



# Main Stream

Mission Peak Fly Anglers

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## August 2009

### Club Meeting

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

**DATE:** Wednesday, August 26, 2009

**TIME:** 7:00pm

### COMING EVENTS

Wed.	Aug 5	BOARD MEETING 7:00 PM – Fremont Adult School Room N-9
Sat.	Aug 8	Club Picnic - Niles Community Park
Wed.	Aug 12	FLY TYING - 7:00 PM Fremont Adult School Room N-9
Wed.	Aug 19	Project Healing Waters– VA Hospital, Livermore, 10am to 11:30am
Wed.	Aug 26	CLUB MEETING 7:00pm Silliman Community Activity Center , Newark
Wed.	Sept 2	Project Healing Waters– VA Hospital, Livermore, 10am to 11:30am
Wed.	Sept 2	BOARD MEETING 7:00 PM – Fremont Adult School Room N-9
Wed.	Sept 9	FLY TYING - 7:00 PM Fremont Adult School Room N-9
Sat.	Sept 12	CLUB BREAKFAST: At the Denny’s in Hayward on Whipple – 9:00 AM
Wed.	Sept 16	Project Healing Waters– VA Hospital, Livermore, 10am to 11:30am

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<http://www.missionpeakflyanglers.org/index.shtml>

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## ~~~~~ 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 at [maljdunn@earthlink.net](mailto:maljdunn@earthlink.net).

### **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

## The President's Message

I have two things to share with everyone.

First, the Annual Picnic was a great success. Thanks to Ray and Dean for their early arrival to the Niles Park and saving the area by setting up the tables. This site works really well. No wind, no yellow jackets and the price is right. Also thanks to everyone for the appetizers, salads and desserts. Of course, thanks to Malcom for his BBQ. As usual, it was delicious.

Unfortunately, Doug couldn't make the picnic. Consequently we did not have the "Trash Fly Contest". However, with the help from George and Ed the "Casting Contest" was resurrected. It has probably been about 20 years since the last time we had this activity. The casting contest was just right, challenging enough and all the participants were enthusiastically competing.

Here is Ed's commentary on the results:

*"There were 17 entries, the combined distance scores ranged from over 200 inches to Don Lee's winning score of 34.5 inches. 2<sup>nd</sup> place was Gene with a score of 60 inches and third place was Dean with a score of 76 inches. I think everybody had a pretty good time. George and I want to give a special thanks to Lynn for her efforts as the "line police". With her on the job, the rules were strictly enforced!"*

...Ed

Cudos to Ed on the carved grass trout. Thanks for the hard work. It was a beauty. Also let me thank Calvin for donating his fly fishing equipment, to Gene for his auctioning gusto and to Steve Foti for his high bid.

The second item I wanted to relay is about a wine tasting event I attended. At the last NCCFFF Hall of Fame dinner my brother, Stephen, bid on a silent action item and won. This was a wine tasting tour in the Sonoma region donated by the secretary of the NCCFFF, Anne-Marie Bakker. On a beautiful July day, Steve, his wife, Pam, Cynthia and I trekked north and met with Anne-Marie at the famous Sonoma Square. We visited 4 wineries. The first two were a short drive east of town at which time Anne-Marie produced a mid-morning snack of delicious appetizers she prepared, which we enjoyed with a bottle of wine and a beautiful vineyard view. A while later we found ourselves back at the Sonoma Square wine tasting room of Richard Roesler. The Proprietor also is a fly fisherman so one can sample some excellent wines and talk fishing. What can be better than that? The last winery we visited was northeast of town on a hill with another beautiful view. Anne Marie, once again, provided a delicious lunch.

So at the next "Hall of Fame" dinner consider putting a bid on this item for a very enjoyable wine tasting outing. It was well worth it, thank you Stephen.

Wayne's Wanderings



### \*\*\*\*\* 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



### Special Bucket Raffle

The club has a Sage FLi series fly rod. 6wt 9ft 4 piece travel rod with a Sage fly reel model 2560 and a Performance Taper 2, 6WF floating line. This complete outfit is worth over \$700.00.

**The winner of this outfit was August Abellar.**

# Mission Peak Fly Anglers Board Meeting – August 5, 2009

President Wayne Culp brought the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Present were VP Ray Gauthier, Secretary Dean Lewis, Treasurer Bill Peakes, Board Members Malcolm Dunn, Harold Whitmore and Stephen Culp as well as Past President Craig Gittings. Also present was August Abellar

## Old Business:

- **Picnic:** Final details of the annual picnic/BBQ were discussed.
- **Club Web Site:** A big “well down” and thanks was given to Ray Gauthier on outstanding work he is doing on the club web site. <http://www.missionpeakflyanglers.org/index.shtml>

## New Business:

- **Treasurer’s Report:** Per Bill, we are doing well and are healthy.
- **Donation:** Calvin Chin donated most of his fishing equipment to the club. There are several nice rods and several nice reels, with extra spools, as well as some miscellaneous items. These items were donated with the stipulation that they either be used as a live auction item, silent auction item, or a special raffle were we need to sell a specific number of tickets. It was agreed that one rod and another item be selected for the club picnic and used as live auction items. Bill and Dean were to select the items
- **Rivers of the Lost Coast:** This movie will shown at a special meeting on December 16 at the Silliman Center. It will be a free event for club members and their families. The movie runs an hour and one half, so the entire meeting will be used showing the movie. The Board thought it might be possible to have popcorn and drinks available for this show. Don’t miss this one.
- **Future Raffle Prizes: Correction to last month:** Stephen will have a Loon rod, #3 weight which will be used for a new raffle that he has planned.
- **Intro to Fly Fishing:** There was to be a class at the Silliman Center on the 26<sup>th</sup> of September hosted by Craig. However, Craig will not be here and we agreed that he could cancel the class.
- **Truckee River Restoration Project:** Wayne reminded us that TU has this program scheduled for October 18. Sign up forms were to be sent to all members and placed in the newsletter.
- **Support George Miller:** Rally at Rep George Miller's office in Concord to support him on his stand on water use. Date is August 13, 2009. Larry will send out a notice if interested.

Wayne moved and Ray seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 7:55pm – Motion passed.

Respectively submitted, Dean Lewis, Secretary.

# Conservation News

By Larry Dennis, August 2009

## Opinion: Beware new Peripheral Canal around delta

By Joseph Gray

Special to the Mercury News

Posted: 08/05/2009

Summer 2009 hasn't been a picnic in Sacramento. The budget battle has dragged down California's reputation and credit rating, making it more difficult to fund the day-to-day running of the state and even more difficult to fund large infrastructure projects.

On top of all this turmoil, a new version of an old water project is quietly being resurrected. It's a new version of the Peripheral Canal, which is essentially a water grab for Californians south of the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and others believe moving water via canal will help solve water supply issues in Southern and Central California and resolve ecosystem issues in the delta. But this plan would have the same devastating consequences for the delta and San Francisco Bay as the one rejected by the voters in 1982, and would cost billions of dollars more.

The governor is determined to build a new canal, and he believes he has the authority to move ahead without voter approval. His Delta Vision Task Force maintains that the new Peripheral Canal should be set in motion despite the fact they have yet to deal with how to manage or govern the delta.

All Californians should be concerned with the plan to build a 50-mile canal that won't generate any new water, a canal that will cost over \$10 billion at a time when we are closing parks and laying off classroom teachers.

Of even greater concern, however, is how this process is playing out.

The Bay Delta Conservation Plan Steering Committee was formed without a single in-delta environmental or agriculture representative, and the Capitol Weekly reports "no lawmaker with deep delta roots is on the [legislative] conference committee" — responsible for the legislative water package — "fueling suspicions that the delta is being shortchanged in order to push through a massive construction program."

In fact, the Department of Water Resources is reportedly planning to drill into 16 locations throughout the delta for potential intake sites for the canal without appropriate public review. The Sacramento Bee reported that the sites "would be enormous — at least 1,000 feet wide and 40 miles long — with potential environmental effects that remain unknown."

There is no question the delta is imperiled, with fisheries teetering on collapse. We all agree that we must save the delta and the San Francisco Bay, which form the West Coast's largest estuary. Bringing the delta back from the brink obviously requires more fresh water running through it to the bay. Unfortunately, a new Peripheral Canal would divert fresh water around the delta, reducing water quality and increasing salinity.

Proponents argue a canal is necessary to secure water for 23 million mostly Southern Californians, because water supplies are at risk from flood and earthquake damage to the delta's levees. However, even the Delta Vision Strategic Plan shows that the levees can be reinforced to "class 7- Seismic no-fail" standards for a fraction of the cost of the canal.

There has to be a better way. This just doesn't add up. It's time for our local legislators to stop the Schwarzenegger Canal and instead consider a more comprehensive approach to the state's critical water needs.

## Monthly Programs

DATE	SPEAKER	PROGRAM TITLE
June 24	Felt Soul Media and Trout Unlimited Alaska	Red Gold Video
July 22	Casting– Pizza Night	
August 26	Derek Rust	
September 23	Ken Hanley	Photo Tips
October 28	Mikey Weir	Central Sierra Fishing or Mongolia
November 18 3rd Wed	Matt Koles	Truckee River

### Program for August

#### **Derek Rust- Eastern Sierra Trout Fishing in the South Lake Tahoe Region**

Guide **Derek Rust** of the Tahoe Fly Fishing Outfitters not only spends 250 days a year on the water with fly rod, he made time for us and will talk about fly fishing the Eastern Sierra in the Lake Tahoe region. He will discuss the East Carson river, a full freestone river hailing from the mountains above Markleeville, California. The river has some 10 miles of catch and release single barbless hook water that is home to some giant bows and browns. The East Carson fishes well spring through fall with dry fly action starting in about the first week in June and is known for its hopper as well as streamer fishing. Derek will also discuss the fishing on the East Walker. The East Walker, a tail water of the Bridgeport reservoir and has 16 miles of catch and release water spanning two states that fishes well all year long, and even fishes great all winter. It is well known for its big fish. Fly Fisherman magazine in recent months had a 30" East Walker brown on the cover. This river is a great nymph fishery as well as a great streamer fishery. Timing is everything. The best fishing is just around the corner for these fisheries and this program should serve as a primer for Jeff Lorelli's upcoming Eastern Sierra trip



Bob and George encouraging Mitch during the casting contest



These members are planning the next fishing outing

## Annual Trout Bum Award

**Starts Jan 1, 2009**

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

### **PROJECT HEALING WATERS ..... Attention Mission Peak Members .....PROJECT HEALING WATERS**

A fine group consisting of (7) of our members as well as members from the Tracy & Diablo Valley Fly Fishers have established a routine of the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of every month visiting the Livermore VA hospital.

We are getting the veterans there involved in fly tying, casting, and watching videos from our library. Most of these veterans are elderly Korean & Vietnam long term care patients, regardless they are enjoying the activity and we are getting some very positive response – very rewarding!

At our April 15<sup>th</sup> visit I made contact with the Poly-Trauma Social Worker and Recreational Therapist and feel that we will soon be working with Out Patients, these will more likely be recent returnees from active service.

So if you are inclined to be a part of this wonderful and worthwhile service to those who put it all on the line in service to our country we can use you!

Gene & I discussed putting together a training so we can all get cross trained on the various components of what we do out there, so I'll have that set up soon.

If interested please contact me, Thanks Ken Brunskill Email:steamtrout@comcast.net,

### **Editorial**

This year's picnic was fantastic. My thanks to everyone who helped. The casting contest was great. It doesn't take an expert to become a winner. **Congratulations Don.** Don has only been fly fishing for about a year. Some of us have been fly fishing for over 30 years.

Mark your calendars for October 23,24, and 25. The NCCFFF Fly Fishing Festival will be in Lodi again. The NCCFFF education booth will need volunteers on Friday and Saturday, October 23 and 25. All volunteers will get a free pass for the day they work. Go to [www.nccfff.org](http://www.nccfff.org) for more info on the festival.

Until next month, may all your lines be tight. Malcolm Dunn, editor



Pheo teaching his son to fly cast



George attempting his best cast at the grass trout



Calvin giving fly fishing tips to the ladies



Merlin was the lucky winner of the raffle



Wayne, our prez, preparing his brisket for the group



Don with Dooby looking on, was the winner of the casting contest

**MISSION PEAK FLY ANGLERS**  
**2009 FISHOUT LIST**

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE OF FISH	FISHMASTER	COMMENTS
<b>Aug 28-Sept 6</b>	Alaska Kenai Peninsula	Trout, Salmon, Grayling	Craig Gittings	
Sept 24-26	Toulumne Meadows	Trout	Wayne Culp	Thu-Sat camp and fish out. 2 sites reserved.
Sept 11-21	Californian Stillwater Ramble	Trout	Ken Brunskill	Central Sierra stillwaters Combined with Clark's Fork fishout
Sept 12-13	Clark's Fork	Trout	Bill Peakes	Potluck BBQ
Oct 2-4	McCloud River and Reservoir	Trout	Craig Gittings	Camp at Ash Camp or B&B in town of McCloud.
Oct 17-18	Eagle Lake	Trout	Mitch Matsumoto	
Oct 23-25	Eastern Sierra	Trout	Jeff Lorelli	
Nov 15-17	Trinity River	Steelhead	Calvin Chin	Weaverville Area – Red Hill Motel: 530-623-4331

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 e-tailed 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!



Jan and Malcolm preparing the entrée and sausages



Happy picnickers



### **Clod Hopper**

Hook Dai-Riki 280 or TMC 2302, size #16-10  
Thread 8/0, color to match dubbing  
Underbody 2mm foam  
Body Synthetic dubbing  
Wing Elk hair  
Under wing Zelon  
Legs Round Rubber  
Indicator 2mm foam



### **Parachute Ant**

Hook TMC 100  
Thread 8/0 black  
Over body 1mm Razor Foam  
Body Black Antron Dubbing  
Post Antron Yarn [color you can see]  
Hackle Brown or Black Dry fly



### **Foam Beetle**

Hook TMC 100 or 102Y  
Thread 8/0 black  
Body Peacock Herl  
Over body 2mm foam, black  
Legs Round Rubber  
Indicator 2mm foam

## Red Gold by Craig Gittings

Red Gold, shown at the June club meeting, portrayed a biased opposition to proposed Pebble Mine 20 miles from the headwaters of Bristol Bay, the richest sockeye salmon run in the world. The road system runs only north and south from Anchorage in the state of Alaska with the exception of the road along the Alaska pipeline to Valdez. Everything west of the Susitna River is wilderness or limited at best around the outlying villages. The only real access is by air or boat along the coast. The resources are up for grabs to the highest bidder on the mineral rights, etc. But why should we be concerned while we are comfortable here in the bay area? How would an open pit mine really affect us with our insulated lives? There are histories of open pit mining from Illinois to Kentucky, specifically by Peabody Energy. John Prine wrote the song "Paradise", about a coal company's surface mining effects in the early 70's as a response to receiving a letter from his father informing him of the bulldozers coming in and wiping the idyllic town of Paradise off the map while John Prine was stationed in Germany. Just go to Google maps and type in Paradise, KY. Then enlarge the satellite map version to see what remains. It isn't pretty. Those clouds are coming from three smoke stacks of a coal generated power plant. The chorus to John Prine's "Paradise" chorus goes:

"And daddy won't you take me back to Muhlenberg County  
Down by the Green River where Paradise lay  
Well, I'm sorry my son, but you're too late in asking  
Mister Peabody's coal train has hauled it away"

Peabody Energy, the world's largest private sector coal company with contracts to supply 10% of the electricity in the US is worth \$6 billion in revenue over the next 17 years with just two of its mines in Illinois. They use the sanitized term of surface mining. Their interests are global as well, as they invest heavily in Mongolia to shore up demand for neighboring countries' coal needs of India and China. What kind of government oversight and regulations are in place for an area that has not changed much since Genghis Kahn's time, but is ripe for exploitation of its natural resources? Words barely give any true perspective, but the visual image is certainly everlasting.

This summer's road trip took me down Montana's Interstate 15 from Helena into Butte. As we entered the outskirts of town, I noticed something along the highway that disturbed me. It turned out to be the outer edge the Continental Pit- an open pit mine. It lies east and adjacent to the Berkeley Pit, which is some 1.5 miles across and filled with 1000 feet of an opacious brown rust colored water with a measured pH value of 2.57 and even less at lower levels. Anaconda Copper Mining, purchased from Marcus Daly, formed a mining trust by the Rockefellers (Standard Oil) and Hearst before the turn of the century. Anaconda turned to surface mining in 1955 because of its worker safety record. The mine was sold in 1977 to Atlantic Richfield (ARCO), a subsidiary of British Petroleum. ARCO not only lacked the expertise to deal with hard rock mining, it was deemed as the responsible party by the EPA in the 1980's and shut down. For their \$700 million investment, it became a long-term environmental liability, spending hundreds of millions to decontaminate the area.



Source- Pitwatch.org



When speaking with folks in Butte, rain and snow runoff often would cause the mine to have detrimental effects on the Clark Fork all the way to Missoula, 120 miles downstream, as it ran rust red with affluent from the mining wastes. It should be noted that it only takes 3-5 parts per billion of copper to have adverse affects on aquatic life. This was an environmental nightmare for the local community. The Berkeley Pit was closed in 1982 and allowed to fill after dewatering pumps were shut down. Montana lays claim to 14 Super Fund sites, the Berkeley Pit holds the distinction of the nations largest Super Fund site. Butte Chamber of Commerce claims this is a tourist attraction before I paid my \$2 fee to walk out on the viewing platform. I doubt it that it puts Butte in positive light. The mine is a visible eyesore from anywhere in the area.

After this trip, the film, Red Gold did not delve deep enough into the environmental hazards that await the area if the Pebble Mine is allowed to proceed. The open mine pit alone, if allowed, will eventually be 2.5 miles across. Try the following link for more information on the Berkeley Pit and the surrounding potential hazards: <http://www.pitwatch.org/>



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