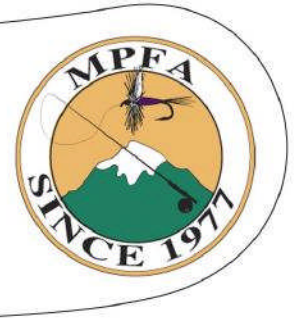




Main Stream

Mission Peak Fly Anglers

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February 2011 Club Meeting

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

DATE: **Thursday, February 24** (Note day and date)

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

COMING EVENTS

- Wed. Feb. 2 **BOARD MEETING 7:00 PM Fremont Adult School, Room N-9**
- Wed. Feb. 2 **Fly Fishing Volunteers– VA Hospital, Livermore, 10am to 11:30am**
- Fri. Feb. 4 **Fly Fishing Volunteers – VA Hospital, Menlo Park, 10am to 11:30a**
- Wed. Feb. 9 **FLY TYING 7:00 PM Fremont Adult School, Room N-9**
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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 15th of each month. Send your articles or information to the editor by the 12th 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

Greetings. It will be difficult to follow "Wayne's Wanderings", but I will give it a try. Here I am, President of MPFA. This is a position I thought I would never hold and to which I never aspired. I haven't quite wrapped my mind around this fact, so I hope you will be patient with me for the next few months.

From the feedback I have received, it seems that the Installation Dinner went well and attendees appreciated that the majority of the raffle items were either a "bucket raffle" or a "silent auction". Both events went well, but they didn't run as smoothly as we had hoped. The "silent auction" needs some adjustment, but part of the problem was the crowded nature of the room. We will work on making this run better next year.

I became a member of the club in 1978, only a couple of years after it was founded. I was very active for several years and then became involved with some other activities for several years and only sporadically attended meetings. About 4-5 years ago, I became active again and have enjoyed every minute of that time. Of course, retirement has given me more time for the club. However, if you ask any retired person and they will tell you they are busier than ever.

What I would like to ask, from each and every club member, is to let the club officers know what the club can do for you. What would you like us to provide in the way of programs, outings, club activities, etc. I would like to see each of you **more** involved with fishouts, tying flies and attending meetings on subjects for which you really hold an interest.

This is your club. The more you are involved, the better the club becomes. By being involved for the past 4-5 years, I have found a lot of satisfaction working with the various club programs, members and activities. Let us add your energy to the club too.

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 2nd 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 3rd 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



NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE

THE MEETING NIGHT FOR THE MONTHS OF JANUARY THRU MARCH WILL BE THE FOURTH THURSDAY OF THE MONTH.

THE FIRST MEETING FOR 2011 WILL BE ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 2011. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

Mission Peak Fly Anglers Board Meeting . February 2, 2011

President Dean Lewis brought the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. Present were V.P. Ed Huff, Secretary Carrie Payne, Treasurer Bill Peakes, past President Wayne Culp, Board Members: Frank Rodriguez, Stephen Culp and Malcolm Dunn. Also present was Mitch Matsumoto and Craig Gittings.

Old Business:

- **Boy Scout Merit Badge** - The Oakland Casting club has stepped up to help with assisting scouts to get their fly fishing merit Badge.
- **NCCFFF Road Show** – At the Club Meeting in January Ken Brunskill motioned and John Shean 2nded that we form a committee of 3 people to promote putting on a day class by the NCCFFF.
- **Veteran Budget** – To be discussed when we talk about Budget later this evening.
- **Activity Dates** – No dates have been picked for Kelsey or for Kistler Ranch as of yet.

New Business:

- **Treasure's Report** - Bill gave a report that we had taken in \$\$\$\$ from the installation Dinner. This is about the same as we did last year.
- **Installation Dinner** – The pros and cons of what worked and what didn't work was discussed. When making room reservations it was recommended to get everything in writing. The raffle went well and cut down the dinner time by about an hour. There was also discussion about looking for a different venue to have the dinner next year as there was no way to move around with the size crowd that attended. One recommendation was the Elks Lodge with a \$\$\$ rent fee and doing a crab feed.
- **Budget** – Some items from the budget were discussed and a motion was passed to have Bill Peakes send out checks to the Member organizations we normally give money to. We also discussed the budgets for the Video Library and the Veterans and agreed both should be \$\$\$\$. Mitch was present to ask how much the budget was for flying tying and a motion was passed that he could spend up to \$\$\$\$. There are also the recurring items such as insurance, PO Box, Website and Kistler.
- **Meeting Place for Fly Tying and Board Meetings:** John Shean proposed a hall in Niles to hold the Fly Tying and Board Meetings once Harold retires in June.

Motion to adjourn was passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectively submitted:
Carrie Payne, Secretary.

Conservation News

By Larry Dennis, February 2011

Captain Eddie Rickenbacker penned these seven principles that all outdoorsmen should abide by. They are as true today as they were in 1950.

- 1. Game law violators are thieves – treat them accordingly.**
- 2. Teach beginners their obligations as well as their pleasures afield.**
- 3. Spend as much time improving habitat as you do harvesting fish and game.**
- 4. Do your part to broaden farmer-sportsman co-operation.**
- 5. Be an active member of a constructive sportsmen’s club.**
- 6. Demand sound conservation legislation.**
- 7. Let maximum sport, rather than the kill, be your guide in outfitting yourself.**



Dean Lewis presenting Harold Whitmore the Trout Bum Award



Ken Brunskill and Harold Whitmore describing their heritage trout quest



Bob Tarango, waving, founding member of MPFA



Craig Gittings displaying his Fly Fisher of the Year fly

Annual MPFA Dinner Pictures

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

Fly Fishing Program for Vets..... Attention Mission Peak Members..... Fly Fishing Program for Vets

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

I would like to congratulate Dean Lewis on being the president of Mission Peak Fly Anglers and his core of officers. Dean has been secretary of the club for many years and did a great job. This years annual dinner was once again a success.

I have provided a space for members to list their extra gear to sell to fellow members. Please email me the details of things you want to sell.

The Trout In The Classroom program is coming along great. Some eggs in the classrooms have hatched and became alevins. The volunteers are visiting the students once a week and teaching them something about watersheds, foods, habitat, life cycles.

Malcolm Dunn, Newsletter Editor

Fly Of The Month

Just about Skwala time on the Yuba



The Skwala stonefly's emergence occurs under darkness to early morning via migration to the shoreline where they crawl out onto a rock for their final molt or emergence from the nymphal exoskeleton. The fish will key in on the migration long before they target adult stoneflies returning on the surface to lay their eggs. This is the pattern that Debbie Crawford used on the Yuba with the Oakland Casting Club. One of the club members gave a big clue when he displayed a freshly caught adult Skwala in the parking lot while we put on our waders. We just matched the body thickness and length with a Jimmy Legs and fished the nymph below a 9-foot leader and added a micro mayfly as a trailer fly. Take advantage of the Skwala migration by always fishing the water close to shore before entering the river. Debbie's third cast, progressing out from the shore, put her onto fish. The fish will either rest in this water as well as ambush Skwalas as they make their way to shore. Look at the photos of the actual Skwala. The jointed legs and antennae are the predominant feature. The flex floss really adds life to the fly. We fished this same pattern with excellent results in Montana. There are claims it is the fly of choice on the Trinity for steelhead as well. Others might argue differently, but we find it to work anywhere. I saw a Livermore club member tie this pattern at their January Fly Tying meeting as well. Recognizing the pattern he was tying, I keyed in on his tying of this nymph because the success experienced with this particular pattern in Montana. By observing this tier, I learned how to place the leg joints using a bodkin. I found out later thru trial and error that forceps or tweezers work just as good for tying the overhand knot.

This is an easy tie. Use a #6-8 200R hook. I'll go as far as adding extra bend in the hook to accentuate the curve of the body. Use 6/0 or 70-deneir olive or brown thread and build a base along the hook shank. Tie in a 1-1.25" piece of .30 lead or lead substitute that has been folded over to a half to 3/4 inch length and tie in below keel style and along the hook shank as weight and ballast around the thorax area. Wrap the thread over the lead or lead substitute. The legs are olive rust flex floss. Tie in the tail and legs using the technique Ed Huff demonstrated at one of the meetings for rubber legs- hold the looped flex floss by the tag ends after you fold the flex floss over your tying thread. Then just place the flex floss in line with the covered lead strips along the thorax area of the fly and secure. Repeat for both sides. The third set of legs can just be tied in a figure eight fashion with a single strand of flex floss. Tie in the chenille and wrap forward, separate the flex floss legs with a wrap of the chenille, add the antennae (same way) and tie off your head. Tie the knotted legs after you wrap the chenille. Use a simple overhand knot and you can move loose knot with forceps into place before tightening the knot.

By Craig Gittings

Monthly Programs

DATE	SPEAKER	PROGRAM TITLE
February 24 Thursday	Carl "Boomer" Stout	Green River
March 24 Thursday	Bob Alexander	Deschutes River
April 28 Thursday	John Gantner	Crossing Into Canada
May 25 Wednesday	Rich Lobrovich	Rooster Comb Ranch
July 27 Wednesday	Casting and pizza night	
August 24	OPEN	

FEBRUARY Program

Don't miss the February meeting when Carl "Boomer" Stout, head guide for Trout Creek Flies, in Dutch John, Utah will be our February guest speaker. The Green River is a favorite tail water fishery located in the three corners area of Utah where Wyoming, Colorado and Utah borders come together. From Salt Lake City, it is a four-hour drive. The fishery boasts an 8-10,000 fish count per mile below the Flaming Gorge dam. George Bouvain is a big fan of the April time frame with its floating carpet mats of midge clusters. The big bug dry fly action from cicadas when the soil temps warm above 60 degrees as well as hoppers later in the season is hard to beat. The top surface grabs from browns and rainbows are unforgettable. More importantly, given the time restraints, the scenic drive alone is well worth the trip. Frank and I encountered elk in the early morning along the road on our drive back to Salt Lake. Frank, who is so focus at times, almost fell out of our boat last year while staring at visible sub surface behavior of feeding trout in gin clear water along drop offs and ridges of structure. Our guide had to remind him that we were fishing and that he was missing a lot of strikes due to the distraction. An excellent tip would be to make a Friday through Sunday 12 hour a day trips to the aquarium to fulfill the desire to look at fish below the surface of the river and possibly wear blinders. Have I peaked your curiosity? Just thinking about this area has me thinking about packing my bags. After this program, so will you, too.

February Live Auction -San Diego Bay

I have a half day trip in San Diego Bay to be auctioned off this month. Go to [www. saltydoc.net](http://www.saltydoc.net) to get specifics and to see what Captain Grim has to offer. The trip is worth \$350 but there are also other options ...Steve

~~This space reserved for members buy and sell area.~~

Contact the editor to place your ad in this column. Free to members of MPFA

MISSION PEAK FLY ANGLERS
Preliminary 2011 FISHOUT LIST

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE OF FISH	FISHMASTER	COMMENTS
Jan				
Feb				
March				
April				
May	Kistler Ranch	Bass and Panfish	Craig Gittings	Saturday fishout and BBQ
May	Burney Area	Trout	Wayne Culp	Weekday fishout
June	Yuba or American River	Shad		
June	Davis Lake	Trout	Mitch Matsumoto	
June	Sawmill Lake	Trophy Trout	Craig Gittings	8 angler max; if more interest we can add a weekday fishout
June	Manzanita Lake	Trout	Mark Kaharick	Potluck BBQ – Make your reservations now!
June	American River	Shad	Ken Brunskill	Day trip
June - July	Santa Cruz	Surf Perch	Craig Gittings	Leave Fremont at O'Dark 30
Aug	Rooster Comb Ranch	Bass	Rich Lobrovich	Private ranch in Henry Coe Park
Sept	Toulumne Meadows	Trout	Wayne Culp	Camp Out
Sept	Californian Stillwater Ramble	Trout	Ken Brunskill	Central Sierra stillwaters Combined with Clark's Fork fishout
Sept	Clark's Fork	Trout	Bill Peakes	Potluck BBQ
Oct	Davis Lake	Trout	Mitch Matsumoto	
Oct	McCloud/Pit Rivers	Trout	Jeff Lorelli	

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!

A winter day in February 2010, Ken Brunskill and I departed for Sacramento. This would be my first time fly fishing for Steelhead Trout . Little did I know then, but this day became the first of many outings with Ken in search of the California Heritage Trout.

February 2010

Ken and I departed my home in Hayward at 4:15 am to fish the American River.

Being an early riser 4:15 still seem early, but Ken’s the guy calling the shots and with a whole lot more experience than I. With the vehicle backed with Rods

Reels Flies Waders.....we were off. We stopped for coffee and to refill the thermos. Not knowing what I was getting into my excitement was curb with the apprehension of my limited skill set. If it were not for Ken’s patience with a relative beginner to fly angling It would be a difficult day. Our first stop was just below the Nimbus dam. After my brief struggle with a new reel (set up for a right hand retrieve not for me!) we suited up in waders and headed out. Ken would call out instructions to me from time to time in an attempt to help me correct my presentation (probably to limit the number of wind knots in my line).

We fished up stream casting our lines to every riffle and pocket that looked as though they could contain fish. It wasn’t long before we were in the Van and off to more water. Each spot we stopped at seemed easier then the previous. Rods were rigged and waders never came off the gear was in the vest. So the many stops we made, it was just grab the hat, wadding staff, vest, rod and go fish.

We stopped briefly for lunch (a salad at Togo's) where we got some interesting looks. Oh like I said the waders never came off all day. Later that day Ken mentioned he would really like to complete the “California Heritage Trout Challenge”. Having only a limited knowledge of California’s heritage trout I was intrigued. After a brief discussion and my first Steelhead trout I was hooked.

(First of ten episodes)

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