

The President's Message

The club is hitting on all eight cylinders- I find this remarkable. You will have to decide if it is enthusiasm, cabin fever or anticipation of the coming fishing season. Ken Brunskill is moving forward with the rod building classes and has a number of interested folks. Ed Huff even passed around his plans for a wrapping stand- that was enough to get me excited about building one. Next on the to do list is building a finishing stand and drying rack. The Fly Fishing Show in Pleasanton had the club manning the Federation Booth under the tutelage of Larry Dennis- I cannot thank Larry enough for taking the lead on this endeavor. Jim Peterson, NCCFFF VP of Membership, was so appreciative that he personally showed up to take Gene's allotted time for Federation issues at the last meeting to thank the club for stepping up to the plate. He even answered an array of Federation related topics. It was interesting when Larry Dennis pointed out that what we paid in membership dues to the Federation did not even come close in comparison to the grant money received from either the National and Northern California Council for Trout in Classroom (TIC) alone. Prior to the grant money, the club's TIC group under Ken Brunskill struggled with funding and had more teachers interested in TIC than chiller units and aquariums available. The funny thing is Ken would not have the funds if Jim Peterson had not dropped by for the annual membership drive and explained what the Federation could do for us. I still recall seeing "the lights go on" with Ken when grant money for education or conservation issues was mentioned. Of course, Ken still had to write the proposal. Ken, how hard was that? The Hall of Fame dinner, a major fund-raiser for the Northern California component of Federation of Fly Fishers was a hit with attending club members as well. Anyone that has not been to one of these dinners do not know what they are missing out on. Plan on attending next year. Gene Kaczmarek's Fly Tying classes are under way by now as well. Those taking his six-week class are now just realizing not only how good a tier Gene is, but he is an excellent educator as well. If you cannot tie the flies Gene is covering when the class is over, I will personally refund your cost of the class. They don't have to look like Gene's finished flies, but Gene will give you the foundation to tie any fly with the techniques he covers. Did everybody see the finished club brochure? Dean Lewis did not waste anytime putting it together and August Abellar raised the bar even higher with the very slick paper finish on the printing. I heard second hand that other clubs were grabbing the brochure at the Federation booth during the Pleasanton Fly Fishing Show and ogling them with envy while others suggested we spent a pretty penny on the design. We even had five first time visitors at the next club meeting- that has got to be a record as well. Very nice work guys and thanks again. Jeff Lorelli did a superb job on his Eastern Sierra presentation. I did not realize the size of the fish he had been catching over there. His overview of the area was pretty comprehensive as well. The one thing lacking though was the number club hecklers and cat calls that Jeff had anticipated. Jeff, your stories focused on your personal experience with a variety of club members made it that much more enjoyable. Your breakdown on statistics of expected snowfall for your time frame in the Sierra was hilarious. Thanks for putting the program together. With bass season just around the corner, Rich Lobrovich has Jim Victorine in the line up for the March guest speaker. I can almost bet the topic will be on black bass. Jim is a wealth of knowledge, so you won't want to miss dinner with the guest speaker either. Rich has been packing them in at dinner, that is, if you RSVP to his email via a phone call for the secret dinner location.

Other than that, nothing is really happening with the club as far as activities unless you count fly tying night and the club breakfast. Mitch did a great job running through some of his favorite flies last month and Ed Huff is ready and waiting for his turn. You won't want to miss it.

President
Craig Gittings

Mission Peak Fly Anglers Minutes of March 5th, 2008 Board Meeting

President Craig Gittings brought the meeting to order at 7:00. Present were VP Wayne Culp, Secretary Dean Lewis, Treasurer Bill Peakes, Board Members Ray Gauthier, Doug Fear, Harold Whitmore and past president Malcolm Dunn. Also present were Stephen Culp, Ken Brunskill, and Terry Henry.

Old Business:

New Club Brochure: Craig wanted to thank Dean Lewis (production), August Abellar (printing) and the other members that offered ideas for the new club brochure. It is very professional looking.

Rod Building: March 10, at 6:30pm will be the first rod building class. Additional dates still to be set. We had a discussion on the supplies we still needed to bring, i.e., measuring cups and tape. Ken will spearhead the class. Bill, Ed Huff, Craig and Larry Dennis will assist.

Intro to Fly Fishing: The next session is March 8th at the Silliman Center. So far only two people (a husband and wife) have signed up for the class. On the 5th and 12th of April, there will be a Boy Scout merit badge class.

New Business:

New Video Purchases: Ken is now in charge of the video library. Dean moved and Ray seconded that we give him a \$200 budget for purchasing new videos for the library. Motion passed. Ken was going to provide new videos on "Costal Fly Fishing", (\$6.00) and two underwater videos "Feeding Lies" and "Discovery" (\$20 each).

Treasures Report: We are solvent.

Annual Audit: The Board discussed dates for the annual audit of the club's books and the "Trout in the Classroom" program. Ken will provide a report at the April meeting on the TIC program (funds are held in a WAMU checking account). Harold moved and Craig seconded to appoint Stephen Culp to head the audits. Motion passed. The club's fiscal year runs from April 1 through March 31 of the following year. Bill will have the books ready for audit in June per the by-laws. Ken will help Stephen audit the club's books.

Programs: The March meeting will have Jim Victorine on bass fishing. Be sure to contact Rich Lobrovich if planning to attend the dinner held prior to the meeting. He will also tell you where it will be held.

Kistler Ranch: This fishout is on May 17. Cost is \$25.00 per person. This is a potluck, so you need to bring something to share. August and Doug will be cooking the meat. The Boy Scouts (see above merit badge class) are to be invited. Malcolm moved and Dean seconded that the Boy Scouts be charged \$5.00 each. Parents, of the scouts, that fish would pay the \$25 each. Motion passed. The daily fee for Kistler is \$350.00. The club submits a check for this "trespass fee".

Fly Tying: Ed Huff will be tying leach patterns at the March 13th meeting.

Federation: We have enough new members to qualify for the TFO 5904TX or 08904TX rod, We are still waiting for two members to show in the FFF data base. The board selected the 5wt rod.

Fly Tying Class: The beginning fly tying class started on March 4. There will be 5 more classes, all held on succeeding Monday dates. We still need some supplies for the fly tying kits. Bill moved and Wayne seconded that we allocate \$100.00 to Gene Kaczmarek for purchase of additional supplies. Motion passed.

Web Site: Craig moved and Doug seconded that we pay the \$107.40 bill for our web site hosting. Motion passed.

TIC: Wayne mentioned that Judy Berry had again sent letters from her students that participated in the Trout in the Classroom program. Also, all the baby trout from this year's program have been successfully released in Quarry Lakes. It was another successful year.

Kistler Ranch: Phone number for Kistler Ranch is 209-984-5600, Steve and/or Jenny are the contact persons.

Craig moved and Ray seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting was adjourned at 8:03.

Respectively submitted

Dean Lewis, Secretary.

March Club Meeting Program

This month the **Mission Peak Fly Anglers** will have as their guest speaker **Jim Victorine**. Jim lives and works in the Sierra Nevada Foothills near Sacramento. His program will be **"FLY FISHING FOR BLACK BASS IN THE SIERRA FOOTHILLS"**. He will also discuss his **Bamboo Rod** building and repair. Here is a little more info on Jim.

He started fishing with a fly rod and worms when he was 12 years old. When he was 13 years old he started using a Bamboo fly rod and flies. He has been tying flies and repairing rods for 55 years. Currently he is repairing, refinishing and restoring Bamboo fly rods. He is also a writer for a local newspaper, where he submits a weekly column. For the last 20 years he has been doing a local weekly fishing program on radio station KAHJ 950. He is the creator of the following flies **"The Victorine Shad Special"** and **"The Lemon Drop"** for Shad. He is the creator of the following flies **"Rusty Squirrel"** and **"Salmon Redd"** for Steelhead and Salmon. He is the creator of the following flies **"Crystal Crawfish"** for Black Bass" and the **"Tahoe Show Girl"** for Lake Trout and Striped Bass. Jim has also been tying flies for the ISE shows and the NCCFFF Conclaves for the past 30 years. Jim is known as **"The Rod Doctor"**. Jim also has the largest mustache in California and is said to be insured for many \$\$\$.

Please meet Jim Victorine and Rich Lobrovich for dinner at an unknown location. Please call Rich for location and reservations, up to 4:30PM Wednesday March 26,2008

Club Meeting Programs

DATE	SPEAKER	PROGRAM TITLE
3/26/08	JIM VICTORINE	BASS AND BAMBOO
4/23/08	RICKY MITCHELL	FLY FISHING FROM A KAYAK
5/28/08	RAY HUTCHERSON	GUATEMALA
6/25/08	MARK	SURF PERCH ???
7/23/08	CHUCK ROBBINS	CASTING AND PIZZA
8/27/08	????????????????	????????????????
9/24/08	????????????????	????????????????
10/22/08	????????????????	????????????????
11/19/08	BILL PEAKS	TROUT BUM PRESENTATION
12/24/08	NO MEETING	NO MEETING



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MISSION PEAK FLY ANGLERS –2008 DUES PAYMENT FORM

Member Name: _____

Amount Enclosed @ \$40 per member-family/\$35 If you are a current member of FFF
\$20 per member under 18 or living outside a 100 mi radius

Amount \$ _____ *FFF Member Number* _____

PLEASE DETACH AND MAIL FORMS WITH CHECKS TO BILL PEAKES

Annual Trout Bum award

Starts Jan 1st, 2008

Awarded by MPFA Board of Directors at December board meeting

Requirements:

Candidates must:

Have fished 10 or more waters during the calendar year (**no private pay to play waters**)

Waters may be tributaries of any river or lakes domestic or international

Used fly fishing tackle only

Have fished for trout (**This is a Trout Bum Award**)

Have reported to the club and shown photos to the club at a regular meeting

This description to be affixed to the back side of the plaque

Chairperson: Ken Brunskill

2008 EVENTS
MISSION PEAK FLY ANGLERS

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE OF EVENT	CONTACT	COMMENTS
Mar. 26 th , 2008	Silliman Community Activity Center	Monthly Club Meeting	Craig Gittings	7:00 pm
Apr.. 2 nd , 2008	Fremont Adult School Main Office	Board Meeting	Craig Gittings	7:00 pm
Apr. 10 th , 2008	Fremont Adult School Main Office	Fly Tying	August Abellar	7:00 pm (New Hours)
Apr, 12 th , 2008	Denny's in Hayward	Club Breakfast	Bill Peakes	9:00 am
Apr. 23 th , 2008	Silliman Community Activity Center	Monthly Club Meeting	Craig Gittings	7:00 pm
May 7 th , 2008	Fremont Adult School Main Office	Board Meeting	Craig Gittings	7:00 pm
May 8 th , 2008	Fremont Adult School Main Office	Fly Tying	August Abellar	7:00 pm (New Hours)
May 10 th , 2008	Denny's in Hayward	Club Breakfast	Bill Peakes	9:00 am
May 28 th , 2008	Silliman Community Activity Center	Monthly Club Meeting	Craig Gittings	7:00 pm
June 4 th , 2008	Fremont Adult School Main Office	Board Meeting	Craig Gittings	7:00 pm
June 12 th , 2008	Fremont Adult School Main Office	Fly Tying	August Abellar	7:00 pm (New Hours)
June 14 th , 2008	Denny's in Hayward	Club Breakfast	Bill Peakes	9:00 am
June 25 th , 2008	Silliman Community Activity Center	Monthly Club Meeting	Craig Gittings	7:00 pm
July 2 th , 2008	Fremont Adult School Main Office	Board Meeting	Craig Gittings	7:00 pm
July 10 th , 2008	Fremont Adult School Main Office	Fly Tying	August Abellar	7:00 pm (New Hours)
July 12 th , 2008	Denny's in Hayward	Club Breakfast	Bill Peakes	9:00 am
July 23 th , 2008	Silliman Community Activity Center	Pizza Night (casting night)	Craig Gittings	7:00 pm
Aug. 6 th , 2008	Fremont Adult School Main Office	Board Meeting	Craig Gittings	7:00 pm
Aug. 9 th , 2008	Denny's in Hayward	Club Breakfast	Bill Peakes	9:00 am
Aug. 14 th , 2008	Fremont Adult School Main Office	Fly Tying	August Abellar	7:00 pm (New Hours)
Aug. 27 th , 2008	Silliman Community Activity Center	Monthly Club Meeting	Craig Gittings	7:00 pm
Sept. 3 rd , 2008	Fremont Adult School Main Office	Board Meeting	Craig Gittings	7:00 pm
Sept 11 th , 2008	Fremont Adult School Main Office	Fly Tying	August Abellar	7:00 pm (New Hours)
Sept. 13 th , 2008	Denny's in Hayward	Club Breakfast	Bill Peakes	9:00 am
Sept. 24 th , 2008	Silliman Community Activity Center	Monthly Club Meeting	Craig Gittings	7:00 pm

2008 Fishout List

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE OF FISH	FISHMASTER	COMMENTS
April 6 th	Manresa State Beach	Surf Perch	Craig Gittings	Meet time 6am outside of park
April 21-22	Clear Lake	Bass, Crappie, Panfish	Calvin Chin	Edgewater Resort \$50 deposit needed by 3/15
May 17 th	Kistler Ranch	Bass and Panfish	Craig Gittings	\$25 gets you a great day of fishing, camaraderie, and an Italian sausage BBQ – Muy Bueno!
June 8	TBD	Shad	Craig Gittings	Float Trip with Al Smatsky Excellent Adventures 209-368-9261
June	American River	Shad	Ken Brunskill	Depending on River flows
June - July	Santa Cruz	Surf Perch	Craig Gittings	Leave Fremont at O'Dark 30
June	Manzanita Lake	Trout	Mark Kaharick	Potluck BBQ
July (late)	Mulege Baja Mexico	Dorado, Roosters, etc....	Craig Gittings	Al Smatsky Excellent Adventures - 2 spots available
Aug - Mid	Clark's Fork	Trout	Bill Peaks	Potluck BBQ
Aug 22-31	Alaska Kenai Peninsula	Trout, Salmon, Grayling	Craig Gittings	
Sept	Toulumne Meadows	Trout	Wayne Culp	Camp Out
Sept 26-28	McCloud River and Reservoir	Trout	Craig Gittings	Camp at Ash Camp or B&B in town of McCloud.
Oct 3-5	Eastern Sierra	Trout	Jeff Lorelli	June Lake Loop Area
Oct	Lake Alpine	Trout	August Abellar	
Nov	Trinity River	Steelhead		
Nov	American River	Steelhead		
Nov	Feather River	Steelhead		

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 @ 510-505-0136 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!

MPFA & Tracy Fly Fishers Surf Perch Fishout

Sunday April 6th – Surf Perch – Manresa State Beach



Directions:

Traveling southbound on State Route 17 (note: I-880 becomes SR17) merge onto Southbound State Hwy 1 (the Cabrillo Highway) toward Watsonville/Monterey. Take the San Andreas Road exit and follow it to Manresa State Beach (just past the railroad overpass). You will have to park outside the gate adjacent to the State Beach parking lot (at the black A). With Daylight savings time in effect the meeting time will be 6 a.m.

Suggested Gear:

- Any 6-8 wt rod, sink tip line or shooting head system/short 12 lb test leader 4 ft. long - Fly Patterns: weighted wooly buggers in motor oil color or tan
- Chest waders, rain jacket (for wave protection), hat, eye protection, and fishing license

Contact:

Craig Gittings

Fly Tying Night March 13th

We had a ty along with Ed Huff, with beginners & pros with the pros helping the beginners and everyone had lots of fun.



Ken's Rod Building Class



Craig's Intro to Flyfishing Class



Conservation News

By

Larry Dennis, March 2008

This month's Conservation News was prompted by information that Nestle's North American Waters Co. has renewed its attempt to take the 'spring water' from McCloud which will, in turn, cause irreparable damage to the McCloud River. **If you ever plan to fish the McCloud again, you would be wise to join the battle. If you can't be bothered or choose to sit on the sidelines while someone else fights your battle then you can kiss another fishery good bye! Get involved or pucker up.**

5 Reasons Not to Drink Bottled Water

Health + Spirit

By Chris Baskind , 6-19-07

Bottled water is healthy water -- right?

That's what the marketers would have us believe. Just look at the labels or the bottled water ads: deep, pristine pools of spring water; majestic alpine peaks; healthy, active people gulping down icy bottled water between biking in the park and a trip to the yoga studio.

In reality, bottled water is just water. That fact isn't stopping people from buying a lot of it. Estimates variously place worldwide bottled water sales at between \$50 and \$100 billion each year, with the market expanding at the startling annual rate of 7 percent.

Bottled water is big business. But in terms of sustainability, bottled water is a dry well. It's costly, wasteful, and distracts from the brass ring of public health: the construction and maintenance of safe municipal water systems. Want some solid reasons to kick the bottled water habit? We've rounded up five to get you started.

Bottled water isn't a good value

Take, for instance, Pepsi's Aquafina or Coca-Cola's Dasani bottled water. Both are sold in 20 ounce sizes and can be purchased from vending machines alongside soft drinks -- and at the same price.

Assuming you can find a \$1 machine, that works out to 5 cents an ounce. These two brands are essentially filtered tap water, bottled close to their distribution point. Most municipal water costs less than one cent per gallon.

Now consider another widely-sold liquid: gasoline. It has to be pumped out of the ground in the form of crude oil, shipped to a refinery (often halfway across the world), and shipped again to your local filling station.

In the U.S., the average price per gallon is hovering around \$3. There are 128 ounces in a gallon, which puts the current price of gasoline at fraction over 2 cents an ounce.

And that's why there's no shortage of companies which want to get into the business. In terms of price versus production cost, bottled water puts Big Oil to shame.

No healthier than tap water

In theory, bottled water in the United States falls under the regulatory authority of the Food and Drug Administration. In practice, about 70 percent of bottled water never crosses state lines for sale, making it exempt from FDA oversight.

On the other hand, water systems in the developed world are well-regulated. In the U.S., for instance, municipal water falls under the purview of the Environmental Protection Agency, and is regularly inspected for bacteria and toxic chemicals. . While public safety groups correctly point out that many municipal water systems are aging and there remain hundreds of chemical contaminants for which no standards have been established,

there's very little empirical evidence which suggests bottled water is any cleaner or better for you than its tap equivalent.

Bottled water means garbage

Bottled water produces up to 1.5 million tons of plastic waste per year. According to Food and Water Watch [<http://www.foodandwaterwatch.org/water/bottled>], that plastic requires up to 47 million gallons of oil per year to produce. And while the plastic used to bottle beverages is of high quality and in demand by recyclers, over 80 percent of plastic bottles are simply thrown away.

That assumes empty bottles actually make it to a garbage can. Plastic waste is now at such a volume that vast eddies of current-bound plastic trash now spin endlessly in the world's major oceans. This represents a great risk to marine life, killing birds and fish which mistake our garbage for food.

Thanks to its slow decay rate, the vast majority of all plastics ever produced still exist ... somewhere.

Bottled water means less attention to public systems

Many people drink bottled water because they don't like the taste of their local tap water, or because they question its safety. This is like running around with a slow leak in your tire, topping it off every few days rather than taking it to be patched. Only the very affluent can afford to switch their water consumption to bottled sources. Once distanced from public systems, these consumers have little incentive to support bond issues and other methods of upgrading municipal water treatment.

There's plenty of need. In California, for example, the American Society of Civil Engineers estimated the requirement of \$17.5 billion in improvements to the state's drinking water infrastructure as recently as 2005. In the same year, the state lost 222 million gallons of drinkable water to leaky pipes.

The corporatization of water

In the documentary film Thirst, authors Alan Snitow and Deborah Kaufman demonstrated the rapid worldwide privatization of municipal water supplies, and the effect these purchases are having on local economies. Water is being called the "Blue Gold" of the 21st century. Thanks to increasing urbanization and population, shifting climates, and industrial pollution, fresh water is becoming humanity's most precious resource.

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Multinational corporations are stepping in to purchase groundwater and distribution rights wherever they can, and the bottled water industry is an important component in their drive to commoditize what many feel is a basic human right: the access to safe and affordable water.

What can you do?

There's a simple alternative to bottled water: buy a stainless steel thermos, and use it. Don't like the way your local tap water tastes? Inexpensive carbon filters will turn most tap water sparkling fresh at a fraction of bottled water's cost.

For more reasons and further information go to the following websites:

<http://www.nrdc.org/water/drinking/bw/bwinx.asp>

<http://lighterfootstep.com/5-reasons-not-to-drink-bottled-water.html>

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2006/11/05/BAGR8M6ID11.DTL>

<http://www.mccloudwatershedcouncil.org/news.html>

<http://www.mccloudwatershedcouncil.org/articles/2-13-08Mt.ShastaHerald.pdf>

<http://www.sierraclub.org/committees/cac/water/bottledwater/>



Trout Opening Day Party at The Fly Shop Friday, April 25th, 2008

Celebrate the Beginning of Another Spectacular Season

Dear Fellow Anglers:

The Fly Shop in Redding, California, is excited more than ever to announce the beginning of another spectacular trout season. The Fly Shop's Trout Opening Day party here in beautiful Northern California is something you won't want to miss. Whether you're a seasoned veteran or just a beginner, you need to be here! If free food, great advice, and good people appeal to you, then The Fly Shop is the place to be to kick off the celebrations. Our knowledgeable staff will be on hand to answer any questions and will point you in the right direction with the right equipment.

Join us April 25th for information on local fishing and equipment along with free food and sodas. Come join the fun! It's finally time to tangle with our finned friends again.

Featuring

- Free Food 11 am-5:30pm
- Fly Tying Demonstrations
- Fly Fishing Industry Reps
- Local Knowledge
- DFG Representative

FLY TYING DEMONSTRATIONS

Zack Thurman
11:00am

Tim Fox's Fly Tying
1:00 pm

Mike Mercer's Fly Tying
3:00 pm

Justin Miller's Fly Tying
5:00 pm

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