



Main Stream

Mission Peak Fly Anglers

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November 2007

Club Meeting

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

DATE: Wednesday, November 28th, 2007

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

COMING EVENTS

- Wed. Nov 28th **CLUB MEETING 7:00 PM**
Silliman Community Activity Center, 6800 Mowry Avenue, Newark CA 94560
- Wed, Dec 5th **BOARD MEETING 7:30 PM – Fremont Adult School Main Office**
- Sat. Dec 8th **CLUB BREAKFAST: At the Denny’s in Hayward on Whipple – 9:00 AM**
- Tues. Dec 11th **FLY TYING - 7:30 PM Loc same as Club Meeting**
- Wed. Dec 26th **CLUB MEETING “No Club Meeting in Dec.”**
- Wed, Jan 2nd **BOARD MEETING 7:30 PM – Fremont Adult School Main Office**
- Tues. Jan 8th **FLY TYING - 7:30 PM Fremont Adult School Main Office (new location)**
- Sat. Jan 12th **CLUB BREAKFAST: At the Denny’s in Hayward on Whipple – 9:00 AM**
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The President's Message

Last month's fly tying- Grand Master Pho outdid himself by bringing Ben Byng around for fly tying night. When it comes to manipulating tying materials, Ben is a fairly relaxed and knowledgeable tier. He shared some of his secrets and pointed out nuances while under the lights and video camera of Malcolm Dunn (Malcolm, nice touch with the remote). Ben felt right at home with the club antics and catcalls. Ben is ready to do it again at our leisure- that is, if August will only ask him. Our own Gene Kaczmarek is in the on deck circle for November.

Programs- More Baja on the fly - Rich Lobrovich followed up by inviting Ben Byng back for the November meeting when Ben and his side kick, Steve Potter, present their own account of braving the waters on the Sea of Cortez between hurricanes of all things. This is one not to be missed.

NCCFFF Fly fishing Festival update - Cameraman duties again placed Malcolm Dunn in seventh heaven while video taping all four of Bob Clouser's tying sessions at the Fly fishing Festival in Redding. Both Doug and Malcolm got plenty of one on one time with Bob Clouser, certainly more than making it worth their while. You should have been at the dinner banquet for a once in a lifetime moment during Gene Kaczmarek's acceptance for the "Man of the Year Award". Never at a loss for words, Gene was taken off guard and confessed that he was, in his own words, "**Utterly speechless**". Way to go Gene and thanks for keeping it short! Tracy's Cliff Sullivan won Fly Tier of the Year. There was no need for an alarm on Sunday morning as the hysterical laughter of passersby outside our door had us wondering what was causing all of the commotion. Someone had left a training bra on the outside doorknob of our room early Sunday morning. Housekeeping thought it was a clear indication that the room was vacant, ready to be cleaned and barged into room without even knocking. It was so hilarious to the housekeeping crew that we had to endure the humiliation of them telling the motel desk manager of the incident within earshot while we ate our continental breakfast. So much for the saying, "What happens in Redding, stays in Redding." As a side note- the club is actively pursuing manning the Federation booth during the February Pleasanton Fly Fishing Show if the Federation gets a booth and the club members show enough interest. Volunteers will be compensated one way or another, so listen up for the announcement as well as the call for a helping hand.

Last, but not least- Under the tutelage of Ken Brunskill, his crew pulled off a very successful two weekend Fly fishing Merit Badge program for 12 scouts without a hitch. Gene Kaczmarek demonstrated his tying prowess both in knots and flies as he led the young tiers for a few hours and amazingly kept all interested parties involved. Upon examination, the finished flies were judged sufficient to catch fish. Casting instructor Willie George could not make it the second Saturday, which left Ed Huff to task with his effortless smooth casting instruction/demo which was enviable by all, including myself (apologies to Ed for the casting envy). Larry Dennis covered entomology as well as first aid and safety instruction that included an after lunch hook removal practice session using a frankfurter of all things. Discussion of focus or lack thereof amongst some of the boys did not appear, from this observer, to be any worse than some of our board or club members. Which reminds me, I have to refill my Ritalin prescription?

**President Craig
Gittings**

Mission Peak Fly Anglers Minutes of November 7, 2007 Board Meeting

President Craig Gittings brought the meeting to order at 7:35. Present were VP Wayne Culp, Secretary Dean Lewis, Treasurer Bill Peakes, Board Members Ray Gauthier, Ken Brunskill, Larry Dennis, and Room Monitor Harold Whitmore.

Old Business:

Club picnic: Investigate Shinn Park in (Niles – off 3rd Street) Fremont (Dean still needs to go take a look).

Installation Dinner January 19: Craig saw some specials on the Internet from Sea Level Fly Fishing. One was a Yellowstone rod reel combo as a possible for raffle prizes for dinner. The company is in Hollister.
http://www.sealevellyfish.com/rods_AlbrightTackle.html#Yellowstone There are lots of other interesting items if you go to the home page.

Nominating Committee: Nothing to report here. No new persons mentioned at the meeting as interested in running for office.

Raffle Committee: Do we need to help Stephen come up with raffle prizes as he seems to be sending out lots of requests. We need to consider if we should purchase some additional items.

New Business:

Treasures Report: We are solvent

Programs: Ben Byng will be presenting fishing in Baja in November. Steve Potter will most likely be coming along with him. The January meeting will be held on a Monday the 21st and will feature Jeff Currier.

Fly Tying: Gene Kazcmarek will be presenting in November. August has agreed to do group tying starting in December with Craig tying. This will be the last session at the Silliman Center..

Boy Scout program: We borrowed rods and reels from Walnut Creek. As a thank you to Willy George, the member that facilitated it for us, we voted to give him a “Fly Anglers Unlimited \$30 gift certificate”. Ken and Harold taught the fly casting at the Scout program.

Club Rods and Reel: We had a lengthy discussion regarding purchasing rods and reels for use at the next “Intro to Fly Fishing Class” to be held in March. Ken moved and Craig seconded to purchase 6 of the rod/reel combos from “Sea Level Fly Fishing”. The motion passed. (Addendum: During the weekend of 10th and 11th, Ken and Craig met with the Boy Scout leader who mentioned that Wal-Mart had a special internet Fly rod special, an SA Concept, that consisted of an SA rod, reel, line and was ready to fish. It was \$10 cheaper than the Sea Level rod/reel combo. On Tuesday, the 13th, Ken, who was authorized to get the rods, ordered 6 combos from Wal-Mart saving the club \$60.00.)

http://www.walmart.com/catalog/product.do?product_id=6538101 - Wal-Mart URL

http://solutions.3m.com/wps/portal/3M/en_US/Scientific_Anglers/Fly-Fishing/Products/Outfits/SystemConcept/-SA's URL

Silliman Center: Pending the outcome of the vote to move or stay at the Silliman Center, we have reserved February, March and April for our meetings. It must be paid by January 24, 2008. At that time we will have all had a chance to see the Adult School when we hold the Monday, January 21 meeting at that location.

Federation Stuff: The Festival held in Redding was pretty good. It seemed that those attending and bidding on items seemed to have deeper pockets this time. Bill's fly plate of Harrop flies went for \$825, , and his plate of Clouser flies went for \$650 as examples. Good Job Bill!!!!

We are going to recommend that they try to hold the next year festival in Stockton.

Conservation: Larry has signed us up on the Tuolumne River Position that opposes taking more water.

NCCFFF Booth: The Pleasanton Show on February 22-24 will have a NCCFFF booth. Our club is considering manning the booth. There will be 5 display panels and we can use one to promote Mission Peak. We get paid \$500 and we will decide at a later meeting how to use this money to compensate those members who volunteer to put in several hours at the booth. We are looking at something like providing parking, and/or admission and/or dinner at the Hall of Fame Dinner.

Certified Casters: Ken and Larry are going to become certified as casting instructors. They have two tapes, “Fly Casting and Fixes” with Mel Krieger and “Lessons wit Lefty, A Teaching Guide for Fly Casting” that they purchased to become certified. They will place these tapes in the MPFA library if we wish to purchase them. Ray moved and Craig seconded that we purchase the tapes. Motion passed.

Raffle Prizes: When Stephen sends out letters requesting donations, the letters have a statement on them that the club roster is available if the donor wishes a copy. This has been our policy for many years. Stephen finally got a request for a roster. We decided that it was ok to send out a roster, but it would only include the names and addresses of the members. No e-mail addresses would be sent out.

Trout Bum Award: We have to decide, at the December Board meeting, who gets the award. There are a couple members who will qualify.

John Fukamoto: Larry moved and Craig seconded that we send an invitation to Mrs. Fukamoto (Claudia) inviting her and one guest (family member, friend, etc) to the Installation Dinner. The club would cover the cost of the two dinners. The motion passed and the secretary will compose a letter to be signed by the president.

Ray moved and Dean seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting was adjourned at 8:55

Respectively submitted
Dean Lewis, Secretary.

Club Election 2007

Please Vote for each office or write-in

President	<input type="checkbox"/>	Craig Gittings	or	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vice President	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wayne Culp	or	<input type="checkbox"/>
Secretary	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dean Lewis	or	<input type="checkbox"/>
Treasurer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bill Peakes	or	<input type="checkbox"/>
Board Member (2 yr)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Douglas Fear	or	<input type="checkbox"/>
Board Member (2 yr)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Harold Whitmore	or	<input type="checkbox"/>

Fly Fisher of the Year 2007

Please Vote for One only

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| <input type="checkbox"/> August Abellar | <input type="checkbox"/> Doug Fear |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ken Brunskill | <input type="checkbox"/> Gene Kaczmarek |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Larry Dennis | <input type="checkbox"/> Bill Peakes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Malcolm Dunn | |

Notice: The Elections will be held at our Nov club meeting (Nov 28th, 2007), if you want to vote and cannot make the meeting, you may e-mail me with your vote.

New Member's

Jan R. Van Zandt Jan retired from United Airlines, where he worked for 38

plus years as a mechanic. He was born in Medford, Oregon, and moved to

California during WWII.

His dad worked at McClellan field. And he lived in Vacaville and Sacramento. After the war the family moved to Ventura, Ca. where Jan grew up. He joined the Air Force and was stationed at Beale AFB in Marysville, CA. While in Marysville he was able to fish the Feather River, the Yuba River, and the Sacramento River, as well as local lakes and gold dredging ponds.

After he was discharged he moved to the Bay Area in 1964. He has resided here since and has lived mostly in the East Bay (Hayward, Fremont and now currently in Newark). He started fishing when he was 4 or 5 years old. He remembers fly fishing the surf off Ventura and Oxnard when he was about 5, and he has been a fisherman ever since. While he hasn't done a lot of fly fishing, he has wanted to do more of it, especially surf fly fishing.

He was previously married (20years) and is currently single. He has two children, a son age 39 and a daughter age 35. In addition, he has 4 grandchildren, three boys and one girl.

He enjoys ocean fishing most, but he likes to fish just about anywhere and for just about anything. He has been to Alaska twice on fly-in trips and both times he didn't take heavy enough fly fishing gear for the salmon and steelhead, but had fun anyway.

He ties flies from time to time and wants to do more tying. He enjoys hunting, camping, woodcarving and plays several music instruments as well. As he says, "so many things to do and so little time". He hopes to attend as many meetings as he can and would like to participate in some of our fishouts.

Jan sounds he will fit right in with out group, particularly that bunch that likes to get up at "0" dark thirty and head out for some surf fishing. Getting up at 3:00 or 4:00 in the morning is just too early for me. If you haven't introduced yourself to him yet, please do so at the next meeting

Andy & Carrie Payne

Andy and Carrie joined the club in September. It is nice to see another couple that enjoys fishing together become members of the club.

Andy is currently working for KML Electric where he has worked for the last 4 years. Carrie is working for the EXAR Corporation where she has worked for the last 9+ years. (hey, maybe one of them can help us when the projector acts up and doesn't talk to the computer)

Andy and Carrie have been married for 14 years as of this past June and currently do not have any children.

Andy grew up in Newark and began his fishing interest while fishing the "Lake" in Newark. Carrie grew up in Foster City and relocated to Fremont in 1992.

Andy began to fly fish about 5 years ago. Carrie has been fly fishing only twice but she just took the "Intro to Fly Fishing Class" we held at the Silliman Center in September and is looking forward to getting out there and getting the fly line on the water.

Andy has fly fished in both steams and rivers, while Carrie has previously used more conventional tackle and done her fishing on lakes.

Andy says that his flying fishing preferences are for stripers, large mouth bass and trout, but he is ready to try for anything that sounds interesting. Carrie hasn't done enough fly fishing to come up with her fly fishing preferences as of yet.

Both are active cyclists with the "Fremont Freewheelers Cycling Club". They indicated that they hope to participate in as many fly fishing trips as they can.

Please introduce yourself to them at the next meeting. They will make a nice addition to the club and will be more than willing to learn from our more advanced members. Please welcome them the next time they are at a meeting.

November Club Meeting Program

Mission Peak Fly Anglers NOVEMBER 28, 2007 Guest Speakers will be Ben Byng and Steve Potter. The title of their program will be "SO... YOU WANT TO GO TO BAJA DURING HURRICANE SEASON!" Ben has been fly fishing all over, from Montana to Baja. He loves tying at the fly fishing shows and conclaves throughout the West. The Tracy Fly Fishers is his home base from which he gives much credit for flattening his learning curve in fly fishing. He spent 5 years working at The Andre' Puyan's Fly Fishing Seminars in Idaho.

Steve, has also traveled near and far in pursuit of big fish. Steve has perfected spun deer hair flies and teaches his skills to many at the fly tying shows.

Please welcome my two good friends Ben Byng and Steve Potter for a night of fly fishing entertainment.

Please meet Ben Byng, Steve Potter and Rich Lobrovich at HOOTERS for dinner at 5 PM. Please call Rich for reservations 510-909-9000.

Thanks Rich Lob

DATE	SPEAKER	PROGRAM TITLE
11/28/0	BEN BYNG	BAJA ON A FLY
12/26/0	NO MEETING	

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Annual Trout Bum award

Starts Jan 1st, 2007

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

2007 EVENTS

MISSION PEAK FLY ANGLERS

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE OF EVENT	<i>CONTACT</i>	COMMENTS
Nov 28 th , 2007	Silliman Community Activity Center	Monthly Club Meeting	Craig Gittings	7:00 pm (New Hours)
Dec 5 th , 2007	Fremont Adult School Main Office	Board Meeting	Craig Gittings	7:30 pm
Dec 8 th , 2007	Denny's in Hayward	Club Breakfast	Bill Peakes	9:00 am
Dec 11 th , 2007	Silliman Community Activity Center	Fly Tying	August Abellar	7:30 pm
Dec 26 th , 2007	"NO MEETING"	Monthly Club Meeting	Craig Gittings	7:00 pm (New Hours)

2007 Fishout List

DATE	LOCATION	<i>TYPE OF FISH</i>	FISHMASTER	COMMENTS
Nov	Trinity Rive	Steelhead		
Nov	American River	Steelhead		
Dec				

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!

Annual MPFA Club Awards & Officers Installation Dinner

Held at
Spin A Yarn Restaurant
Located on
45915 Warm Springs Blvd.
Fremont, CA 94539
(510) 656-9141
Sat. Jan 19th, 2007

5:30 pm to 6:30 pm No Host Bar & check out raffle items
6:30 pm Dinner

DINNER SELECTIONS

*All selections include a Baked Potato, Salad,
Bread, Coffee, Iced Tea or Tea.*

London Broil

Chicken Frittata

Fish (Salmon or Halibut, whatever is season)

\$28.00

Annual MPFA Club Officers Installation Dinner

Turn in before Dec 31st for 1 ticket in the early bird drawing

and if you pay your dues at the same time you get another early bird ticket

Members Name _____ Number of Dinners _____ X \$28.00 = Total amt.

London Broil

_____ **Chicken Frittata**

_____ **Grilled Pacific Salmon**

Return to: Bill Peakes

Please make checks out to Mission Peak Fly Anglers

Conservation News

By

Larry Dennis, November 2007

"There's a fine line between fishing and standing on the shore like an idiot." -Steven Wright

FISH HATCHERY ISSUES:

Flunking the fitness test; Hatchery fish and wild fish are not the same

By John Krist, Columnist, Ventura County Star – 11/8/07

Earthmovers dumped the last load of dirt on Oroville Dam in 1967, completing the backbone of the State Water Project.

That same year, the fish hatchery about five miles downstream welcomed its first bewildered run of salmon.

Like their ancestors, the fish sought the upper reaches of the Feather River watershed. But instead of thrashing upstream into ever smaller creeks and rivulets to seek a mate, members of the spawning class of 1967 found themselves leaping up an aquatic staircase to an indoor holding tank. There, after being stupefied with carbon dioxide, they were killed. Hatchery workers stripped the eggs from females and squeezed milt from the males, mixed it all in a bucket and transferred the fertilized eggs to plastic trays.

Forty years later, this process continues at Oroville, as it does at hundreds of other sites throughout the West. Artificial reproduction may lack the dignity, mystery and drama of its natural analog, but it is efficient: Hatcheries, constructed mainly to offset the fish-killing propensity of modern dams, release a collective 5 billion juvenile Pacific salmon and steelhead annually.

The one at Oroville, about 60 miles north of Sacramento, produces millions of young salmon and steelhead each year from as few as 11,000 adults.

The hatchery system is based on the utilitarian premise that a fish is a fish: As long as there are enough to be caught for fun or profit, the process and the habitat that produced them are irrelevant.

New research, however, confirms what critics of the hatchery system have long argued: The process matters. Hatchery fish are not the same as wild fish, and the difference is not solely spiritual or aesthetic. Breeding fish in captivity, besides eliminating their awe-inspiring reproductive journey, reduces their fitness to survive in the wild.

The limitations of fish hatcheries, particularly those constructed as compensation for giant dams built in the middle decades of the 20th century, have been apparent for many years. Despite construction of a vast network of these fish factories — there are about 100 hatcheries in the Columbia River basin alone — every major western watershed has seen its salmonid populations dwindle, some to the point of extinction.

Those fighting to restore imperiled salmon and steelhead populations have long argued that hatchery fish are more prone to disease and less fit to survive than wild fish. In their view, hatcheries make things worse, not better, diluting the gene pool and rendering the species increasingly dependent on artificial breeding to maintain the fiction of a viable population.

Those who benefit from the water, energy and transportation services provided by dams argue that hatchery fish are

indistinguishable from wild fish and should be counted when regulators try to determine whether a species is imperiled.

Federal courts have ruled both ways, one judge declaring that hatchery fish should be counted, another one

saying they should not.

Last month, however, the journal Science published a study by researchers at Oregon State University that comes down squarely on the side of those who believe captive-reared fish are fundamentally different from their wild cousins.

The research, involving steelhead on Oregon's Hood River, found that fish reared in a hatchery are nearly 40 percent less likely to produce offspring than wild fish. Hatchery-born fish whose parents also were reared in a hatchery had only half the reproductive success of wild fish. The study results were published Oct. 5.

The conclusions should not surprise anyone familiar with the concept of natural selection. The spawning journey of wild salmon and steelhead — an arduous, dangerous trip past predators, waterfalls and other obstacles — is not merely poetic in its rigor. It is a ruthlessly effective test of ecological fitness. Those that survive it produce offspring that must endure their own peril-filled journey back downstream. Only the strongest and wariest survive both ends of this migratory journey to pass along their DNA.

Hatchery fish, on the other hand, pay no price for being weak and slow-witted; food pellets fall from the sky on the robust and the wimpy alike. If held in captivity and allowed to breed, they are all equally likely to produce offspring, regardless of how well adapted they might be to life in the outside world.

Dumping the offspring of such fish into the hostile natural environment is like tossing handfuls of sardines into the seal tank at the zoo. It is no wonder that of the billions of hatchery fish released into western rivers each year, only a relative handful ever return and attempt to spawn. #

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