



# Main Stream

Mission Peak Fly Anglers

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**September 2007**

## **Club Meeting**

**PLACE: Silliman Community Activity Center  
6800 Mowry Avenue, Newark CA 94560  
(510) 742-4400**  
**DATE: Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2007**  
**TIME: 7:00 PM (Social hour begins at 6:30 PM)**

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## **COMING EVENTS**

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| <b>Wed. Sept 26<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>CLUB MEETING 7:00 PM</b><br><b>Silliman Community Activity Center, 6800 Mowry Avenue, Newark CA 94560</b> |
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## The President's Message

The kids are finally back in school and vacations are waning along with the days. As we look forward to cooler temperatures, notwithstanding an Indian summer, there is hope of better fishing and back to normal rainfall as we head into the fall. Low flows along with dried up feeder streams in the mountains will make this year's planned outings more calculated. Best bets appear to be tail water fisheries and lakes. The dance card always seems to fill up faster during this time of the year. Am I trying to get my money's worth on my fishing license or is it the fact that fishing picks up this time of the year. I know also it tests the patience and continued marital bliss with my better half.

The NCCFFF Conclave in Redding runs October 19-21. I am personally drawn between fishing and heading to Redding to watch tiers and catch a few seminars myself, along with the Saturday evening dinner/fundraiser. Now if I could only figure out how to work in a couple hours every evening on the Sac as my recollection of fish caught always seemed feistier pound for pound in the Redding. Doug Fear claims the Sacramento River is very accessible right behind the Convention Center. It could not be any easy.

Lake fishing should be getting pretty good and I hear that the McCloud Reservoir oddly enough fishes very well around the public boat launch cove- just ask Rich Lobrovich, who in just a short time out fished the boat fishermen who spent a day on the lake that we spoke with. I still remember Rich's enquiry to a returning boater how they had done for the day and his quick apology when he interrupted their reply, "Excuse me, but I have a **Fish on!**" The visual memory of this event will definitely have me torn between trolling a damsel nymph along the shoreline and casting to rising rainbows on the river below the dam. Hopefully, both will happen. Camping at the primitive Ash Camp site would be almost ideal if I can maneuver one of those raised cots in my backpacking tent. Note to Bob Langland; after careful consideration I think your trailer could make it, if you are still interested (besides, I called the Forest Service Office in McCloud just to make sure).

Craig Gittings



## Mission Peak Fly Anglers Minutes of September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2007 Board Meeting

President Craig Gittings brought the meeting to order at 7:44. Present were VP Wayne Culp, Secretary Dean Lewis, Treasurer Bill Peakes, Newsletter Editor Doug Fear, Board Members Ray Gauthier, Larry Dennis, and Room Monitor Harold Whitmore.

### Old Business:

**FFF Fly Rod Kits Rods:** We will hold the first class in January or February as we can't seem to find an earlier time. The first group of kits was distributed to participants and a second rod class needs to be set up for other interested club members. Jim Peterson (FFF) requested we provide a photo of the class if it was held in the next month, but we can't meet his request.

**Programs:** Dave Hayes did an excellent job on the September program.

**Club picnic:** Many people were unhappy with our new location (windy, cold, etc). We will be discussing a a different or better location for next year.

**John Fukamoto Memorial Award:** Per the August general meeting, the John Fukamoto Memorial Award was approved. Eligible participants for the January 2008 award have until the end of the year to comply with the provision of tying and presenting the most innovative fly or variation on a standard pattern at one of the remaining fly tying sessions. August Abellar, Bill Peakes and Doug Fear will comprise the committee selecting the winning entry. The award will be given at the 2008 Installation Dinner.

**Dinner Table at Conclave:** The club needed 8 people for a dinner table at the October Redding Conclave. It appears we have enough for a table.

**FFF Membership Drive:** We are going to continue to encourage members to take advantage of the \$15 first year membership plan that will be available until the end of the year.

### New Business:

**Treasurer Report:** Bill says we still owe for picnic and Manzanita , but after these expenses we are solvent.

**2008 Club Officer Election:** At the September meeting, an election committee may be appointed by the President. However, the existing officers indicated a willingness to serve another year if elected.

**Annual Award Dinner:** The Annual Award and Installation Dinner to be held on January 19, 2008, is being planned and prepared for at this time. Dean Lewis moved and Larry Dennis seconded that the club provide the necessary letterhead, envelopes and postage for Steve Clup (Fund Raising Chairman) to solicit raffle prizes, etc for the dinner. The motion passed. Dean Lewis moved and Ray Gauthier seconded that the club start with an initial budget of up to \$1,200 from club funds to purchase raffle prizes, etc for the dinner. The motion passed. The Board can review this amount as needed.

**Programs:** Rich Lobrovich (who is now working for Orvis at Santa Row) has lined up Steve Cooper for September. Steve will give us a program on "Grande Ronde Small Mouth Bass". An opportunity to go in mid summer to Oregon exists for this fun and exciting fishing. In October, Bob Laskodi will

present a program on Alaska's Kenai Peninsula and in November, Ben Byng will give us a program on Baja (he was fishing down there when the recent hurricane Henrietta hit).

**Fly Tying:** The next fly tying will be either 3 club members tying or perhaps Ben Byng. It was unclear if Ben was available.

**Conservation:** Orvis and a couple of other companies are trying to raise money to save the McCloud Redband trout. These three companies will match donations. For every dollar donated, the three companies will contribute \$3 (one each). It appears an interesting possibility for the club to make a donation, but we were going to try to get more information before committing club funds to the project. Larry Dennis said the problem has existed since 1923, so we don't have to decide immediately. Larry also discussed a number of other problems and in his words, "all hell is breaking loose". They have started poisoning Davis Lake's tributaries, but the lake is at 43,000 acre feet and was supposed to be drawn down to 15,000 before this started. The big fight is over water in the central valley. Stay tuned for exciting updates at the regular meetings.

**Club Facilities – Meetings:** The club is currently holding Board Meetings at the Adult School in Fremont. The Board would like to move the fly tying meetings (in January) to the same location. The club has an opportunity to move the regular meetings to the same location. It was decided to discuss this move with the members at the September meeting and present different options for the move or to stay at the Silliman Center. Members input will be solicited and invited to visit the proposed new site. A vote on one of the options would be taken at the October general meeting.

**Club Projector:** The club is in need of a digital projector regardless of the decision the club makes on location. Doug Fear is going to research what is available and report back to the Board at the October Board meeting.

Ray moved and it was seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed and we adjourned at 9:17pm.

Respectively submitted

Dean Lewis, Secretary.

## **Rod Raffle**

**Bill Peakes has built a G Loomis, 7ft 6in, 4wt, IMX to be raffled off**

**Check it out at the next club meeting  
And  
Buy your tickets**

## September Club Meeting Program

Mission Peak Fly Anglers SEPTEMBER 2007 Guest Speaker will be STEVE COOPER. The title of his program will be " BRONZE BACK FEVER- FOLLOWING THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED IN SEARCH OF SMALL MOUTH BASS"

Steve documents chasing what he calls "the most overlooked game fish in the West", on two of his favorite rivers, Oregon's Umpqua River and the fabulous Grand Ronde River in Washington.



Steve's Bio

Steve was born and raised in Stockton, California, where he lives today with his wife and youngest son. Growing up in a fishing family his passion for angling began at a very early age. His father, Carl, helped pioneer the Monterey Bay blue shark fishery in the early sixties. Steve, a fly fisher at heart, began to develop salt water fly fishing strategies and by the mid eighties, Steve owned his own boat and was guiding for a number of off shore species. Steve's reputation as a guide and knowledge of the central coast salt water fishing scene earned him a spot on the Budweiser national fishing team, and attracted national sponsors such as Sea Ray boats and Mercury out-board motors. Major sponsorships gave Steve the opportunity to present his slide shows and seminars through out California. Currently, Steve is owner/operator and head guide for The High Plain's Drifters Guide Service, devoting most of his summers exploring the West's largely undiscovered Small Mouth Bass fisheries. The pursuit of this underrated game fish has often led Steve down roads less traveled to rivers most often overlooked by the general angling population. His program, Bronze Back Fever, documents the trials, tribulations and sense of adventure required when pursuing this wonderful predator

Please meet Steve Cooper and Rich Lobrovich at JACK'S BREWING COMPANY for dinner at 5 PM. Please call Rich for reservations.

Thanks Rich Lob

DATE	SPEAKER	PROGRAM TITLE
9/26/07	STEVE COOPER	SMALLMOUTHBASS GRAND RONDE
10/24/07	BOB LASKODI	ALASKA
11/28/07	BEN BYNG	BAJA ON A FLY
12/26/07	NO MEETING	

## Annual Trout Bum award

**Starts** Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, 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

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## 2007 EVENTS

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

## *MISSION PEAK FLY ANGLERS* *2007 FISHOUT LIST*

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE OF FISH	FISHMASTER	COMMENTS
Sept 21 <sup>st</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup>	Toulumne Meadows	Trout	Wayne Culp	Camp Out
Sept 28-30	McCloud River and Reservoir	Trout	Craig Gittings	Camp at Ash Camp or B&B in town of McCloud.
Oct 5-7	Eastern Sierra – Bridgeport Area	Trout	Jeff Lorelli	Staying at the Meadowcliff Lodge in Coleville
Oct 12-14	Alpine Lake	Trout	August Abellar	
Oct 22-23	Clear Lake	Bass and Panfish	Calvin Chin	Fully furnished cabin at Edgewater resort. Fish from the dock! \$50 by Aug 15 secures your spot so call Calvin!
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**

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

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**\$28.00**

## **Annual MPFA Club Officers Installation Dinner**

*Turn in before Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 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**  
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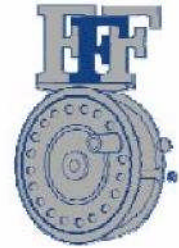
\_\_\_\_\_ **Chicken Frittata**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Grilled Pacific Salmon**

**Return to: Bill Peakes**

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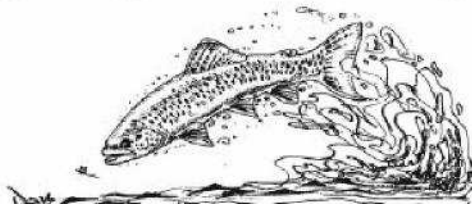
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For information, registration & updates go to: [www.nccfff.org](http://www.nccfff.org)

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## **October Fly Tying Night**

The next fly tying will be either 3 club members tying  
or  
perhaps Ben Byng.

### **“John Fukumoto Memorial Fly Tying Award”**

The award will be given to the member presenting the most innovative fly or variation on a standard or classic pattern. The criteria would be as follows:

1. Only current members of MPFA are eligible.
2. The fly must be presented and tied at a monthly fly tying session.
3. The award cannot be won by an individual in consecutive years.
4. Selection of each year's winner will be by a committee comprised of the Fly Tying Chairman and two at-large members of his choosing.

October Fly Tying Night will be a good  
time to do your entry for the  
John Fukumoto Memorial Fly Tying Award

Call August to set up your time.

# Conservation News

By

Larry Dennis, September 2007

*The law locks up both man and woman who steal the goose from off the common, but lets the greater felon loose who steals the common from the goose. Edward Potts Cheyney, 1901*

*Following are two editorials regarding the recent ruling by Federal Judge Oliver Wanger ordering a curtailment of water exported from the Delta. You decide which one attempts to explain the problems and offer solutions and which one is an obvious attempt to generate fear and bias to protect the original welfare system in this country. Do you find it interesting that the 'threat' of 23 to 25 million people in this state losing their supply of water when those very same people represent only 5 % of total water use? Industry uses 10% leaving the balance of 85% for the irrigators! The panic is on in agribusiness because they fear this may be the beginning of losing any, or maybe all, of their taxpayer subsidized perks. How many people do you know who received low-cost water, low-cost power, free assistance in doing your job, payments for doing your job a particular way, guaranteed income regardless of how hard you work and guaranteed payment even if your product is substandard. "Cradle to grave protection when you call yourself a farmer (correction – Agri-businessman) in America."*

## **Water rulings hurt state's agriculture**

9/12/07

Fremont Argus –

A federal judge's decision to severely cut back water pumping from the Delta presents a historic choice for California. Either the state builds large new reservoirs or it loses a significant portion of its agriculture.

Federal environmental law forced U.S. District Judge Oliver Wanger to order a reduction of about 1 million acre-feet of water being pumped from the Delta to save smelt from extinction.

That's enough water to supply 2 million households.

The water cutbacks come after a May decision by Wanger that the federal projects that supply water to farms and 25million Californians were violating the Endangered Species Act.

A month earlier, a California judge ruled that the state Department of Water Resources had failed to get a state permit required by the state's endangered species law.

As a result of the cutbacks, which could be as many as 2million acre-feet under some conditions, San Joaquin Valley farms will be forced to idle hundreds of thousands of acres of productive land, probably in the next growing season.

Also hit hard will be the Zone 7 Water Agency, which supplies water to 200,000 people in Dublin, Livermore and Pleasanton. Much of the district's water comes from the state water project, which pumps supplies out of the Delta.

Other urban water districts from the Bay Area to San Diego will have to use other sources, drought supplies or simply use less water, which could lead to hardships next year.

The biggest loser in California will be agriculture, and the impact is likely to be felt within a year.

Some environmentalists wanted even steeper reductions in water pumping to protect the endangered Delta ecosystem.

Several species of fish are declining in the Delta, and the situation could get worse without sufficient flows of fresh water.

There is room for better agricultural water use by eliminating certain crops, such as cotton, in arid regions. Greater use of drip irrigation also would help.

However, the kind of water cutbacks ordered by Wanger would still cause a significant loss to farms that use water wisely.

What is becoming increasingly clear is that the only practical way to ensure enough fresh water for the Delta environment, farms and urban users is to store much larger supplies of water during the wet months so there is enough to deliver to all

users year-round.

California has not built a large reservoir other than Los Vaqueros for decades.

With the pumping cutbacks, time is running out for decisive action on increasing the state's ability to supply water in an environmentally responsible manner.

That means building at least a couple of major new reservoirs, or significantly enlarging older ones, and an updated delivery system.

That alternative to inaction is a devastating blow to one of the state's largest industries. #

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### **Editorial: Resurrecting the Delta**

San Francisco

Chronicle – 9/11/07

"DISASTER." "Catastrophe." "Crisis." "Emergency." We're hearing those words again from state and local water agencies: It must be another court order to shut down the pumping that has helped to make such a mess out of the Sacramento Delta.

But is it really such a disaster? Yes, some 23 million Californians drink delta water. Yes, it's been an awfully dry year. Yes, all of this hand-wringing is all due to the endangered Delta smelt - a creature so small and unassuming that there's already been grumbling as to whether the fish shouldn't just be sacrificed on the altar of California's thirst.

To a large extent, the poor smelt already *have* been sacrificed on the altar of California's thirst - biologists believe the species may survive for another couple of years at best - and as they are an indicator species, their fate will run parallel to that of all the other animals that depend on the Delta, and, possibly, the health of the Delta itself. For us to shrug while they perish thanks to our bad behavior - the smelt aren't just dying because they're getting ground up in the water pumps, but also because rampant nearby development has affected the ecosystem - isn't simply irresponsible, it could come back to us in the form of a poisoned Delta and plummeting water quality.

"This has been brewing for 15 years," said Barry Nelson, a senior policy analyst with the Natural Resources Defense Council.

Nelson noted that the water districts that depend on the delta have spent a great deal of time in recent years developing sophisticated plans to diversify their sources. He's right, even if not all of those districts have a clear idea of where they might get their water if the delta is still shut down in two years' time. The Contra Costa Water District, for instance, has water transfer options districts in Yuba and East Contra Costa.

All of this careful orchestration and perennial panic merely speaks to the state's urgent need to quit its wasteful water [habits. Gov.](#) Arnold Schwarzenegger has responded to the latest ruling with verve and energy - he's urging lawmakers to reconsider his January plan to build two new dams and said that he is considering calling a special session to tackle the crisis - but what we really need from the Capitol is a revolutionary re-thinking of water use.

There's no reason why the state should continue offering water at tremendous discounts to so many farmers - some of whom merely turn around and sell their rights for big profits. There's no reason why the state shouldn't be looking at ways to clean up contaminated underground water basins before districts try to tap the Delta for another drop. #

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