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Speaker of the Month- Jane Miller



Come join us at our April 24th meeting for an active and engaging presentation about **The Mayfly Project** Los Angeles' grassroots effort to support children in foster care through conservation and fly fishing. You'll walk away with options and opportunities to bring smiles to children's faces, and make a positive difference in the lives of these youth in foster care and their families.

Jane Miller is the Lead Mentor of The Mayfly Project Los Angeles and lives in Ventura County. She has worked for over 29 years in public education as a teacher, principal, district administration, Superintendent's Cabinet, and currently serves as project director of district/IT Leader and Superintendent's Cabinet experiences at the non-profit Digital Promise, partnering with district and school leaders across the US to create equitable opportunities for historically and systemically excluded learners.

As her advocacy and educational outreach has expanded so has her role in the fly fishing community. Living in Spokane, WA, she got hooked on the sport back in 2004. Soon she was introducing children to fly fishing as part of **Trout in the Classroom**. In the mid to late 2000's she partnered with fellow **Spokane**Women on the Fly and **Trout Unlimited** friends to bring this wonderful program and experience to students in the area. As this was evolving so were women's groups and she eventually partnered with Dean-

na Camp to support Heather Hodson in the launch and early years of **United Women on the Fly**.

Ultimately, advocating for children and communities no matter their race, gender, sexual orientation or exceptionality and providing experiences and opportunities they might not otherwise have access to, became a driving force in her fly fishing and life in general.

This continued as she began volunteering with The Mayfly Project in 2017 as a mentor in Seattle which led to her leading the Los Angeles Project since it was launched in 2022. The Mayfly Project brings together her love of children and her passion for fly fishing. Sharing and supporting children in foster care through fly fishing offers an opportunity to explore conservation and the great outdoors in a way that makes a lasting impression on both the children and Jane herself.

Dinner With the Speaker

On the patio at El Torito at 4:30 PM 3639 Riverside Plaza Drive Riverside, CA Each is responsible for their own food and beverage

Club House opens at 6:00pm Meeting starts at 7:00pm

Izaak Walton Clubhouse

2710 Dexter Drive Riverside

Inside Fairmont park, across from golf course parking lot

President's Message Kurt Marcks



There's a new film on Netflix called *Mending the Line* that you should see. As the title suggests, the movie explores the healing potential of fly fishing. The story looks at the lives of two veterans, one from the Vietnam era and the other from the Afghanistan conflict, who connect through fly fishing. While the movie doesn't quite rise to the level of *A River Runs Through It*, it underscores something I think all of us have experienced, that sense of being lifted above life's problems, concerns and even traumas by spending time on the water with a fly rod in hand.

It is this healing connection with nature, and with fellow fly fishers, that our featured guest speaker, Jane Miller, uses to impact the lives of children in the foster care system. As lead mentor of the Los Angles Mayfly Project, Jane and her fellow volunteers connect with children through the fly fishing. Jane will tell us about the program and outline how folks can volunteer.

Our April meeting falls during national volunteer week. We as fly fishers have many such opportunities for volunteerism involving our sport. Continuing the theme of volunteerism in Fly Fishing the meeting will also be looking at two ongoing, active volunteer opportunities that our club is involved with. Jill Wagner, our Trout in the Classroom chairperson, will have a presentation about this dynamic program that allows school children to raise trout from eggs in their classrooms and then have a field trip to release them as fry into local waters. Lastly, Jerry Searcy, our Conservation Chair, will have a presentation about volunteer opportunities the Fisheries Resource Volunteer Corps.

Come to the April meeting and see how fly fishing can do some good in the world.

Check out all the classes and outings on offer at our Corsizio link. You can access it with the QR below or go to the club website, deepcreekflyfishers.org, a link is on the homepage.

I am looking forward to a great year with Deep Creek. If you have any questions please reach out to me at: president@deepcreekflyfishers.org

Your president for 2024, Kurt Marcks



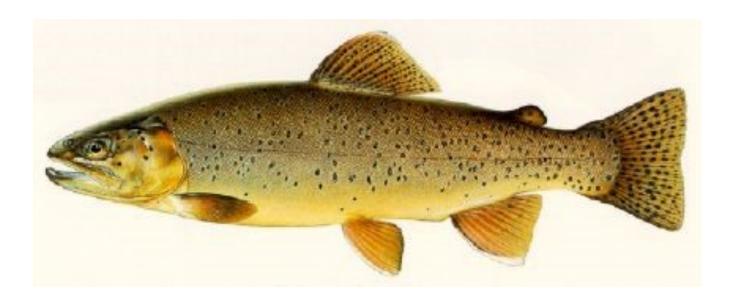
New Location for Dinner With The Speaker

If you've never come out for Dinner With the Speaker, you're missing an opportunity to get to know our speakers and hang out with fellow members. We used to go to Art's Bar and Grill downtown, but it became crowded and noisy; it's not the quaint watering hole anymore.

For the last few meetings, we have met at the El Torito in the Riverside Plaza, just off Central and the 91 Freeway. We sit outside on the patio. Don't worry, there are heaters if its chilly. It is quiet, there is plenty of room, and we can push tables together if needed. The patio is considered part of the bar, so you can either order off the regular menu or try the happy hour offerings. The food is good and the staff is attentive, its a nice place for gathering before the meeting.

So come on down before the meeting at 4:30 and join us!

Kurt



From the Membership Chair

From the Membership Chair – April 2024

For those who have not yet enrolled On-Line, please do so. Your dues are an important component in Funding Club Activities for 2024.

Profile Information - The name, address, email, emergency contact, etc. you entered for 2023 has been retained, making 2024 renewal a fairly simple process.

2'd payment method - You will have a choice of paying via Paypal or Stripe. Selecting Paypal takes you to the PP processing screen (where you can choose to pay via PP or use a credit card). Stripe allows direct credit card entry (PP not invoked at all).

Instructions - Renewal and Profile Update instructions are below.

Questions or Difficulties? - Email membership@deepcreekflyfishers.org

Renewal instructions

- 1) Login in at Deepcreekflyfishers.org >Login. Enter Username (which is your email) and Password. If you forgot your Username or Password, click one of the links just below LOGIN to retrieve them. Once signed in, you will be positioned at the Home page.
- 2) Click Membership > Join, then RENEW. Scroll down to Payment Method and select PAYPAL (to use Paypal) or Stripe (to enter credit card info).
- 3) Click "WAIVER AGREEMENT" text to bring up the Waiver and Release Agreement document. Read it. Close the "Waiver and Release Agreement" window (click X in top/right corner). Click Waiver Agreement check box to acknowledge the agreement.
- 4) Click Process Membership (bottom of page). You will see "SUBSCRIPTION COM-PLETE" at top of screen and you will receive an email titled "Your Deep Creek Fly Fishers receipt".

<u>Profile Update Instructions</u>: (e.g. to change address, phone, emergency contact, etc.)

- 1) Sign in at Deepcreekflyfishers.org >Login
- 2) Click Membership > MY PROFILE. You will be on the Edit Profile tab. Make updates to your profile info, click update.

Welcome new members:
Richard Southard
Jim Ower
Michael Ross

Upcoming Club outings

May-

The Small Stream Class will be held on May 4th, 9:00am at the clubhouse. Gary Applebee shares his knowledge of small stream fly fishing gained from more than 20 years fishing our local waters. The Small Stream Outing is scheduled for the 18th as a follow up for the Small Stream class, but all club members are welcome to attend this local event. **Sign up on Corsizio to receive information on fishing location and where and when to meet.**

Joe Perkins is offering an Introduction to Fly Tying class on Saturday, May 11th.

June-

The Spring Outing trip is to the Mammoth area, June 28th to July 1st. Everyone will be responsible for their own lodging, many of us will be camping.

July-

Float tube and kayak Fly Fishing with SDFF at San Diego Bay on the 20th. No cost for this exciting outing, SDFF will provide appropriate flies and a BBQ lunch! See Corsizio listing for more info and to sign up.

August-

A late Summer trip is planned for the Lee Vining area from the 15 to the 18th. Most folks will be camping, but reasonable accommodations are available in Lee Vining area for those not wanting to rough it. There are many options for great fly fishing in that area, pack up the tent or trailer and join in!

September-

We are working on two outings for September: A trip to Southern Utah based in Cedar City the 13th to 16th, and a trip to the Kern River at the end of the month, the 27th to the 29th. See the article on the Utah outing in this newsletter edition; more information on the Kern trip will be coming soon. You can access Corsizio with the QR below or go to the club website, deepcreekflyfishers.org, and a link is on the homepage.



Casting Practice



Neither Rain, Nor Sleet, Nor Gloom of Night...

will keep our fly casting coordinator, Dennis Otsuka, from his duties as a casting instructor (well, maybe the gloom of night part!)

On Saturday, March 30th, Dennis insisted on keeping his casting class open, even though it was raining! Two students, Rick Otto and his daughter Johanna, braved the elements to learn how to cast in less than ideal conditions. When I stopped by to take a few pictures (and maybe laugh at them a little!) I was impressed to see them soldering on in rain gear.

In addition to offering structured fly casting classes, Dennis offers his services in two, more casual settings: At the second Sunday Casting Practice he will help those new to fly casting or the more seasoned casters who need some help still. He has trained a few additional members to help teach as well.

Now that it is still light before our monthly meetings, Dennis will be out on the dock behind the club-house to help more advanced casters diagnose and correct problems with their casts.

Dennis is well qualified to teach casting, he is a certified casting instructor with Fly Fishers International and used to run the casting program at our local Bass Pro Shop. So come out and get your cast dialed in!

Written by Kurt Marcks

2024

Announcing a South Utah Trip to Cedar City

September 13 to 16, 2024

This outing to Cedar City and the surrounding areas will be the trip of a lifetime! From fishing a pristine private river to public access streams, you will never forget your time on the water! We will be guided by Steve Dawson of Circle Valley Anglers out of Cedar City, Utah. Steve has exclusive access to fishing a river on a private ranch. From there he will recommend the best public access waters in the area. We'll be fishing for browns, rainbows, and cutthroats. These are prime euro-nymphing opportunities!



We will be leaving the morning of September 13th, driving North on I-15 to Cedar City, and arriving in the afternoon to scout out the area. We plan on dividing the group to fish with Steve on Saturday and Sunday. While some will fish with Steve on Saturday, the others will fish on public water. On Sunday, the other group will fish with Steve. We will return home on Monday the 16th.

The cost for guided fishing is \$310 for a single angler and \$115 for the second, for a total of \$425 for the day. There will be an additional "rod fee" of \$75 cash to be paid to the private landowner for fishing his ranch. Pairs are best, but singles can be done.

These costs do not include hotel, food, or guild tips. Guide fees must be paid a month in advance. Please refer to the <u>Circlevalleyanglers.com</u> website for specifics.

The trip will accommodate a minimum of 4 and maximum 8, **doubling up with a fishing buddy is recommended**. Registration for the trip is open on Corsizio.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Wm. "Bill" Beach at outings@deepcreekflyfishers.org

Outings Director



2024

Announcing a Montana River trip for 2024

Hello Fellow Fly Fishers!

Here's the trip of a lifetime! Six people will enjoy the sound of Montana fish fighting against the water on your line. I have arranged a 5 day/4 fish guided fly fishing trip on October 7 to 12, 2024 on four major rivers in and near Missoula, Montana. Grizzly Hackle is an incredible fly shop. The cost of the trip is \$2100 per person! This covers an apartment (*double occupancy only so you need a friend*), the guide (tips not included), and lunch on the river. You can either float or wade, your choice. This trip will fill up very quickly! A 50% deposit is due on the first of the year to insure your spot.

The guild will have equipment at your request.

The apartments are clean and very comfortable. They have 2 queen bedrooms, shower, and bath, with a kitchenette, refrigerator, and oven/stove.

The recommended air travel is from our local Ontario Airport to either Salt Lake City or Dallas then to Missoula. United Airlines, Delta, and American fly indirectly to Missoula.

Uber and Lift are recommended ground transportation, about \$30. Car rentals are discouraged due to the lack of parking. The town is within easy walking distance to bars and restaurants.

Not included in this cost are other meals (breakfast and dinner), air and shuttle transportation, tips (usually split between the two people) and other items.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Wm. "Bill" Beach Outings Director

You must sign up with a partner.

Contact Bill Beach at outings@deepcreekflyfishers.org



Lower Owens Spring Outing By Kevin Milligan, April 2024

About a dozen club members made the four and a half hour trek to Bishop for this year's Owens River Spring Outing. Members who drove up early and arrived in time to fish on Friday were rewarded with great fishing conditions and numerous catch and release trout. For later arrivals, like myself, the outing began with great Mexican food at Taqueria Las Palmas accompanied by stories of fish taken by the dozen. With expectations set, we finalized plans for the Saturday meet-up with our guide Fred Rowe of Sierra Bright Dot.



Unfortunately, expectations set Friday night clashed horrendously with the weather conditions we encountered Saturday morning. Steady winds of 20-plus miles per hour and gusts exceeding 30 mph promised to make fishing a challenge. Ever upbeat, our guide Fred talked us through current fishing conditions, fly selection and presentation, and water safety before we set out to fish the river. Fred has a passion for teaching and answering questions, and seems to know the Owens River as well as any guide out there (as most have been trained by Fred or his earlier

students).



Lower Owens Spring Outing By Kevin Milligan, April 2024

Wind speeds increased throughout the day and made fishing near impossible. Sadly, by the time we called it a day, no fish were taken. Back in camp, a hot dog barbecue, pot luck, various libations and conversation of better days fishing helped to salve the earlier beating we took on the water. Showing his devotion to the profession, Fred offered to guide us again on Sunday where weather conditions promised to be better.



Conditions were better Sunday when we met again with Fred and fished a different section of the river. Instructions on wading safety, casting, mending, stripping and landing brought fish for most of the members. Our meeting formally concluded with a group dinner at a local pizza restaurant where talk of fish caught and missed shifted to life lived and at least one newer and one veteran member learned of life connections from many years' past.

Informally, a few members met with former club member Tom Paulson for a final fishing opportunity Monday morning in Big Pine. As one member said, Tom was incredibly generous with his time. Under Tom's guidance and instruction, this new member landed his first trout on a fly to

cap the weekend!

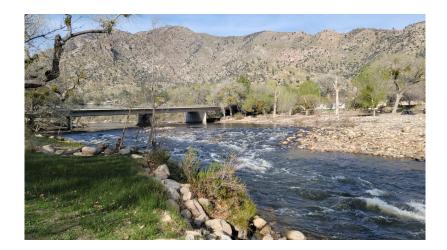


What I heard repeatedly, "I learned so much; I feel a lot more confident about going out to fish on my own." That certainly reflects how I feel after the thoughtful process of pre-meeting, briefing and on-the-water instruction that encompassed our Lower Owens Spring Outing.

Recent Club member's outing Written by Cliff Dell

Kurt Marcks and my bid prevailed at the 2023 Christmas banquet and we landed a day of guided fishing on the Kern. The offer was graciously provided by club member Chiaki Harami. After discussing dates with Chiaki, we decided on a late March Friday for the outing. We knew the flows might be high; Chiaki confirmed a couple days beforehand that conditions were fishable and a March Brown Mayfly hatch was likely.

Kurt and I drove to Kernville mid-day Thursday, fished a couple hours on our own (to no avail) and then found our room at Kernville Inn. Accommodations were very adequate and walking distance from the fly shop and several good restaurants.



Kern River, flowing through Kernville. Couple steps from our room



First stop, first afternoon. A couple miles upstream, no luck that day

Recent Club member's outing

We met Chiaki at 8:00 the next morning and headed upstream, spending the day in the 20 mile section between town and the Johnsondale bridge. The general plan was to nymph in the morning, then switch to dries when/if the hatch came off in the afternoon.





Chiaki explain strategy for the day to Cliff

Chiaki keeping an eye on Kurt

Fishing was tough. I caught a nice 17" stocker fairly quickly in the morning. But nothing for quite a while afterward. The hatch did come off as hoped for, but didn't translate into surface action or bites. Those March Browns are big! We saw swarms multiple times in the afternoon.



Success! Cliff & Chiaki

Recent Club member's outing

I caught one more rainbow at the end of the day, maybe 13", maybe wild (more colorful than the

morning fish).



Chiaki kept us busy, switching our files, moving us around, offering lots of advice. We had a great day and learned quite a bit about fishing the area (many opportunities within an hour from town for varying types of fishing and for different seasons).





On the way home, we discussed the Kernville area vs Bishop/eastern Sierra area. Kernville doesn't offer the variety of the eastern Sierra; but is certainly a worthwhile alternative for a 2 - 3 day trip (and it's about an hour closer for most of us).

Trout in the Classroom

On March 6th, as you know, Fish and Wildlife and a couple of volunteers from Deep Creek delivered eggs to classrooms. Those eggs have hatched and are almost ready to release as fry into local Fish and Wildlife approved sites. As it turns out we are only going to assist with 4 releases this spring. They are a little spread out over the month of May. I anticipate collecting insects 3 times during the month.

Thursday 5/2/24 is the first release at Glen Helen Regional Park. 25-30 2nd grade students. Pine Top area. Arrive 8:30am.

We will need to collect insects on Wednesday, 5/1 at Lytle Creek.

Thursday 5/9/24 is next, at Yucaipa Regional Park, area 4b. 50 1st grade students. Arrive at 8:30am.

Monday 5/13/24, Yucaipa Regional Park, area 4b, 50 1st grade students. Arrive 8:30am.

These 2 releases are the same school

We will need to collect bugs on Wednesday, 5/8 at Lytle Creek. I'm hoping they last for both releases.

Thursday 5/30/24, Glen Helen Regional Park, Pine Top area. 30 3rd grade students. Arrive 8:30am.

We will need to collect insects on Wednesday, 5/29 at Lytle Creek.

We want to see some new people come out to see what we do with the kids. The same people have been selfishly keeping this program to themselves, but have now decided to share it with everyone. Don't miss this opportunity. You too can enjoy the beautiful Regional Parks and make a kid happy at the same time! The students learn about trout and the importance of protecting the environment. You can bring a fly rod, your license, and practice your fly fishing skills. It's a win/win for everyone.

Please think about coming out. Also, we would love to show you how we get those little critters we fish with when we collect the bugs. Think about coming out on one of those days too.

Jill Wagner (951) 271-0227 wagnerjill54@gmail.com



California Department of Fish and Wildlife



California's Central Valley rivers have seen incredibly strong steelhead returns this year

CDFW's Mokelumne River Hatchery recorded an all-time high of 1,749 fish returning to its facility. The Feather River Fish Hatchery exceeded its 2023 total of some 1,200 steelhead on the very first day it opened its fish ladder in January, wrapping up the spawning season with 2,277 returning fish. The Nimbus Fish Hatchery on the American River meanwhile saw 3,178 steelhead return to the hatchery in 2024, one of its highest totals in many years.

Questions? Email: Fisheries@wildlife.ca.go

California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Trout Season Opener April 27!



California's trout season opens on Saturday, April 27, one hour before sunrise throughout many counties in the state. CDFW's online, interactive Fishing Guide provides information about trout plants, boating locations, regulations, license sales agents and more. For anglers interested in learning more about wild trout and where to find them in their specific region, the Heritage and Wild Trout Program has resources explaining wild trout management and maps of Designated Wild and Heritage Trout Waters. For anglers feeling up to a challenge, CDFW also offers the Heritage Trout Challenge, which requires anglers to catch six different species of California native trout from their historic drainages!

Conservation

From Western Rivers Conservancy February 15, 2024

SOUTH FORK KERN RIVER THE WILD AND SCENIC KERN RIVERS

With pristine glacial headwaters, wild and scenic river status, renowned whitewater, diverse plant life, native cold-water fishes, and a Merle Haggard country song written in its honor, California's Kern River is a Golden State treasure through and through.

The Kern's two forks originate in the pristine high country of the Sierra Nevada: the North Fork collecting its waters from the glaciated heights of Mount. Whitney, and the South Fork flowing from the Boreal Plateau. They both course through the Golden Trout Wilderness, home of California's state fish, and through dramatic boulder-strewn granite canyons that keep the Kern running fast and furiously.

Before the forks of the Kern meet at Isabella Lake (a reservoir), they are designated wild and scenic along their entire lengths. They are wild enough that stretches of both rivers are nearly impossible to get to, and scenic enough that they make the bucket lists for hikers and boaters from all over California. In terms of the sheer diversity of life that the Kern system supports, in an area only several hours' drive from the most populated part of the state, the Kern is invaluable.

PROTECTING WATER, HABITAT AND HIKING ACCESS TO THE KERN PLATEAU

In summer 2021, Western Rivers Conservancy launched an effort to protect the 2,275-acre Fay Creek Ranch, located almost directly between the North and South forks of the Kern, at the heart of a transition zone between the High Sierras and the Mojave Desert. In this mostly arid land-scape, the ranch is prized for its abundant water, including several fresh-water springs, a hot spring and Fay Creek itself, which feed the South Fork Kern.

In September 2023, WRC purchased and then immediately transferred the western half of the ranch to the Kern River Valley Heritage Foundation, a local land trust, and the eastern half to the Tubatulabal Tribe of Kern Valley. The Tubatulabal have inhabited the lower areas of the southern Sierra Nevada, including the South Fork Kern and North Fork Kern river valleys, since time immemorial. Our joint efforts permanently protect the ranch's water and habitat, while securing public access to two trailheads on the property. The trails were historically used by the Tubatulabal and ascend from the valley floor up to the spectacular Kern Plateau.

Conserving the ranch is a tremendous benefit for the area's wildlife, including California condor, yellow-billed cuckoo, southwestern willow flycatcher, least Bell's vireo and foothill yellow-legged frog, all of which are endangered or threatened. Fay Creek Ranch's future will now be one that prioritizes fish and wildlife, and the people of California and beyond, who will always be able to access this beautiful area at the southern foot of the Sierra Nevada.

2024 Newsletter Articles Due Dates

May 8, 2024 June 12, 2024 July 10, 2024



If you would like to share your Fishing Story in the newsletter,

contact or send to:
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Deep Creek Fly Fishers -- Instagram

Follow @deepcreekflyfish

We are using Instagram to promote our activities, our meetings and speakers, our classes, our outings, our conservation, our Trout in the Classroom events, our fishing adventures, and anything else we are doing relating to the world of fly-fishing.

Share your fly fishing adventures with the club's Instagram. This will get you started on sharing your Instagram post with the club and is intended to cover the basics. Here is how to do it:

Create an account and then a username by signing up for Instagram via their app on your phone. For example our club's instagram name is @deepcreekflyfish. Once you have your @username, you are ready to start posting.

Post your pictures (up to 10) and write your caption, and use @deepcreekflyfish either as a tag (tag people section) or as a mention in the text of your post. By tagging/mentioning @deepcreekflyfish, your post will be sent to the club's account as a notification that we were tagged/mentioned by you. We can then re-post your pictures and caption to the club's page, which will then be seen by all of the club's instagram followers in their feed.

If you want your post to be seen by more than just the people that follow you, you can use hashtags in your caption, characterized by the symbol #. Including a # (or multiple) allows your post to be categorized with all of the other posts using the same #. For example, you finish writing the text of your post, and at the end of your caption you write #flyfishing. Your post will now be included in the #flyfishing feed across Instagram. So now every person that follows #flyfishing will see your post in their feed. Maybe you also tie flies, so following #flytying, #clouserminnow, and #troutflies would add every post using those #'s to your feed. Maybe you want the current posts from others about the Lower and Upper Owens or Crowley – so you follow #lowerowens, #upperowens, #crowleylake. Pretty soon your feed will show not only the posts of people you follow, but all of the #'s you follow as well. This is how you can tailor your feed to your exact interests, and is also a way get more people to see your posts and follow you.

If you have any questions at all about this, please don't hesitate to reach out via direct message on Instagram or by email at deepcreekinstagram@gmail.com.

Meeting Parking PARKING PERMITS REQUIRED FOR OUR MEETING NIGHTS

Be sure to ask for a 2023 Parking Permit when attending the monthly meetings. Per City ordinance, all vehicles parked in parking lots at Fairmount Park from dusk until dawn, without a permit will be ticketed. There is limited parking available in front of our clubhouse. Overflow parking is available directly across the street at Fairmont Park Golf Course.

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