



# Main Stream

Mission Peak Fly Anglers



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## June 2011 Club Meeting

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

**DATE:** **Wednesday, June 22** (Note day and date)

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

**PROGRAM :** Bob Flasher, Redwood Creek Restoration or  
Trout in the Classroom

- Wed. June 1      Fly Fishing Volunteers– VA Hospital, Livermore, 10am to 11:30am
- Wed. June 1      BOARD MEETING 7:00 PM Fremont Activity Center, 3375 Country Dr. Fremont
- Fri.     June 3      Fly Fishing Volunteers – VA Hospital, Menlo Park, 10am to 11:30a
- Sat. June 11      CLUB BREAKFAST: At the Denny’s in Hayward on Whipple – 9:00 AM
- Wed. June 15**      FLY TYING 7:00 PM Fremont Activity Center, 3375 Country Dr. Fremont
- Wed. June 15      Fly Fishing Volunteers – VA Hospital, Livermore, 10am to 11:30am
- Fri.     June 17      Fly Fishing Volunteers – VA Hospital, Menlo Park, 10am to 11:30a
- Wed. June 22**      CLUB MEETING - Silliman Community Activity Center, 6:30pm
- Fri.     July    1      Fly Fishing Volunteers – VA Hospital, Menlo Park, 10am to 11:30a
- Wed.     July    6      Fly Fishing Volunteers– VA Hospital, Livermore, 10am to 11:30am
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\* Trout In The Classroom

### **MPFA Web Site**

<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

Mission Peak Fly Anglers was started way back in 1976/77. I became a member in 1978. At that time we were a group of novice fly fishermen who didn't know a great deal about the sport. We held meetings, fly tying sessions and fishouts. We sat around and went through bags of feathers and fur that we shared with each other. We debated which hook, vice, tool, or line to use. We had to learn as we went along and we continually moved each other along as we gained knowledge and honed our skills. None of us were "experts" in any one area, but over time, each of us has gone on to different levels of competence and skill.

New members, who come to the club today, can find a wide range of available knowledge to help them become a fly fisher person with a much shorter learning curve than those of us who started the club years ago.

With this said, I would like to see the club return to it's roots and capture some of that early discovery that made the club so much fun in the past. In order to do this, members must be willing to participate in club activities. Come to fly tying and tie a fly. Listen to where, how and when it is used. We supply the material so that you can get a couple of examples to use as patterns when at home. Check out the DVDs from the club library and while watching them, take notes. If you have questions, ask a club member to help clear up what you don't understand.

Make use of the fly shops. If you are going fishing and pass the "Fly Shop" in Redding, always stop and ask about what is working on the river, lake or stream where you are heading. Ask about flies and don't be afraid to purchase some. They could save your day on the stream.

But most of all get involved with the club. Attend the fishouts, come to the picnic, and come to fly tying. If you have ideas or needs, suggest possible programs or outings. It is your club. Let's make it a group effort. The more you become involved, the better your skills will become and the more fun you will have fly fishing. Having fun is what it is all about.

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 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**



## NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE

The price for a square is only \$1.50 and we have 48 of the 100 left. I plan on pulling the winner?? at July casting/pizza night. hopefully there are people who will buy some squares as this is one of the ways we put money in the bank to exist.

There is one Orvis Access 5wt 4 piece 9ft rod, case and a Battenkill reel !!. We need to sell 200 tickets and then on the following month we pull the wining ticket. \$2 = 1 ticket; \$10 = 6 tickets; \$20 = 13 tickets. For more info contact Stephen Culp

## Mission Peak Fly Anglers Board Meeting - June 1, 2011

President Dean Lewis brought the meeting to order at 7:07 pm. Present were Secretary Carrie Payne, Treasurer Bill Peakes, Board Members: Ron Smith, Stephen Culp and Malcolm Dunn.

### Old Business:

• **Approval of May BOD Meeting:** Passed (Carrie / Bill)

#### NCCFFF Road Show

Discussed the different aspects of the event and lightly talked about maybe doing it again sometime.

#### • Annual Dinner:

A group of MPFA members will be going to the Sunol Café to hopefully meet with the daughter (who handles the catering side) to work out a contract for the January 2012 Annual Meeting.

- **Calvin Chin:** Life Member Certificate was shown by Dean that will be presented to Calvin at his home by members of the club.

### New Business:

□ **Treasurer's Report** - Bill gave a report that we have a fair sum of money.

- **Speaker:** For the June Meeting the speaker will be Bob Flasher. The topic will either be Trout In the Classroom (TIC) and/or Redwood Restoration
- **Annual Picnic:** The date for the Annual Picnic will be August 13, 2011 at Niles Community Park in Niles. The motion (Stephen / Carrie) was passed for Malcolm to purchase Tri-Tip instead of ribs for the picnic. The fee was set at \$5.00 per member.

□ **Fish Outs:** June 18, 2011 - Yuba - UC Davis, June 25, 2011 - Manzanita Fish Out.

□ **Casting Practice:** Per Ken Brunskill at 5:00PM on club meeting nights until daylight savings time ends there will be casting practice held out on the lawns at the Silliman Center. Ken will bring the club rods.

□ **Planning Ahead:** Aug-Sep Meetings - Dean will be absent from the August regular meeting. Ron, Frank & Dean will be absent from the September Board Meeting.

#### • Board Member Items:

Dean - The Lance Gray Gift Certificate - Will auction at next meeting

Frank - N/A

Carrie - In charge of beverages for the June Club Meeting

Stephen - Wanted Updated Membership Roster

Ron - Suggested we try to get New Members all the time, Make them feel welcome

Malcolm - Provide any items for the newsletter (ie share anything w/ members, photos)

Bill - N/A

Motion (Frank / Malcolm) to adjourn was passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectively submitted by:

Carrie Payne, Secretary

**"Fishing is the least objectionable way of doing nothing." - Gregory Clark**

**Fisheries have equal claim to water**

**Editorial**

The Monterey County Herald 6/09/2011

You've seen the signs — "Farms, not fish!" — when the TV cameras are about to roll. But it isn't likely you've seen any proclaiming "Fish, not subsidized water for corporate ag," which is because there haven't been many signs like that.

Fishermen can be just as appealing as farmers, but agriculture continues to win the political and public relations fight over the limited amount of California water that both of them need. Those who should be supporting the fishing interests—including the people and institutions of the Central Coast—should start doing that more loudly and more clearly.

A bill now in the House, H.R. 1837 by tea party favorite Rep. Devin Nunes, R-Visalia, would set the clock back to 1994 for environmental regulations imposed on giant water traffickers such as the Westlands Water District and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

The Nunes bill attempts to kill a landmark 2006 agreement that transformed decades of disagreement into a model plan to restore and protect the San Joaquin Delta and the San Joaquin River, key components of California's water infrastructure.

It would take considerable power from the state and pass it to the federal government, and would effectively allow the state's irrigators to pump water even when it jeopardized huge populations of fish—fish that are needed to support the commercial and sport fisheries on California's coastline and other species that are needed to keep coastal ecosystems in balance.

Fish stocks, including smelt, shad and young striped bass, have declined to record lows in the past five years, largely because of wholesale export of water out of the Delta. In May alone, state and federal water project pumps on the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta killed nearly 15,000 spring-run Chinook salmon, which could be a record.

A coalition of salmon conservation groups wrote to Congress last month that the Nunes bill "is a radical attempt to place the water demands of some of California's most junior water rights holders ahead of all other California interests in a blatant water grab.

"It is intended to significantly enrich a small group of land owners (and water agencies) by allowing them to purchase the maximum amount of below-market, taxpayer-subsidized, government-developed water in order to irrigate some highly problematic or marginal lands, or to profit by reselling that water at market rates."

Nunes, who has become a master at misleading rhetoric, said his bill is merely meant to protect agriculture.

"We give up water and no one else gives up water, and that time has come to an end," he said, in all apparent seriousness.

Is irrigated agriculture important to California? Absolutely. Anyone who questions that doesn't understand the California economy. Should ag's access to reasonably priced water be protected? Again, absolutely.

But when the supply of anything is limited, competition ensues, and no industry, not even agriculture, is entitled to more than anyone else with legitimate claims.

It's time for ag to stop playing the victim, and for supporters of fishing and the environment to stop being so quiet.

## 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

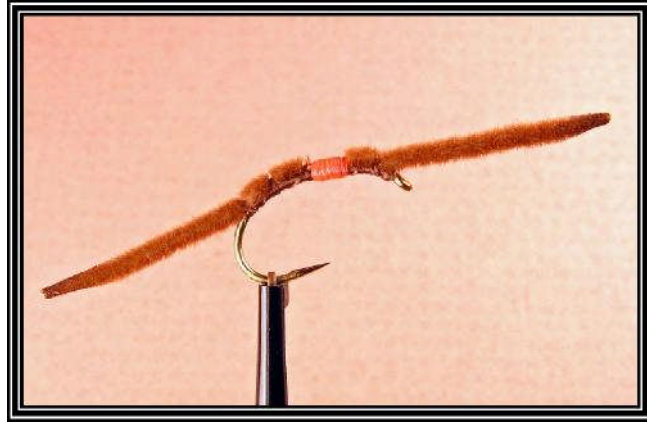
### **Editorial**

This month we have two fish outs back to back, the Yuba River, UC Davis Area and Lake Manzanita in Lassen National Park. For safety reasons, be careful when wading fast moving waters such as the Yuba River. I always wear an inflatable vest and use a wading staff when fishing this type of stream.

At Manzanita Lake the camping is great and the potluck dinner is fantastic. Mark does a great job on his tri-tip roasts. The company is always great. The fishing can be good, depending on the weather and time of year. Our club fish outs aren't always about catching the most fish, it's about having a good time and enjoying each other's company.

The club breakfasts' on the second Saturdays at Denny's is an excellent place to talk fishing. Until next month, Malcolm Dunn, editor

## San Juan Worm



**Hook** TMC 2457 or 2487, size 14

**Thread** brown 8/0

**Sex Bump** fluorescent orange 8/0 thread

**Body** brown vernille, fine or extra fine depending on hook size

## Mugly Caddis

Originated by Charlie Craven



**Hook** TMC 100, sizes 12-20

**Thread** 8/0 to match body/head color

**Body** Dubbing, coarse [example: Whitlock SLF]

**Under wing** Snowshoe Rabbit Foot Hair

**Over wing** Fine deer hair

**Head** Same as Body

## Monthly Programs

DATE	SPEAKER	PROGRAM TITLE
June 22 Wednesday	Bob Flasher	Redwood Creek Restorations or Trout In The Classroom
July 27 Wednesday	Casting and pizza night	
August 24 Wednesday	Craig Schuhmann	Williamson River
Sept 28 Wednesday	Rob Anderson, Reno Fly Shop	Pyramid Lake

### JUNE PROGRAM

H.D. Thoreau once asked, "What is the point of having a home if you don't have a decent planet to put it on?" Bob Flasher, June's guest speaker, will present positive and fish-related responses to that question.

Bob Flasher will address work on the Redwood Creek Restoration as well as Trout in the Classroom in his discussion. In Bob's own words, "I have interesting and mercifully brief videos about both on my computer." If time allows, Bob also has a 14-minute interview with David Suzuki about the importance of and connections between healthy salmon streams and healthy forests. David Suzuki, geneticist-turned-broadcaster and considered the terrestrial equivalent of Jacques Cousteau, is best known for his "The Nature of Things" Public Broadcast TV series. This will definitely be an interesting evening and one not to miss.

Background: Bob Flasher has worked as a Ranger-Naturalist for East Bay MUD for the last 25 years, 15 of which he spent restoring creeks to protect steelhead, red-legged frogs and water quality. Bob also spent two years at Lafayette Reservoir, in his own words again, "Learning to tolerate bait fishermen". We will find out if this was the stated goal, but for two years? Bob has been the Community Programs Coordinator for the Redwood Creek Restoration for the last two years, working for the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy. This restoration, accomplished with the help of close to 1000 community volunteers each year, will hopefully restore the threatened Coho salmon and steelhead runs.

**MISSION PEAK FLY ANGLERS**  
**2011 FISHOUT LIST**

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE OF FISH	FISHMASTER	COMMENTS
<b>June 18</b>	<b>Yuba River, UC Davis Area</b>	<b>Trout</b>	<b>Stephen Culp</b>	<b>Meet at McDonalds in Cordelia at 6am to caravan to site</b>
<b>June 24-26</b>	<b>Manzanita Lake</b>	<b>Trout</b>	<b>Mark Kaharick</b>	<b>Potluck BBQ and campout!</b>
<b>June - July</b>	Santa Cruz	Surf Perch	Craig Gittings	Leave Fremont at O'Dark 30
Sept	Toulumne Meadows	Trout	Wayne Culp	Camp Out
Sept	Californian Stillwater Ramble	Trout	Ken Brunskill	Central Sierra stillwaters Combined with Clark's Fork fishout
<b>Sept 10-11</b>	<b>Clark's Fork</b>	<b>Trout</b>	<b>Bill Peakes</b>	<b>Potluck BBQ</b>
<b>Sept 23-25</b>	<b>McCloud River</b>	<b>Trout</b>	<b>Jeff Lorelli</b>	<b>Ash Camp or Ah Di Nah camp-out</b>
Oct	Davis Lake	Trout	Mitch Matsumoto	

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!

**Notice**

**If your name is on this fishout list as a fishmaster and there is no date, please contact Jeff Lorelli to update this chart.**

Episode No.5 of 10

July 17 2010

Arriving at Eagle Lake we stopped at the store just before closing and asked for some advice on the location of Pine Creek. Pine Creek is the location of the stream version of the Eagle Lake Redband. Well lady luck decided to take a day off because the Pine Creek we were in search of was some distance away around a considerable set of mountains from what our map said.

Ken and I set up camp for the evening and decided to postpone our quest for the Eagle lake Redband to late September and headed out to Lake Tahoe and fish some streams and research the Lahontan Cutthroat Trout. Lady luck made her appearance once again, an old friend Steve offered his cabin for us to use. A shower was diffidently in order at this point. After a brief visit to the Fly Shop in South Shore they directed us to Red Lake. The Department of fish and game has been trying to reintroduce the Lahontan trout in Red lake. Arriving an hour before sunset we fished with no success. A call to my son Jim, and he quickly search the internet and found a location for the Lahontan, the upper Truckee. More specifically a small meadow four miles off Carson pass feeding the upper Truckee river. Meiss meadow and Meiss Lake. We relaxed in Tahoe and fished some local streams and set a date (August 22, 2010) to return for a concentrated effort in the quest for our Lahontan Cutthroat.

Next up the Kern River Rainbow

## FFF Fly Fishing Fair and Conclave

### SO, YOU WANT TO TIE AT THE FAIR

By Gene Kaczmarek

**Y**ou would love to tie at the FFF National Fly Fishing Fair and Conclave, so you ask "How do people get invited to tie?"

There is no hidden agenda; the FFF Fly Tying Group is always looking for the best tiers for our events. We are not trying to keep anyone out, and there is really no inside track.

Each year we struggle with the question, *Whom should we invite?* Well, we start with those who have tied in the past, then we ask the councils' fly tying chairs to recommend names they believe should be added to the list. We know you want to see the best tiers available who can teach you new things or help solve problems.

In 2007 a group of noted tiers was asked by the FFF leadership to form the "Fly Tying Group." We are tiers who have the passion to teach and help other tiers to become better at their craft, or art. We all have tied at many regional and national conclaves. Tiers at

the fair need to be teachers, educators and showmen to capture the attention of the attendees. If you are interested in

the group, please check out the information on the FFF website at [www.fedflyfishers.org](http://www.fedflyfishers.org) under the "Fly Tying" tab. Memberships are being accepted now, and we will be holding elections for the officers and board members soon.

So, "How can *you* get invited to tie at the conclave?"

First you need to tie for your club and then get invited to your council's show. You should also get to know your council fly tying chair; they are always looking for new tiers for their show. Volunteer to tie, help out at their show, and volunteer to do anything that has to do with flies. Mount flies for your local show as a fundraiser and photograph the flytiers – anything to get you noticed. Once you have tied for your council and get to be known as an innovative tier, a good teacher and good representative for the FFF and the fly tying community, then ask them to nominate you to tie at the national. No fly tying chair in your council? Then volunteer to do the job. That will get you noticed fast.

Another way is to come to the fair, just as an attendee, get to know the tiers, talk to the staff and show them examples of your work, volunteer to fill in as a tier if someone does not show (it happens every year), and you might just get lucky.

We hope to see all of you in West Yellowstone and look forward to adding your name to the database of FFF demonstration tiers for future years. 🐾

Gene Kaczmarek is on the Fly Tying Group Board of Governors and has filled the post of conclave fly tying chair for several years.



Photo by BT's Photo

Well-known demonstration flytier Henry Hoffman is just one of the many people who share their skills at the tying tables.

## The List of Outstanding Videos

Video No.	Title	Author	VH S	DVD	Out Since	Borrower
102	International Spey Casting	Rio Products		X	1/11/2001	
127	Tying Still Water Patterns for Trophy Trout	Denny Rickards		X	1/11/2001	
154	Streamer Fishing for Trophy Trout	Kelly Galloup		X	1/11/2001	
147	Lessons with Lefty	Lefty Kreh		X	3/25/2009	Bonilla
132	Yellowstone Ties	Bob Jacklin	X		5/27/2009	Mitch Matsumoto
144	MPFA Fly Tying with Mitch Matsumoto	Mitch Matsumoto		X	11/18/2009	Lorelli
3.2	Learning to Fly Fish	Jack Dennis		X	9/22/2010	Jeff Malina
17	Rod Building Basic & Finishing	Dale Clemens		X	2/24/2011	Pheo Truong
93	Hair Trout Flies w/Chris Helm	Chris Helm		X	2/24/2011	Jerry Reynolds
38	Fly Fishing Tips	Jack Dennis	c	X	3/24/2011	S Jimenez
47	Spinning Deer Hair	Chris Helm		X	3/24/2011	R McGlaughin
54	Articulated Streamers	Kelly Galloup		X	3/24/2011	K Barker
87	Tying Terrestrials	A.K. Best	X		3/24/2011	K Barker
141	Fly Casting Faults and Fixes	Mel Krieger		X	3/24/2011	S Jimenez
51	Montana Trout & the Nature Conservancy			X	5/25/2011	Bruce Butler
64	The Joan & Lee Wull School of Fly Casting	Joan Wulff		X	5/25/2011	Jensen Sun
74	A Casting approach to Nymphing Tactics	Joe Humphries		X	5/25/2011	Bruce Butler

### Veterans First Fly Fishing News

At the last meeting of the Northern California Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers they have agreed to create a new committee under the VP of Education – that committee is named **Veterans First Fly Fishing**

OK big deal you might think, well it is significant! The effort with the veterans at Livermore, Menlo Park, Palo Alto, San Jose & Stockton and hopefully more as more clubs begin to work with veterans will now have a 501 (c) (3) status and insurance coverage. This will allow us to recruit funding and offer a tax deduction, you as volunteers can deduct your expenses for travel etc. plus we will have liability insurance under the NCCFFF policy.

I will be asking for a representative for this committee from DVFF, TVFF, TFF, PFF & DFF so we can develop a calendar of equipment needed, events, budget, and of course ideas for funding.

Ken Brunskill



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