek, in the Carson-Iceberg Wilderness, was cutoff when Lake Lahontan retreated more than 10,000 years ago. The Paiute cutthroat flourished the mountainous terrain until late in the 1800's when pioneers and ranchers planted the area with rainbow and golden trout to improve fishing. The introduced species mated readily with the cutthroats, producing a crossbred mix and placing the native fish in peril.

Fish Farming

Under the terms of a new law recently passed and signed by the governor, California is the first state to adopt comprehensive controls on fish farming or what is becoming known as Aquaculture. California, which does not currently have any coastal fish farms, will develop standards for companies that want to produce fish such as halibut, bass or tuna for the retail market. Problems have arisen in other coastal states when pen-raised fish have escaped and bred or spread disease among wild populations.

"Ocean fish farming can now be part of California's future without sacrificing the environment," said Gov. Schwarzenegger. "This legislation will lay the groundwork for a new aquaculture industry to thrive while providing an abundance of healthy food and more jobs in our state."

Pending federal legislation doesn't have some of the environmental standards called for in the California law.

Delta

Water pumps one possibility for unprecedented delta fish decline, SJ Mercury News, 5-28-06

Giant pumps in the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta are the heart of the state's massive water system, sending water from where it is most plentiful in Northern California to cities in the south and farm fields in the Central Valley. Scientists are studying whether the pumps that are so essential to Californians' everyday existence also may be one of the main culprits in an unprecedented die-off of fish species that are considered indicators of the delta's environmental health. "This is the lifeblood of billions of dollars worth of agriculture and urban water," said Jeff McCracken, a spokesman for the US Bureau of Reclamation, the agency that operates the federal system. The state and federal pumps solve a fundamental water imbalance, where 70 percent of river water is north of Sacramento but 80 percent of demand is south of the capital. But the pumps also lead to a variety of unintended consequences. They kill fish by sucking them in and alter the delta's natural water flow. Researchers say even changes in the pumping schedule that were intended to benefit fish species may have backfired and are doing more harm than good. Pumping during winter has increased about 30 percent since 2000. The goal behind changing the schedule was to leave more water in the delta during spring and summer, when spawning fish were thought to need it most. Since then, however, scientists have documented a proportional increase in fish being killed through the pumps. Female fish that are sucked into the pumps during winter die before their eggs are fertilized. Smelt are driving much of the research into the delta's decline because they are federally protected. Populations of striped bass, longfin smelt and threadfin shad also are falling.

Does anyone other than the mentally challenged residents of the group home in Washington DC fail to see the connection between increased pumping from the Delta and decreased fish populations?

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