



# Main Stream

Mission Peak Fly Anglers

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**July 2009**

## Club Meeting

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

**DATE:** Wednesday, July 22, 2009

**TIME:** 7:00pm ( Lawn Area, Silliman Center)  
8:00pm (Round Table Pizza, Newark, Thornton Ave)

## COMING EVENTS

Wed. July 1	Project Healing Waters– VA Hospital, Livermore, 10am to 11:30am
Wed. July 1	BOARD MEETING 7:00 PM – Fremont Adult School Room N-9
Wed. July 8	FLY TYING - 7:00 PM Fremont Adult School Room N-9
Sat. July 11	CLUB BREAKFAST: At the Denny's in Hayward on Whipple – 9:00 AM
Wed. July 15	Project Healing Waters– VA Hospital, Livermore, 10am to 11:30am
Wed. July 22	CLUB MEETING 7:00pm Silliman Community Activity Center ( Casting & Pizza)
Wed. Aug 5	BOARD MEETING 7:00 PM – Fremont Adult School Room N-9
Wed. Aug 5	Project Healing Waters– VA Hospital, Livermore, 10am to 11:30am
Sat. Aug 8	Club Picnic - Niles Community Park -
Wed. Aug 12	FLY TYING - 7:00 PM Fremont Adult School Room N-9

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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

### President's Message

You can catch fish with okay gear. One doesn't need a \$700 fly rod and a \$300 reel to catch a 12 inch trout. Of course, we all dream of the "perfect setup", a 5 wt rod that will cast 70 ft with no effort and role cast 40 ft just by thinking about it would be great to own.

I remember the first good trout I caught on a dry fly. I was seventeen and a fire fighter on Mt. Hamilton, east of San Jose. One night after dinner I went to the creek about 50 yards from the barracks with my spinning rod and saw a very large trout. This creek was only about one long hop across in most places. This fish was feeding and would not take my salmon eggs, but I noticed that it was coming to the surface eating something. After awhile I came up with a plan. I took out my knife and made a "natural rod" out of a willow limb. I tied on about 6 ft of 4lb test mono. I then tied on a small bait holder hook and made a fly. From my heavy wool socks, I pinched off a chunk of the red material from the top and strung it on the hook to the eye in a ball shape. Then I attached a chunk of the gray wool, I probably don't have to tell you what happened next. I actually did hook and land that fish on my "survivor man" rig.

We can all appreciate fine fishing tackle and enjoy using quality gear. However, sometimes the simplest set up will work.

### Wayne's Wanderings

PS – We can improve how our gear works by a couple of ways. Perhaps a new fly line will help or taking advantage of two home grown casting instructors. Malcolm and Ken will be at our July meeting on the lawn helping with our casting.



### \*\*\*\*\* 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  
**Ken Brunskill**



### 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. If you need to add another outfit to your collection the tickets are \$2.00 each. The rod and reel will be available after the sale of a minimum of 200 tickets. Contact **Stephen Culp** for tickets.

# Mission Peak Fly Anglers Board Meeting – July 1, 2009

President Wayne Culp brought the meeting to order at 7:08 pm. Present were VP Ray Gauthier, Secretary Dean Lewis, Board Members Malcolm Dunn, Doug Fear, Harold Whitmore and Stephen Culp as well as Past President Craig Gittings. Also present was August Abellar

**Old Business:** No old business – see below for topics

## **New Business:**

- **Treasurer's Report:** Bill was absent, so there was no report. We are still healthy per the report at the last regular meeting.
- **July 22, 2009 Meeting:** July is the annual casting and pizza night. The Sage rod and reel will be raffled off that night. "Sharon" is the person to see at Round Table.
- **Annual Picnic:** The club annual picnic will be held on August 8, at the same park in Niles where we held it last year. Persons with the last name beginning A thru K are to bring desserts and persons with the last name beginning with L thru Z should bring salads, appetizers, and other side dishes. Dean is bringing tables and trash bags. Everyone bring their own chairs. Bill Peakes will bring utensils. Stephen Culp will bring sodas and water. Malcolm and Wayne will bring ribs and brisket. Wayne will bring paper towels and napkins. Doug will work the "trash fly" contest. **Cost is \$5.00 per person.**
- **Rivers of the Lost Coast:** This movie will be available, for purchase, starting October 12, 2009. Dean is going to purchase a copy of the DVD and we will have a club showing at a future date other than a regular club meeting night..
- **Calvin Chin:** Calvin wishes to donate some or all of his fishing equipment to the club. He indicated that except for small items like tying supplies, that the rods, reels, etc that he donates are to be used a silent auction, live auction or raffles where we must sell a certain number of tickets. This means that the monthly raffle will only see the minor stuff. We will honor his wishes when he donates his items.
- **Future Raffle Prizes:** It looks like we will have a Loon rod, #3 weight for the dinner.
- **Programs:** The month of August will be Derrick Russ, Ken Hanley will be in September and Mike Weir will be for October.
- **Club Donation:** Craig moved and Ray seconded that we donate \$100.00 to the "California Salmon Stronghold Partnership" which is a coalition of several organizations, Trout Unlimited being one of them. Motion passed.
- **Club Promotion:** Don Lee will be asked to set up a date when a Chinese TV station will come and do a story on our club. Malcolm moved and Harold seconded that we get Don to do this. Motion passed. Casting night might be a good time for them to show up. Dean is trying to get something in the newspaper prior to our meetings.

Wayne moved and Ray seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 7:45pm – Motion passed.

Respectively submitted, Dean Lewis, Secretary.

# Conservation News

By Larry Dennis, July 2009

**"Rivers and their inhabitants of the watery elements are made for wise men to contemplate and for fools to pass by without consideration." ~ anon**

## Peripheral Canal: Panama Canal North?

### Proposed Government Boondoggle Would Be Width of 100 Lane Freeway!

by Dan Bacher, 7-2-09

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, Senator Dianne Feinstein, corporate agribusiness and other supporters of the peripheral canal around the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta have carefully avoided discussing what an actual canal would look like, as well as its enormous environmental impacts and budget-busting cost to the taxpayers.

However, in width and length the peripheral canal would be very similar to the Panama Canal, according to recent comments by Assemblywoman Joan Buchanan on the floor on the floor when she and other legislators were asked to vote on a bill to fund a committee to develop a plan to implement the Delta Vision recommendations.

The recommendations call for a "conveyance" that will transport 15,000 cubic feet of water per second (cfs) from the Sacramento River around the Delta, according to Buchanan. This is smaller than the proposed 1982 peripheral canal that was intended to transport 22,000 cfs.

During drought years, the Sacramento River does not have 15,000 cfs. flow for over half the year. In 2007, the flow exceeded 15,000 cfs. in three months with the highest month at 22,500 cfs.

"Based on an engineering report completed in 2006, a conveyance to transport 15,000 cfs. would be between 500 and 700 feet wide requiring a 1300 foot right-of-way," said Buchanan. "That's the width of a 100 lane freeway! The length of the conveyance would be 48 miles. By comparison the Panama Canal is between 500 and 1000 feet wide and is 50 miles long."

"I'm not going to vote for a plan that builds a Panama Canal down the middle of the 15th Assembly District!" concluded Buchanan.

The Governor's Delta Vision Task Force and Bay Delta Conservation Plan both recommend the construction of a "peripheral canal" and more reservoirs designed to export more water from senior water rights holders in the Delta and Sacramento Valley to junior water rights holders that irrigate drainage-impaired, selenium-filled land on the west side of the San Joaquin Valley. Although the Delta Vision Task Force's report recommended that less water be exported out of the Delta to help the estuary's collapsing ecosystem, canal opponents note that the construction of a canal with increased water export capacity would inevitably be used to export more water out of the system.

I have repeatedly asked canal advocates to give me one example, in U.S. or world history, where the construction of a big diversion canal has resulted in less water being taken out of a river system. I have also asked them to give me one example, in U.S. or world history, where the construction of a big diversion canal has resulted in a restored or improved ecosystem. None of the canal backers have been able to answer either one of these two questions.

The push to build a peripheral canal occurs as Central Valley and Delta fish populations are in their greatest-ever crisis. Sacramento River Chinook salmon, Delta smelt, longfin smelt, green sturgeon and other fish populations have declined to record low population levels in recent years, due to increased water exports and declining water quality. A broad coalition of Delta family farmers, recreational anglers, commercial fishermen, grassroots environmentalists and California Indian Tribes are opposing the peripheral canal because it is expected to push imperiled fish species over the abyss of extinction.

Schwarzenegger has cynically tried to link a deal to remove four aging dams on the Klamath River, owned by Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway Corporation, to a water bond including a peripheral canal and more dams. However, the Klamath Riverkeeper and other Klamath Basin stakeholders oppose tying the dam removal project to the construction of new dams in the Central Valley and a peripheral canal as a proposed general obligation water bond would do.

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## 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 July

This month's program will take place on the lawn area next to the Silliman Center building behind the parking lot. Ken and Malcolm will be there at 6:30pm to assist those members who need help with their casting. The club rods will be there for all to use. This will be a great opportunity to try out the Sage rod outfit that is being raffled off. This is also a good time to try out some of the members rods. Feel free to bring your own rods.

After the casting session, we will all go to the Round Table Pizza in Newark at the corner of Cedar and Thornton Ave. The club has reserved the big room for our use. The address is 5544 Thornton Ave., Newark, Phone: 510.796.4040. You can get an online discount coupon by going to the Round Table Pizza website. The soft drinks will be on the club. Pizza and alcoholic drinks will be on your own.



Carrie caught this 21 inch trout on the South Fork of the Snake River with a stone fly.

## 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:steamntrout@comcast.net,

### **Editorial**

Does anyone have any fishing stories, recipes, “how to tips” or fishing trip experiences to share with other members? Just email me the information, pictures, etc. and it will be published in the newsletter.

Be sure to sign up for our annual picnic/BBQ. See flyer on the last page of this newsletter.

If you want to learn how to tie your own flies, come to fly tying night on the second Wednesday of the month. We have video coverage of the guest tier so every seat is good. You can also tie along with the featured fly tier.

Until next month, Malcolm Dunn, Editor

## Conservation from page 5

"California must support Klamath dam removal on its own merits," said Georgiana Myers, Klamath Riverkeeper Community Organizer and Yurok Tribal Member. The Klamath dam removal deal has received support from Oregon with Senate Bill 76, and now we need Governor Schwarzenegger to step up."

Meanwhile, the word from the California State Capitol last week was that a combined hearing by the Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee and the Senate Natural Resources Committee regarding a host of water bills would take place on July 7, in Room 4202 at 9 a.m. However, now there is talk of the committee meeting being rescheduled for July 9. "Neither date has been finalized, making the date a 'moving target,' intentionally making it difficult for the public to plan to attend the hearing," said John Beuttler, conservation director of the California Sportfishing Protection Alliance.

"These committees plan to establish a 'Delta Water Package' that would lay the groundwork for a Dual Conveyance Facility to move water both through and around the Delta," said Beuttler. "Unfortunately, as of now, we haven't been told exactly what bills will make the final package. However, it is understood that the bill or bills will contain a \$15-20 billion dollar water bond to pay for infrastructure improvements that are likely to include the peripheral canal and at least two dams."

A big turnout of people opposed to the canal and more dams is needed at the upcoming hearing. For the latest action alerts on the movement to stop the peripheral canal and more dams, go to the California Sportfishing Protection Alliance (CSPA) website at [www.calsport.org](http://www.calsport.org).

## Ed's Shad Dart



Hook.....Eagle Claw 413, size 4  
Thread.....Uni-Thread, 6/0. Red  
Body.....Charteuse Chenille, medium  
Head..... Red Chenille, medium  
Eyes..... Dumbbell or Bead-Chain  
Tail.....Charteuse Marabou

**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 eailed 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!



Jeremy and his Sawmill Lake brown trout



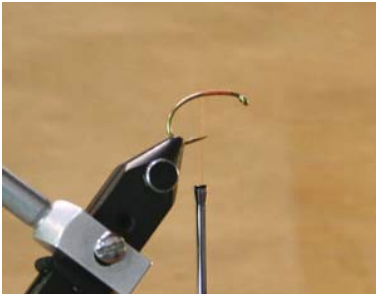
Ed with his Lake Almanor trout caught on his Hex nymph fly

# Ed's Hex Nymph

By Ed Huff

Hook - TMC 2457, size 6, or TMC 2499, size 6 or 8  
 Body- single strand of yellow acrylic yarn  
 Tail- brown or tan rabbit strip  
 Wing Case - tan craft foam  
 Legs - brown Sili Legs or similar

Begin by preparing the foam strip, the rabbit strip and the legs. Cut a piece of craft foam 1/16th thick by 1/8th wide by approx 2" long and taper one end. Cut a piece of rabbit strip 3/4" long and taper the tail end. Cut 2 pieces of rubber legs 3/4" long



Start the fly by applying a layer of thread from the eye to just above the hook point.



Tie in the legs at this point. I have found it easier to attach the legs on each side, tightening the thread to flair them out, rather than tying them in an "X" pattern across the hook shank.



Tie in the rabbit strip just above the barb



Continue wrapping the yarn between the legs and forward to the hook eye, carefully holding the legs back out of the way while wrapping forward. Tie the yarn off just behind the eye and trim off the yarn.

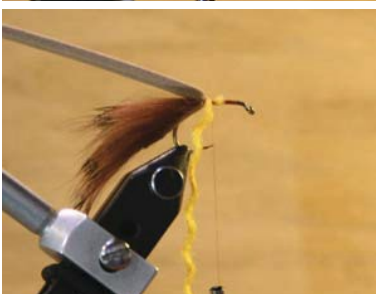
Wrap the tying thread back to a point just in front of the legs. Bring the foam strip forward on top of the hook, stretching it slightly. Wrap the thread over the foam, pulling the thread tightly to flare the foam and pull it down snugly against the hook shank. Make at least 4 or 5 wraps and whip finish. Cut the foam about 1/16th inch ahead of the tie-off point.



Tie in the foam strip by the tapered end, on top of the rabbit strip tie in point. Pull down snugly, compressing the foam tightly against the hook shank.



Trim the top of the rabbit strip hair to shorten the hairs to about 1/8th inch long. This helps imitate the gills



Tie in the yarn just in front of the foam strip..



Apply head cement to the whip finish and your done.



Wrap the yarn over the foam tie-in and forward to a point about two thirds of the way back to the eye. Go back and forth until you have built up a body that is slightly tapered



This fly has a neutral buoyancy and is fished with a sinking line to get it down to the fish. Pauses in the strip will tend to make the fly hover like a resting nymph. The flexible rabbit strip imitates the up and down motion these nymphs use when swimming. They do not wiggle side to side like damsel nymphs. When they stop they extend their gills.

# Mission Peak Fly Anglers Annual Picnic



Time: 10:30 am

Saturday, August 8

This is our annual pot-luck picnic. The club will provide the entrees. We will have BBQ spareribs, teriyaki chicken, BBQ brisket. Persons last name beginning A-K are to bring desserts, L-Z are to bring salads, appetizers and side dishes. Bring your own chairs.

There will be "Trash Fly Tying Contest" Raffle and casting contests.

All this for \$5.00 per person. Under 12 is free.

Send checks to Bill Peakes, 509 Kim Place, Hayward, CA, 94511

**Location of picnic  
Niles Community Park  
3rd Street between G and H  
Streets, Niles district,  
Fremont, CA**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$5.00 = \_\_\_\_\_



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