



Main Stream

Mission Peak Fly Anglers

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May 2008

Club Meeting

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

DATE: Wednesday, May 28, 2008

TIME: 7:00 PM (Social hour begins at 6:30 PM)

COMING EVENTS

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| Wed. May 28 | CLUB MEETING 7:00 PM
Silliman Community Activity Center, 6800 Mowry Avenue, Newark CA 94560 |
| Wed. June 4 | BOARD MEETING 7:00 PM – Fremont Adult School Room N-9 |
| Thur. June 12 | FLY TYING - 7:00 PM(New Time) Fremont Adult School Room N-9 |
| Sat. June 14 | CLUB BREAKFAST: At the Denny’s in Hayward on Whipple – 9:00 AM |
| Wed. June 25 | CLUB MEETING 7:00 PM
Silliman Community Activity Center, 6800 Mowry Avenue, Newark CA 94560 |
| Wed. July 2 | BOARD MEETING 7:00 PM – Fremont Adult School Room N-9 |
| Thur. July 10 | FLY TYING - 7:00 PM(New Time) Fremont Adult School Room N-9 |
| Sat. July 12 | CLUB BREAKFAST: At the Denny’s in Hayward on Whipple – 9:00 AM |

The President's Message

Personal growth in the sport of fly fishing has been derived primarily from experiences with club members that I have had the opportunity to fish, tie flies, build rods with. My mentors have even unwaveringly nudged me into fishing species that I have never in my wildest dreams considered pursuing. Pushing the envelope outside my comfort range has always resulted in a growth phase of the sport. It is always the sum total of these experiences that has led me to the present. I recall the kindness of others when I was having difficulty in fooling a fish with my offering by suggesting a certain fly or technique that was working for them. Just fishing with these folks and mimicking their actions to arrive at the success of bringing a fish to hand was always well worth the time invested. The camaraderie alone was worth the time on the water, catching became secondary at times to walk with giants or the ones where catching apparently came easy to them. They too had followed a similar path with others prior to their present status. We are all in pursuit of a personal best or possibly trying to relieve our day-to-day stresses through our pursuit of a finned aquatic species. If the catching is not that great, the surroundings surely take precedence as has been the case on numerous occasions. The layering of subtle discoveries etched into memory in order to get us to where we are in this sport surely makes the time spent worthwhile. In turn, sharing the knowledge in order to flatten a newer members learning curve is beneficial not only to the newer pursuer, but the more experienced fly fisher as well. Make it your goal to learn and/or share through osmosis the experience at hand while on the water or at the tying bench as you anticipate your next trip. Fly-fishing never gets old or stale while in a constant state of discovery and shared experience. Return what has been offered to you. All parties involved will be appreciative of the effort.

President

Craig Gittings



President Craig Gittings brought the meeting to order at 7:10pm. Present were VP Wayne Culp, Secretary Dean Lewis, Treasurer Bill Peakes, Board Members Ray Gauthier, Doug Fear and Harold Whitmore. Also present was Ken Brunskill.

Old Business:

Kistler Ranch, May 17th: Malcolm is bringing BBQ. Bill had 13 paid and as many as 24 coming. Not sure if Boy Scouts are coming.

IRS Report: Stephen Culp was not present, so the FFF notification was put off until June.

Meeting Format: We changed the meeting format at the last general meeting. It still needs to be tweaked a little, get the speaker on ASAP, then discuss business and then hold auction.

New Business:

Treasures Report: We are solvent. We sent our \$136.00 donation to the FFF, but we got a delinquent notice recently as our payment didn't catch up with their records.

FFF: Jim Peterson left the council for personal reasons. The TFW rod arrived. It is a TICR-X. Elections are open for Director. Bill Peakes & Doug Fear are running.

Programs: Ray Hutcherson will do a program on Guatemala at the May meeting.. 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.

Fly Tying: Gene Kaczmarek will hold a "tie-along" at the May fly tying meeting. He plans to use stretch floss (available from Roddy Puka in Tracy or the San Jose Fly Shop).

Conservation: Larry has sent out information on the East Walker.

Festival of Fly Fishing: This will be held in Lodi on October 10 and 11. There is a rod building class that will pit clubs against each other. The cost is \$60 for the kit. Doug moved and Dean seconded that we expend the money. Motion passed. Bill will do the wrapping on the rod. Doug needs fly tiers for the show. There will be programs on fishing and tying. There will be a chili feed on Friday and a dinner on Saturday. The festival is held at the convention center in Lodi (a converted high school). Doug plans to carpool with 4 in his car.

Raffle: Stephen Culp says that he has sold only 30 tickets for the reel we are raffling. We agreed that the reel will be awarded to the lucky winner at the pizza parlor on casting night in July. We will also bring the TFO rod to casting night so that members can try it out. The rod will then go into a raffle and the winner will be drawn at the November meeting.

Video Library: We were all asked to think about what we would like to add to the library.

Craig moved, Doug seconded and the members voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:50pm.

Respectively submitted, Dean Lewis, Secretary.

May Club Meeting Program

This month's guest speaker will be Ray Hutcherson of Sea Level Fly Fishing from Hollister, CA. He will be talking about techniques and equipment needed for catching sailfish with flies in Guatemala.

The pre-meeting dinner will be at Jack's Brew Pub at the Fremont Hub at 5:00pm

Editorial

This is my first attempt at putting a club publication together. I hope I can do the job as well as Doug Fear. The members can help by submitting articles or pictures of club activities to me by the 12th of each month. I like to send the email version out by the 15th of each month. The snail mail version will be out a few days later. This also is the ideal place to share recipes with fellow members.

This past Saturday, May 17, the fishout at Kistler Ranch was a success again. Our thanks goes to fishmaster Craig Gittings for organizing this outing. The Boy Scouts from Alan Chun's group were also there to earn their fly fishing merit badge. Many MPFA members were assisting the boys in casting and fly selections. Everyone had a great time.

Someone ask me what seasonings I had put on the grilled asparagus. The only thing I put on them was EVOO (extra virgin olive oil) before I grilled them and kosher salt after they were cooked to al dente.

Until next month,
Malcolm Dunn
Newsletter Editor

Report on the Boy Scout success:
While the fishing (catching) was pretty tough unless you could cast beyond the weedline the Boy Scouts had a great time! 17 Boy Scouts attended and all but a few managed to catch their 1st fish on a fly rod. Even in the heat 100 deg F+!

The food was outstanding, many thanks to Malcolm and helpers.

Ken

Kistler Ranch Fishout



Ken's bass



Don's first fly caught bass



These guys are waiting to eat



Your editor is busy cooking the main entrée

Club Meeting Programs

DATE	SPEAKER	PROGRAM TITLE
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



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
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
Oct. 1 st , 2008	Fremont Adult School Main Office	Board Meeting	Craig Gittings	7:00 pm
Oct. 9 th , 2008	Fremont Adult School Main Office	Fly Tying	August Abellar	7:00 pm (New Hours)
Oct, 11 th , 2008	Denny's in Hayward	Club Breakfast	Bill Peakes	9:00 am
Oct. 22 nd , 2008	Silliman Community Activity Center	Monthly Club Meeting	Craig Gittings	7:00 pm

2008 Fishout List

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE OF FISH	FISHMASTER	COMMENTS
April 21-22	Clear Lake	Bass, Crappie, Panfish	Calvin Chin	Edgewater Resort \$50 deposit needed by 3/15
May 17th	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 21	American River	Shad	Ken Brunskill	Day Trip
June - July	Santa Cruz	Surf Perch	Craig Gittings	Leave Fremont at O'Clock 30
June 21-22	Manzanita Lake	Trout	Mark Kaharick	Potluck BBQ
July 27-Aug 3	Mulege Baja Mexico	Dorado, Roosters, etc....	Craig Gittings	Al Smatsky Excellent Adventures - 2 spots available
Aug 22-31	Alaska Kenai Peninsula	Trout, Salmon, Grayling	Craig Gittings	
Sept 13-14	Clark's Fork	Trout	Bill Peaks	Potluck BBQ
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 11	Lake Alpine	Trout	August Abellar	Contact August regarding overnight accommodations
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 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!

Conservation News

By Larry Dennis, May, 2008

**There's a big difference between a dry fly dancing through a riffle and a weighted fur ball dragging on the bottom.
~ anon.**

Dave Bitts: A fisherman's view of the salmon crisis

The Sacramento Bee -4/28/08

By Dave Bitts

I wanted to become a salmon fisherman the first time I saw boats trolling around Bodega Bay and Fort Bragg as a kid. I have always approached this business with the attitude that we must leave the salmon fishery in good shape for the next generation.

Now, I worry whether we will leave our children and grandchildren any salmon at all. We've abused our rivers to the point that the fish are on the verge of permanently vanishing. Commercial and recreational fishermen, ice houses, fuel docks, boat yards, gear stores and other businesses could disappear along with the salmon.

Faced with a predicted salmon run in the Sacramento River of only half the minimum needed number of spawners, the Pacific Fisheries Management Council closed all commercial and recreational salmon fishing in California and Oregon and imposed significant restrictions in Washington. It's probably the right thing to do in these circumstances, but they took away my livelihood in one fell swoop. I had hoped I would add to my retirement this summer, not deplete it.

California trollers make most of our income from salmon. This is the third dismal salmon season in a row, coming on the heels of two mediocre crab seasons that would normally help offset the loss of salmon income. Many of us won't survive this disaster without significant help – and big changes in the way we treat rivers.

It's easy to fault ocean conditions for the salmon crisis, since we can't control the marine environment and no single entity can be held accountable.

This isn't just about ocean conditions. It's about our poor stewardship of our watersheds. Salmon evolved to deal with fluctuating ocean conditions. They didn't evolve to survive dams and unmitigated water diversions. Sacramento winter-run Chinook salmon had been recovering until 2004, but after the federal government diverted more than half of the river's natural flow in 2005, Sacramento's salmon population began collapsing. Look north to Alaska, which has robust salmon runs and robust commercial, recreational and subsistence fishing. The difference is Alaska's free-flowing rivers aren't overcommitted to quench the insatiable and often wasteful thirst of cities, cotton crops, swimming pools and golf courses.

The Sacramento River system once yielded 2 million Chinook salmon a year. This year, with no fishing, 60,000 adults are expected to return. Wild salmon populations likewise are in dire straits in the Klamath and the Columbia-Snake river systems. The West Coast was once home to the most productive watersheds in the world, with these three river systems producing between 13 million and 19 million salmon a year.

All now suffer from too many dams, unsustainable water diversions and the suppression or politicization of science. Federal judges now are refereeing salmon recovery plans because the Bush administration refuses to follow the law and do the minimum necessary for salmon survival. The result is a West Coast disaster that will cost California's salmon industry \$150 million.

Like most fishermen, I'm willing to forgo fishing this season. But for decades, the government's main fish recovery strategy has been to force more restrictions on fishermen, while ignoring flow and water quality issues. This is true in spite of the hundreds of millions that have been spent on restoration projects. The result is fewer salmon and fewer fishermen. We're not addressing the real cause.

We need Congress to immediately investigate the West Coast salmon crisis. Tell your senators and representatives to make sure federal agencies stop suppressing science and start following the law. In addition, West Coast fishermen and the broader economic community that depends upon salmon for its livelihood need immediate disaster relief.

Most of all, tell our leaders: We owe it to our coastal communities, to the hard-working families who have depended upon fishing for 150 years and to everyone who enjoys salmon for dinner, or even just knowing salmon are around, to make our rivers safe for salmon so we all have a future. If we can't learn to coexist with salmon, are any wild creatures safe from us?# <http://www.sacbee.com/110/story/894138.html>



C.A.S.T. (Catch A Special Thrill) For Kids Volunteer Anglers Needed



San Pablo Dam Reservoir - May 31, 2008

On Saturday, May 31, 2008, between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., at San Pablo Dam Reservoir, children with disabilities and an adult family member, friend or care giver will be taught to fish by experienced anglers. This event is free and the children will have the opportunity to fish from shore or from a boat. **Each registered child will receive a t-shirt and hat with logo, rod and reel, tackle box, photo plaque, and bait on the day of the event to keep permanently.** The goal is to have the children and their fishing buddy realize fishing is something they can enjoy together in the future as they now have the needed skills and equipment.

A free barbeque lunch will also be served to the children, family members/care givers and volunteers.

This event is open to the first forty (40) children with disabilities, ages 7 to 16 years old, who register. We need experienced anglers to fish with each child. Anglers should bring their own fishing equipment and are welcome to fish along with their assigned child.

To register, please call EBMUD's administrative assistant Amy at (510) 287-0459 or for more information call or email event co-chair Eddie Snow at 510 599-2653. [Email ecsdct@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ecsdct@sbcglobal.net)



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