



# Main Stream

Mission Peak Fly Anglers

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## September 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. 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 7:00 PM Fremont Adult School, Room N-9                 |
| Sat. Sept. 11 | CLUB BREAKFAST: At the Denny's in Hayward on Whipple – 9:00 AM   |
| Wed. Sept. 15 | Project Healing Waters– VA Hospital, Livermore, 10am to 11:30am  |
| Wed. Sept. 22 | Club Meeting -- Silliman Community Activity Center, 6:30pm       |
| Wed. Oct. 6   | Project Healing Waters– VA Hospital, Livermore, 10am to 11:30am  |
| Wed. Oct. 6   | BOARD MEETING 7:00 PM Fremont Adult School, Room N-9             |
| Sat. Oct. 9   | CLUB BREAKFAST: At the Denny's in Hayward on Whipple – 9:00 AM   |
| Wed. Oct.13   | Fly Tying - 7:00pm Fremont Adult School, Room N-9                |
| Wed. Oct. 27  | Club Meeting -- Silliman Community Activity Center, 6:30pm       |

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

## 2010 OFFICERS

President	<b>Wayne Culp</b>	Board Member Marilu Sawyer	1/2012
Vice President	Ray Gauthier	Board Member Frank Rodriguez	1/2012
Secretary	Dean Lewis	Board Member Stephen Culp	2/2011
Treasurer	Bill Peakes	Board Member Malcolm Dunn	2/2011
Past President Craig Gittings			

## Chairpersons

Annual Dinner	Craig Gittings	Conservation	Larry Dennis
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\* Trout In The Classroom

\*\*Project Healing Waters

**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

I thought I would put my two cents in on the upcoming elections for the Board Members and other officers.

I remember that Wayne as Vice President was thoroughly convinced he did not want the position of President and kept saying "No, No, No, they are not going to rope me in to being President" and I kept saying, "Why not? The experience would be great for you. I think you should do it." And I would hear it again, "No, No, No". Well it happened and personally (I'm not biased or anything) he has done a very good job and I think it has been good for him and the club.

He was nervous about his lack of organizational skills, but with all the notes he makes I knew he would not be lacking. Wayne has found that being President doesn't mean you are on an island left alone, but it is actually a joint effort with all the Board Members and officers working together. There is always someone there to help with tasks or ideas.

If you have ever thought about helping out the club or being more active, just remember you will have the assistance of those members that seem to know exactly how to handle most situations and all have plenty of ideas and suggestions to help you along. And I think Wayne has enjoyed being President (but not enough to do it again).

Wayne's Wanderings by Cynthia



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

### **Margaret's interpretation of Dean's facts of his latest trip with the guys to Montana**

Besides fishing, the guys participated in the pilots for new movies and a television show.

Frank's movie was "A River Ran Over the Top of My Waders." Co-starring Craig with action scenes filmed on the Clark Fork.

Dean's movie: "Vampire Bamboo" filmed in Twin Bridges.

Craig's movie: "Eat Pray Fish" with shots taken along the Missouri River in Craig's hometown.

August's movie: "Survivor Dillon" a remake of fishing in the Old West.

Margaret,  
the truth be told.

# Mission Peak Fly Anglers Board Meeting – September 1, 2010

President Wayne Culp brought the meeting to order at 7:13 pm. (The meeting was moved to “Jack’s at the Hub due to the fact that the gates were locked at the normal school site). Present were VP Ray Gauthier, Secretary Dean Lewis, Treasurer Bill Peakes, Board Members: Frank Rodriguez, and Stephen Culp.

## Old Business:

- **Raffle Chairman and Annual Dinner:** Stephen reported that he is planning on keeping the chair of the dinner raffle. He has talked to several people regarding assistance, but for the dinner mailing he doesn’t need any help. He does need help from people who are willing to “pound on doors” looking for sponsors for the club. Frank said he would do some of this for the club. We could use others.
- **Dedicated Weekend:** We need to get some dates from Gene and George on when they would like to set up the tying and casting classes on an annual basis. We need who, where and find water (Oakland casting ponds?) for the casting classes.

## New Business:

- **Elections:** September is the month that a committee, appointed by the President, contacts members to fill existing or vacant positions for the club officers. Generally three people are appointed. They report their results at the October meeting. Positions requiring a vote for either a new person or the incumbent are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and 2 Director positions. If you are interested in any of these positions, please let us know.
- **Club Support:** Frank mentioned that he was concerned that any donations the club makes go to organizations that benefit our fishing and fisheries. We are a fishing club and our donations should go to fishing organizations.
- **Calvin Rods:** There’s a couple more donated rods and reels from Calvin. Stephen would like to “live auction” these off in the near future.

Ray moved and Dean seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectively submitted:

Dean Lewis, Secretary.

## Conservation News

By  
*Larry Dennis*

### **Fish or float? Either way, put the river first Redding Record Searchlight-9/12/10 Editorial**

As a rule, the north state's chronic feuds over dams and fish follow a reliable pattern: Power companies and irrigators want to dam and divert water for human use, while anglers and environmentalists want to let rivers take their natural course, as far as possible.

The heated dispute among recreation groups over the federal relicensing of the McCloud Dam, though, turns the usual arguments on their head.

Instead of insisting on more water flowing freely, the defenders of the McCloud River's world-famous trout fishery are arguing against higher releases into the river. They've even become born-again advocates of the Pacific Gas and Electric ratepayers, noting that higher releases that kayakers and rafters are seeking would cut hydropower production and raise Northern California electric bills.

What's the difference?

For starters, the lower McCloud River is already considered the closest thing to perfection that you get in a California trout stream. This despite the fact that much of its water is diverted at the McCloud Dam over to Iron Canyon Reservoir, near Big Bend, and from there into PG&E's Pit River hydroelectric project. If it's working now, why mess with it?

But there's also the small matter of practicality: High water makes the river dangerous or impossible for fly-casters to wade into in pursuit of their trout. And what good is the best stretch of fishing water around if, you know, you can't actually fish it?

Meanwhile, whitewater enthusiasts are pushing for higher flows in the McCloud ~ preferably even periodic planned surges, as PG&E has arranged at other dams, to give paddlers more shots at what they call one of Northern California's most beautiful wilderness river runs. But the ideal whitewater is a bust for the anglers.

Thus these rival recreationists, who have so much in common, are falling into heated argument. Fishermen grouse about the pernicious supposed influence of Big Kayak. Paddlers bellyache that a moneyed elite is trying to claim a public river for its own private use.

Step back a moment from the competing recreational demands, though, and there's a bigger point that risks being lost. The lower McCloud, under state (though not federal) law, is designated a "Wild and Scenic River." As such, it's neither a whitewater park nor a fishing club, but a place set aside as a natural wonder in its own right ~ where we humans are just visitors.

PG&E and its federal regulators are right to consider recreation as part of the McCloud relicensing, but the guiding principle ought to be preserving and enhancing, as far as possible, the natural river system, its habitat and its fish. Focusing on the wild and the scenic, ultimately, is what will best serve the interests of wilderness-loving anglers and kayakers alike, whatever its effect on the count of fishing or boating days.

California has plenty of places to fish and plenty of places to boat, but there's only one McCloud River. If the relicensing leaves it at its best, the long-term benefits will far exceed any disagreements who has access on which day.#

<http://www.redding.com/news/2010/sep/12/fish-or-float-either-way-put-the-river-first/>

## 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

The fall fishing season is now in full swing. The days are getting shorter and hopefully the fishing is getting better. Does anyone have a report on the Clark's Fork fish out? I would like to publish the results and show some pictures to our members.

I have included in this issue of the newsletter an article written by Calvin Chin back in March 1993. I will be publishing some of his articles in the next few month's. If any member wants to share an idea or tips, please email me the information.

Until next month may the fish gods keep your lines tight!  
Malcolm Dunn, editor

## FLY FISHING AIDS AND REMEDIES

### EFFECTIVE PRESENTATION FOR WET FLIES

Part I of III  
By Calvin Chin

An effective presentation may be accomplished by a dead drift followed by a downstream swing with emphasis on adequate line mending and control. However skillful this line manipulation may be, you are limited nevertheless by your notions of what the fly is doing. Mending and this latter limitation will be discussed in following articles. In the dead drift phase, you cast across stream and allow the fly to drift downstream without drag; whereas in the subsequent downstream swing phase, you mend upstream to straighten the line just before it starts to cross over and maintain the produced line configuration all the way directly below you. Consequently, the path of the fly will describe an elongated "L" shape. Anywhere along this path, a fish may be near by. So, to better the odds, you repeat the combination without taking a step downward but with each succeeding cast lengthened by two line pulls from the reel. By the fifth cast, you will have covered an area of 10 square pulls or about 400 square feet .. a lot of water. Now, take several steps downstream and begin all over until you get into fish. Through all phases of the drift the rod tip should be held up to cushion the abrupt grab of a big fish. Slow water forgives a lower rod elevation but fast water demands rod tip heights of 3 feet or more above the water. Also, a high rod tip will create more slack which aids in hook setting by applying the fish and line angle method mentioned in a previous article.



#### **Blood Midge Emerger:**

**Hook: size 12 TMC 200R or Equivalent**

**Tail: Yellow Razor Foam**

**Rib: Red Size "A" Monocord Thread**

**Body: Silver Mylar**

**Thorax: Peacock Herl**

**Hackle: White Dry Fly**

**Thread: 6/0 Rusty Brown**



#### **Blood Midge Larva:**

**Hook: Size 12 Curved Scud type hook**

**Tail: Burnt Orange Marabou**

**Body: Red Ultra Wire (Med)**

**Thread: Rusty Brown 3/0**

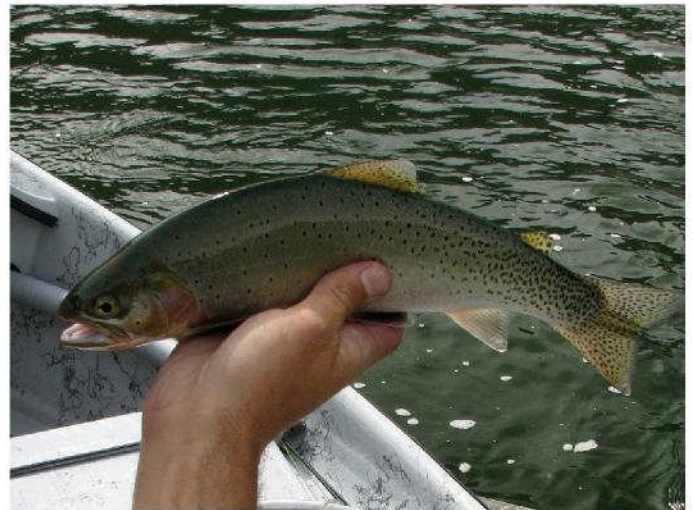
## Monthly Programs

DATE	SPEAKER	PROGRAM TITLE
September 22	Craig Gittings	Montana Sampler
October 27	Rick E. Martin	
November 17	TBA	



### Montana Sampler

A Presentation by Craig Gittings, Dean Lewis, August Abellar and Frank Rodriguez



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# A Thirty Three Year Old Rock

By  
Rich Lobrovich

A long time ago in a place far far away (Utah), in fact it was 33 years ago I was trying out my new fly rod. It was a 7 foot 4 weight Lamiglas Graphite that had been made for me by one of my Air Force friends. We arrive at Dean Lake to set up camp with two of my friends 33 years ago. It was a short 2 1/2 mile back pack from the trail head at Bald Mountain. The trail head was at 10,800 feet and dropped to 10,400 feet at Dean Lake. Well this time we missed the trail to Dean Lake and found ourselves at Notch Lake just around the corner. We made a left turn and found a wonderful campsite on the shore of Dean Lake.

The first evening I headed to Notch Lake to fish with no success. The next day I fished at Notch Lake again no rising fish, I did however manage to get a photo of a three point Buck behind my back cast. Then over to Dean Lake to fish for the rest of the afternoon. I fished the area near the rocks with an intermediate fly line and a water boatmen fly. Later I would see the same size boatmen darting near shore. No fish again, however, I did find the rock that I had done some barbeque up next to it 33 years ago. As I proceeded around Dean Lake I found many large mushrooms. Please check out the photo of the Frisbee Mushroom, it was at least 13 inches across. On the hike out I took this shot of the head waters of the Provo River looking west.

Later that same week we were heading toward Pinedale, Wyoming and the Green River Lakes area. Check out the photo of Square Top Mountain. Below the Bridge I landed a nice fat 13 inch wild rainbow, as you can see this is the head waters of the Green River.

Next time I take the train. I am looking for a location to take my float tube and alternate forms of transportation to go fly fishing. My next adventure will be announced at a later date.

Thanks  
Rich Lob



**The bridge and head waters of the Green River**



**Square Top Mountain**



**The 33 year old rock**



**Frisbee Mushroom**

**MISSION PEAK FLY ANGLERS**  
**2010 FISHOUT LIST**

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE OF FISH	FISHMASTER	COMMENTS
Sept -26	Toulumne Meadows	Trout	Craig Gittings	Campsites still available at Toulumne Meadows but going fast – contact Craig if interested!
Oct	Eagle Lake	Trout	Mitch Matsumoto	
<b>Oct 15-17</b>	<b>Eastern Sierra</b>	<b>Trout</b>	<b>Jeff Lorelli</b>	Staying at the Meadowcliff Lodge in Coleville, to reserve: <a href="http://meadowcliff.com/reservation.htm">http://meadowcliff.com/reservation.htm</a> Or 1-888-333-8132 Tell them you are with Mission Peak Flyanglers. Rooms held until 10/4.

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!

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



#### **Blood Midge Pupa:**

**Hook: size 12 Curved**

**Body: Red Larva Lace (med)**

**Thorax: Peacock Herl**

**Gills: White Poly Yarn**



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