



# Main Stream

Mission Peak Fly Anglers

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**August 2010**

## Club Meeting

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

**DATE: Wednesday, August 25, 2010**

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

### COMING EVENTS

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| Wed. Aug 4    | Project Healing Waters– VA Hospital, Livermore, 10am to 11:30am  |
| Wed. Aug 4    | BOARD MEETING 7:00 PM (Location to be determined)                |
| Fri. Aug 6    | Project Healing Waters– VA Hospital, Menlo Park, 10am to 11:30am |
| Wed. Aug 11   | Fly Tying 7:00 PM (Location to be determined)                    |
| Sat. Aug 14   | ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC see flyer for details                         |
| Wed. Aug 18   | Project Healing Waters– VA Hospital, Livermore, 10am to 11:30am  |
| Wed. Aug 25   | Club Meeting -- Silliman Community Activity Center, 6:30pm       |
| Wed. Sept 1   | Project Healing Waters– VA Hospital, Livermore, 10am to 11:30am  |
| Wed. Sept 1   | BOARD MEETING 7:00 PM Fremont Adult School, Room N-9             |
| Fri. Sept. 3  | Project Healing Waters– VA Hospital, Menlo Park, 10am to 11:30am |
| Wed. Sept. 8  | Fly Tying - 7:00pm Fremont Adult School, Room N-9                |
| Sat. Sept. 11 | CLUB BREAKFAST: At the Denny's in Hayward on Whipple – 9:00 AM   |

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P.O. Box 7263, Fremont California. 94537.

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\* Trout In The Classroom

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

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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

This message will be all about this last Annual MPFA Family Picnic held Saturday, August 14, in the Niles neighborhood of Fremont. This is the third year in a row that the picnic was held at the Niles venue. This is also the third year in a row that Ray and Dean came super early and set up tables to secure a spot at this park. I was sure glad to see them when I got there at 9:00. Way to go – Guys!!

Of course, I would like to thank head cook, Malcolm, and his crew of sous chefs, Jan, Jim, Larry and Frank. Thanks again guys. If I have forgotten anybody, that's what happens when one ages. Sorry.

Also it was very nice to see Calvin and his son attend. Calvin entered the casting contest. He was in the middle of the pack. Thanks Brian for bringing your dad. The casting contest set up again by Ed was well attended with the winner being Mitch, followed by Dean and third place was last year's champ, Don. Good job, Ed, in setting up another fun event. Also I wanted to mention that Ed's wife, Judy, appeared to wear a replica of the hat made famous by Sally Fields from the TV series —The Flying Nun□.

It was great to see all the youngsters attending. This is the future. I am thinking that maybe next year a younger casting contest might be fun too?

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



Your Video Librarian  
**Pheo Truong**



## Mission Peak Fly Anglers Board Meeting – August 4, 2010

President Wayne Culp brought the meeting to order at 6:11 pm. (Scheduled early as fly tying was rescheduled to follow the Board Meeting). Present were VP Ray Gauthier, Secretary Dean Lewis, Treasurer Bill Peakes, Board Members: Malcolm Dunn, Frank Rodriguez, Marilou Sawyer and Stephen Culp. Past President Craig Gittings was also present.

Regular members present during the meeting were Ken Brunskill, Rich Lobrovich, Jim McGoff, Jan Van Zandt, Larry Dennis, Harold Whitmore, Gene Kaczmarek, George Bouvoin, Paul Lelis, and Pheo Truong. If I missed anyone, please accept my apologies.

### Old Business:

- **Annual Picnic:** The Annual picnic is scheduled for August 14, 2010. The Board set a fee of \$10 per person. Ray and Dean will arrive early to save our spot at the park in Niles. Wayne and Craig will bring the soft drinks and Malcolm will bring the BBQ stuff. Menu is BBQ pork ribs, teriyaki chicken, Chile, brisket and hot links. Ed will have his casting contest again this year. This is a pot-luck, so bring a side dish or dessert. Twenty one had signed up so far. BYOB.

### New Business:

- **Dedicated Weekend:** Gene suggested a dedicated weekend for a casting class (charge for the class and instructor) and a dedicated set of dates for a beginning tying class (charge for the classes and instructor). He and George think the club needs to set a specific date and time, to occur EACH YEAR on same weekend or group of dates. The Board felt this was a good idea and asked for some suggestions on dates. Part of the process would be making sure there would be instructors available. There will be more discussion on this at the September meeting.
- **Raffle Chairman and Annual Dinner:** A big part of the meeting was taken up with a discussion of a fund raising committee. Marilou along with Jack Davis had volunteered to take over the position. They along with a number of other volunteers (Rich, Larry and Craig) were prepared to take over at this Board meeting. However, Stephen had not planned on dropping these duties until after the next installation dinner. Gene pointed out that since Stephen was still the chair, it was his responsibility to select the members for a committee to work with him on the turn over of the process. There were some lengthy discussions, questions and comments regarding this process. Dean moved that since Stephen was the chair person for fund raising that he should select a committee, of his choice, by the September meeting. They will then work with him and be prepared to take over the job at a future point in time. The Board would then appoint a new chair if and when Stephen steps down. Frank seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- **Alameda Creek Alliance:** Larry asked that he be allowed to use the membership list to solicit help and get new members and assistance for the Alliance. Dean moved and Malcolm seconded that Larry could use our member list and contact members to see if they would assist the Alliance via membership, donations or time and labor. Motion passed.

Ray moved and Dean seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:06pm.

Respectively submitted:

Dean Lewis, Secretary.

## Conservation News

*By  
Larry Dennis*

**Something's not right about this California water deal L.A. Times-8/18/10 By Michael Hiltzik**

### Commentary

Students of California's history of gold and oil rushes know it's filled with examples of profiteering, conspiracy, influence-peddling and other chicanery.

So there's no reason the story should be any different with that liquid gold of the 21st century, water.

That's the theme of a lawsuit filed a few weeks ago alleging there's something smelly about how a group of private interests — notably a huge agribusiness owned by the wealthy Southern California couple Stewart and Lynda Resnick — got control of an underground water storage project the state had already spent \$75 million to develop.

The lawsuit was filed by a group of water agencies and environmental groups contending that the transaction was essentially a gift of public property to private interests and therefore violates the state constitution.

They're asking a judge to reverse the deal. That way, they contend, the storage facility can be integrated into the state's water management plan, so a precious and dwindling natural resource can serve everyone in the state, not just a few powerful farm companies and real estate developers.

"By giving this resource away, not only have we lost money on the deal, but we've lost a mechanism to use this water for the most beneficial purposes," Adam Keats of the Tucson-based Center for Biological Diversity, the lead attorney on the lawsuit, told me recently.

The storage facility is the Kern Water Bank, a complex of wells, pumps and pipelines on a 20,000-acre parcel of abandoned farmland southwest of Bakersfield. The water bank was initially part of the \$1.75-billion bond-funded State Water Project, which provides water for 25 million Californians and irrigates 750,000 acres.

For reasons that still seem murky, in 1995 the state gave up on the bank and turned it over to Kern County water authorities. They promptly ceded it to a local consortium of public and private entities, the largest of which was Westside Mutual Water Co.

The lawsuit observes that Westside is a subsidiary of the Resnick-owned Paramount Farms, the largest grower and processor of pistachios and almonds in the world.

Paramount and the other users pay for the water put into the bank, but the storage capacity assures a steady irrigation supply even in dry years. Paramount acknowledges that without the water bank, it probably wouldn't have planted the nut trees, which can't survive without regular watering.

The second-biggest player in the water bank is Tejon Ranch Co., which is planning a 26,000-acre resort community in the nearby Tehachapi Mountains.

What did the state get for the bank in 1995? The buyers gave up the right to 45,000 acre-feet of water annually from the State Water Project, an entitlement some value at \$30 million.

(Conservation continue on page 6)

**(Conservation from page 5)**

But the lawsuit says that in real terms, the state got almost nothing. The water, it contends, was "paper water," a phantom allocation from a portion of the State Water Project that will never be built and therefore has no value

In fact, the lawsuit says, because the annual fees paid to the State Water Project by the bank's owners had been partially based on the allocation, they actually saved money by giving up the rights. (One acre-foot of water is about 326,000 gallons, or a year's supply for two families of four.)

Officers of the Kern Water Bank say the lawsuit is simply a case of sour grapes, and note that the new owners have invested more than \$30 million to turn the state's pipe dream into reality.

"This wasn't perceived to be a gift at the time," says William D. Phillimore, chairman of the Kern Water Bank Authority, chairman of Westside Mutual Water Co., and executive vice president of Paramount Farms. "It was considered a fairly risky proposition."

Westside and the other new owners overcame bureaucratic roadblocks that had flummoxed the state, he says. They completed the design, installed all the necessary equipment and maintain the facility today.

"This is something that people paid for 15 years ago, and because of the money they've invested it's perceived at the moment to be a relative success. I don't think any of the participants would look kindly at someone saying it should not have happened."

Now we come to the direct beneficiaries of the deal. The owner of Paramount and the Westside water company is Roll International Corp., one of America's largest private companies. It's owed by the multimillionaire Resnicks.

You may know Roll better as the former owner of the collectibles firm Franklin Mint and as the purveyor today of Fiji Water. That's the paragon of conspicuous consumption marketed on the theme that it's socially responsible to import your bottled drinking water from an idyllic Pacific island where only about half the population has access to protected water sources, and where the government is a military junta whose disdain for civil liberties wouldn't raise eyebrows at a conference of Mideast oil sheikdoms. The Resnicks hang with green activists such as Barbra Streisand and Laurie David, so no one examines their marketing too closely.

Roll International hasn't played an entirely positive role on water issues in the Central Valley. Back in September, Stewart Resnick insinuated himself into the question of whether the severe drought in the region should be blamed on environmental restrictions designed to help revive fisheries and river habitats.

This fatuous fish-vs.-people controversy had been ginned up with the help of experts like TV commentator Sean Hannity and Rep. Tom McClintock (R- Thousand Oaks), whose goal was to pin the drought not on Mother Nature but on the "environmental left."

In a letter to Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.), Resnick accused federal agencies of "sloppy science" in imposing those restrictions. He demanded a new scientific study.

Feinstein, possibly aware that Resnick and his wife had made political donations of nearly \$500,000 over the previous four years, mostly to Democrats, calculated how high she needed to jump. She pushed the government to fund a study by the National Academy of Sciences, which as it turned out reported in March that the restrictions were, indeed, "scientifically justified."

Phillimore, the Paramount executive, says that "the water bank enabled us to plant permanent crops," because Paramount knew it could water its trees even in droughts. That sounds like an acknowledgement that the water bank has encouraged business decisions that wouldn't otherwise be smart for a semiarid region.

As water becomes even more precious, it will soon be obvious that such usage isn't smart under any circumstances.

If one is forced to choose between devoting water to sustaining nut trees permanently in a near-desert, or finding the most efficient use for it among all possible options, what would be the right way to go — that is, if the choice weren't already made via an ill-considered decision now 15 years old?#

*Michael Hiltzik's column appears Sundays and Wednesdays.*

<http://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-hiltzik-20100818-1,0,381499.column>

# Picnic Pictures

Annual Picnic August 2010  
Photos courtesy of Rich Lobrovich



Wayne getting advice from his family



Calvin giving casting instructions to Ed and Ray



Calvin making his close to the trout cast



Jim and Joyce enjoying the perfect weather



Calvin, Erny and Bob was wondering when this picnic is going to get started



Debbie and Carrie are discussing world affairs while Frank is enjoying his lunch

## Monthly Programs

DATE	SPEAKER	PROGRAM TITLE
August 25	Jessie Raeder	Clavey/Tuolumne of the Tuolumne River Trust
September 22	TBA	
October 27	Rick E. Martin	
November 17	TBA	

### August Program

### From the Tuolumne to Our Tap

Jessie Raeder of the Tuolumne River Trust will give a virtual slideshow tour of the Tuolumne River, discussing issues of conservation and restoration along the way. From its headwaters high in Yosemite National Park, the Tuolumne flows 162 miles west before joining the San Joaquin River and flowing north into the San Francisco Bay-Delta. Designated a —Wild and Scenic River□ in 1984, the Tuolumne offers unparalleled outdoor recreation opportunities, hosting thousands of hikers, whitewater boaters, anglers and family campers each year. The Tuolumne is a hardworking river – we rely on it to generate electricity, grow our food, and provide tap water for 2.5 million Bay Area residents in San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara and Alameda Counties. Currently, 60% of the Tuolumne is diverted for agriculture and urban uses. As a result, the salmon population has declined from historic highs of more than 100,000 fish per year to just 280 last year. The Trust’s will discuss its work toward reviving the Tuolumne to be teeming with fish and wildlife, safe for fishing and swimming, and held in trust for future generations. More info can be found at <http://www.tuolumne.org/>

## 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

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

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 Palo Alto 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 their 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**

According to the calendar the summer season is almost over, but I believe it is just getting started. It has been extremely cold and wet this year. The fall fishing season should be good as the weather is getting warmer, I hope. Who says we have global warming. It seems like we are having global cooling. The poor fish are totally confused.

As the only active chartered member of this club, I would like to congratulate President Wayne for doing an excellent job of running this club. He is also an excellent chef. I have seen this club grow and become more and more enthusiastic with new members willing to cooperate and participate. We should continue to keep everything simple and make it enjoyable for all members. We don't need to get over organized. The members that are chairing the different committees are also doing an excellent job. All suggestions to chairpersons are always welcome.

This year the NCCFFF will not have a conclave. There will be an Sportsman Outdoor Expo in Placerville on October 1-3 2010. ( see page 11)

Until next month, Malcolm Dunn, Editor

## MISSION PEAK FLY ANGLERS

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE OF FISH	FISHMASTER	COMMENTS
Sept	Toulumne Meadows	Trout	Wayne Culp	Camp Out
<b>Sept 11 – Oct 5</b>	<b>Eastern Sierra Ramble</b>	<b>Trout</b>	<b>Ken Brunskill</b>	<b>Combined with Clark's Fork fishout</b>
<b>Sept 11-12</b>	<b>Clark's Fork</b>	<b>Trout</b>	<b>Bill Peakes</b>	<b>Potluck BBQ</b>
Oct	Eagle Lake	Trout	Mitch Matsumoto	
<b>Oct 15-17</b>	<b>Eastern Sierra</b>	<b>Trout</b>	<b>Jeff Lorelli</b>	

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 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!

### More Annual Picnic Pictures



Cynthia says when is lunch being served



Mitch says this is good



Calvin and Ed are discussing the location of the target while Dave looks on

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## Outdoor Expo

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#### Our Saturday night BBQ

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Placerville CA

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For more information about the BBQ go to: [www.nccfff.org](http://www.nccfff.org)

### FLY OF THE MONTH

By  
Bill Peaks



**Hook - TMC 200R, 2302, or 5262 sizes #10-18**

**Thread - Brown 6/0 or 8/0**

**Bead - Copper or Copper/tungsten**

**Tail and Abdomen - Pheasant tail fibers**

**Rib - Copper wire**

**Flashback - Pearl Mylar tinsel sized to match fly**

**Hackle - Undersized grizzly dyed tan or woodduck**



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