

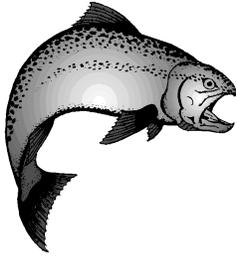
# Downey Fly Fishers

*"The Fishingest Club Around"*

May 2008

Monthly Newsletter

## Upcoming Events



May 13th

General Meeting 7pm  
Guy Jeans on fishing  
the Kern River

May 15th

Board Meeting 7pm  
Carl Laski's Home

June 7th

Installation Potluck  
4:30pm

No general meeting in  
June!

**Deadline for the June  
newsletter is May 28th**

Members who have access to  
E-mail can send stories,  
announcements or classified  
ads to: Liz Rasmussen or  
Brain Matthews

## At This Month's Meeting

Many of us have fished the Kern River in and around the Kernville area, but there is an abundance of back country water that can be fished within a short distance away from all of the weekend and day campers. Guy Jeans, owner of the Kern River Fly Shop will give a program on fishing those back country areas that can be reached by horse back and those of you that are avid backpackers. Guy will demo some patterns that he used for the back country at six.

Many wild native Kern River Rainbows and Golden Trout can be accessed by heading into the back country. Guy will go over the details on access and fishing these productive waters.

After this program you might ask why go out of state to experience great fishing for wild fish.

Guy Jeans is owner/guide of Kern River Fly Shop and Kern River Fly Fishing Guide Service located in Kernville, CA where he lives with his wife Raquel and two daughters, 4 year old Brooke Sierra and 1 month old Ellie Rayne. An avid fly fisherman of 25 years he spends around 250 days a year guiding fly fishing anglers from around the world in and around the Southern Sierras including the beautiful Golden Trout Wilderness. Guy also hosts and guides fly fishing anglers in northwest Montana as well. He writes fly fishing articles for magazines and newspapers in the Southwest and does 25 speaking engagements a year on the fly fishing opportunities of the Southern Sierras. He is also host of the critically acclaimed TV show and DVD "Sierra Fly Fishing". He is a contract fly designer for Solitude Fly Company and his Kern Emerger series is sold and fished around the world. His multimedia presentation is on the fly fishing techniques, entomology and the fly fishing opportunities of the Kern River Drainages and the Southern Sierras including the Golden Trout Wilderness.

<http://kernriverflyfishing.com/index.htm>

**THANKS TO YOU**

Submitted by Carl Laski

The Downey Fly Fishers held their annual White Elephant Sale in April 2008. This auction provides vital funds for our club to pay for guest speakers at our general meetings, meeting room, raffles, website, fly tying and rod building classes, as well as donations to organizations such as the Federation of Fly Fishers, Trout Unlimited, Cal Trout and Trout in the Classroom.

First, I would like Zino Nakasuji for his hard work on obtaining the donations from various vendors and manufacturers, as well as organizing and preparing for the event.

Next, thank you to Brian Matthews & Bob Stuart for keeping track of the auction proceeds and arranging the room.

Another thank you goes out to Brad Blancett who served as the auctioneer.

I would also like to thank the members who generously donated an item or items for the auction. Every contribution counts! I would like to give special recognition to John Woodling who donated several dozen of his artistic flies and Frank Kuhn for the beautiful shadow boxes.

Thanks to Britta & Marissa Laski for picking up the pizzas.

I would like to thank all of the members and guests (Chiaki Harami and Peter Koga) who attended and purchased items to help support our club.

Finally, I would like to thank the following companies who supported our fundraiser: Chota, Bauer-Premium Fly Reels, Regal Vise, R.L. Winston Rod Co., Simms, Wind River, G. Loomis, Galvan Fly Reels, Ross Reels, Waterworks - Lamson, Tibor Reel, Buck's Bags, Jim Teeny, Abel Reel, Fish Pond, Fly Rod & Reel Magazine, Frank Amato Publications, Jay Fair, Streamworks, and Conway Bowman.

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I am looking for someone to take over the duties of doing the newsletter. After doing it for 9 years I would like to turn it over to a fresh person! If you are interested I would be glad to help you get started and give you back up if needed.

Talk to me if you are interested,  
Liz

**Presidents Message**

This month we have our annual election for club officers and board members. There is no one on the ballot for President or Vice President. No one has stepped up to fill the positions. Please vote to fill in the board for the next term. The Installation Potluck will be Saturday June 7th at 4:30pm. There will be no general meeting in June.

The White Elephant Auction went very well! It was a fun and profitable day for the club. I want to thank everyone who helped to make the day such a success, especially Zino for all his hard work getting the donations and setting the event up.

If you haven't already done so please update your member information and pay your dues. You may mail them in or give them to Brian at the meeting.

See you at the meeting!  
Liz

**Ballot for 2008-2009 Officers**

President - \_\_\_\_\_ - Write in\*\*\*

Vice President - \_\_\_\_\_ - Write in\*\*\*

Secretary - Brian Matthews

Treasurer - Bob Stuart

Past President - Liz Rasmussen

**New 2 Year Board Members:** (vote for 4)

John Barnett

Brad Blancett

Jim Buchannan

Carl Laski

'Doc' Phil Solomon

Frank Russick

John Woodling

\_\_\_\_\_ - Write in\*\*\*

**Returning 1 Year Board Members:** (no need to vote)

Mike Jedlick

Eric Rasmussen

Bill Shelly

Terry Matsuura

\*\*\*Write in's must be your own name or someone that you have talked to and will accept the nomination.

## **Fishing the Uk**

Submitted by Zino Nakasuji

Marcia and I made it out to the UK in April and I managed to fish with a couple of great Scottish anglers that Ray Sugiyama and I met last September while steelheading in BC.

We spent the first part of our trip in London and had a fab time checking out the many historical sites around London. We overheard a gal talking on her cell phone complaining about the 80 pounds she spent filling up her car that day. Well 80 pounds sounds like a lot but with the exchange rate, that converts to \$160.00 and most of the Brits drive small cars with a stick shift! Thank goodness for their public transit system! Their subway, known as The Tube, was a lot easier to use than our experiences with the New York subway system.

We flew out to Aberdeen, Scotland, to hook up with Andrew Buchan, who arranged for me to fish with him on the Spey River and the North Esk River. The Spey River is to Spey Casters as St. Andrews is to golfers. They both have their roots in Scotland.

When it comes to steelheading or Atlantic salmon angling with a fly rod, it really comes down to casting, casting, casting and casting! I'm not a great spey caster and I was very anxious about embarrassing myself in front of the other anglers. There were only me, Andrew and two UK fellows, Anthony and Mark, on this whole beat known as the Tulcan B beat (one of the better beats for spring fishing). The only angler I saw fishing the whole day was Andrew. The Spey Gods were with me this day, because I was able to cast very well with Andrew's Sage 9141 spey rod with a 9/10/11 Rio Windcutter line. The Windcutter isn't the easiest line for me to cast but I was on the money most of the day with this set up. The Spey is a pretty large river with rolling hills as a back drop. The trees were bare and not ready to sprout for another week or two. The temps were in the 40s in the morning and got up

to the low 50s in the afternoon. It was a great overcast day with only a few drizzles. The water was clear with a peaty coloration like a fine Scotch Single Malt. The sight of salmon to 15 pounds jumping near the center of the river gave us hope for a tug on our lines. That wouldn't be the case, but like I said, it's all in the casting and if you have your cast going, you can have a Zen like experience just casting on this magnificent river! Later that afternoon, a size 14 March Brown hatch started to come off and the sea trout (sea run brown trout) 2 - 3 pounds started to take the duns off the top. Boy, I wished that I had a 6wt with a dry at the end of my leader! The gillies frown on fishing for sea trout when you are supposed to be targeting the salmon. Earlier that day, Andrew landed a 3 pound sea trout while spey casting. Roddy, our gillie, told me that spring run salmon have soft mouths and to keep a light drag on the reel so that the hook won't pull out of that soft mouth. That advice from Roddy turned out to be prophetic when we fished the North Esk the next day.

The North Esk is a smaller river but known to be a prolific river for its size. It has that same peaty coloration as the Spey but has less of a gradient so the riffles are not as pronounced as the Spey's. We had access to the Stracathro Beat and we met the owner of the beat as I was fishing the Junction Pool.

We didn't have a Gillie on the Esk, but Andrew's friend, Dave McLane, came with us to show us where to fish. He fished the Stracathro two days prior, but didn't catch anything. Two salmon were caught the day he fished and they were both hooked on the dangle (end of the swing). A lady angler had landed a 24 pound fish the week prior on the dangle. I made sure that I didn't lose concentration at the end of my swings! Andrew noticed that I was using the snap-T cast and he suggested that I switch to a single spey so that I wouldn't disrupt the smooth run as much as with the snap-T. I normally have problems with the single spey but with the Guide Line, "Easy Cast" 8/9 head, I was able to

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easily single spey to the far bank! I ended up single speying most of the entire day! Dave's mention of the two fish caught on the dangle and Andrew's suggestion on using the single spey were key elements in hooking one and landing another fish on the North Esk.

I was on the upper part of the Junction Pool when a fish took my fly at the top quarter of my swing. The fish just came up stream as I cranked the reel handle. It was like leading a dog on a leash. I didn't know it at the time, but the fish that I landed later acted this same way. I never saw color but when the fish got to within two rod lengths, it decided to move away into the current and suddenly the hook pulled out. There was nothing I could do, but at least I got a hook up. I got back into my casting mode and fished out the run until I got to the Lower Junction Pool. Dave came by to check on how I was doing. As my fly was completing its swing a fish pulled the loose fly line loop that I had in my rod hand and I let it come tight to the reel. With a pull to the bank I had a fish on. I started cranking this fish in just like the first fish and just as before the fish suddenly woke up and sped off into the current. It was a tough 10 minute battle but I finally got the fish to within netting range. Dave was about to scoop the fish into the net, but it got a second wind and the drag started to whine one last time. Dave just kept telling me to relax and "enjoy the moment". We finally got the fish into the net and I must say it put up a great battle. I landed the 9 pound fish on a 13' 8wt spey rod made in Aberdeen with that Guide Line 8/9 head and a Cascade Atlantic Salmon Fly. The fish was chrome fresh from the ocean with sea lice still on the tail.

Andrew was a gracious host that enjoys helping others experience a truly wonderful angling experience in Scotland. I have to say that great guys like Andrew surround themselves with wonderful people like Simon and our best non-professional Gillie, Dave McLane!



SOUTHERN UTAH, WEDNESDAY 4-16-08 and THURSDAY 4-17-08

Submitted by Ron Sakoda

I arrived in Loa about 3:00 p.m on Wednesday, checked in to my motel at Bicknell and thought I would try fishing the upper Fremont River. Drove up to the bridge, parked, got out, and started to explore the river to see if I can scare up some trout. The Fremont River is in a fairly steep valley. The wind was blowing and it was also very cold. As I walked around, I noticed a fog bank or some kind of mist coming down the mountain along the valley. Then I saw some white particle blowing past me and for a moment (being a city dweller), I just thought It was fog. The wind got stronger and the particles got larger -- it was snowing and it was moving horizontally. I was in a snow storm. I enjoyed the moment for about 1/2 hour and when everything started to get white, I knew I should leave.

I went to Bicknell to have dinner and decided to try fishing the Lower Fremont River. Drove to the site, set up my 3 wt. fly rod, made 3 casts and decided it was too cold to fish any more. I wondered what weather tomorrow will bring?

At 8:30 a.m. I met up with fishing guide, Mike James in Loa. It turned out to be a beautiful day, still cold. The thermometer outside his fly shop read 30 degrees. We spent the morning fishing part of the Fremont River called the Bottom just outside of Bicknell. We walked the Bottom quite extensively searching and casting different types types of midges - NOTHING. We quit to have lunch at the Sun Glow restaurant in Bicknell where a pretty waitress gave me a slice of the World Famous Sun Glow pickle pie. Mike and I tried to decide what the pie tasted like. We decided It didn't taste like chicken because a lot of food tasted like chicken like rattlesnakes, frog legs, and alligators.

After lunch Mike drove us to Playland canyon where we fished the water coming out of the Forsythe Reservoir. I fished upstream using Copper Johns and Pheasant Tails with trailing midges. I caught some Browns and Tiger trout when Mike said "don't cast to the dead deer." Sure enough, a dead deer was in the river with its ribs exposed and the meat around it was gone. Mike said that's a sure sign that a mountain lion had started to devour it. We didn't stay there too long.

We walked to a "honey hole" in Redemption canyon where I must have caught 20-25 trout, nice size, about 14-16 inches which were taking midge pattern nonstop. I caught Tiger trout, Browns. and Splake trout (hybrid cross between a Brook and Lake trout).

What a day, climbed out of the canyon and returned to Loa about 6:00 p.m.

New experiences:

Sideway snow

Mountain lioned deer

Caught Tiger troutJJ

Caught Splake trout

Had a piece of Sun Glow's World Famous pickle pie.

Had a Cameo apple

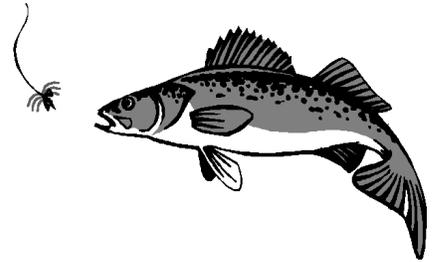
And met the friendliest people you could ever meet!

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# Downey Fly Fishers

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## 2007-2008 Membership Application

Member's Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name (non member) \_\_\_\_\_

Participating Children (names and ages under 18) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Renewing Individual and Family Memberships- \$40.00

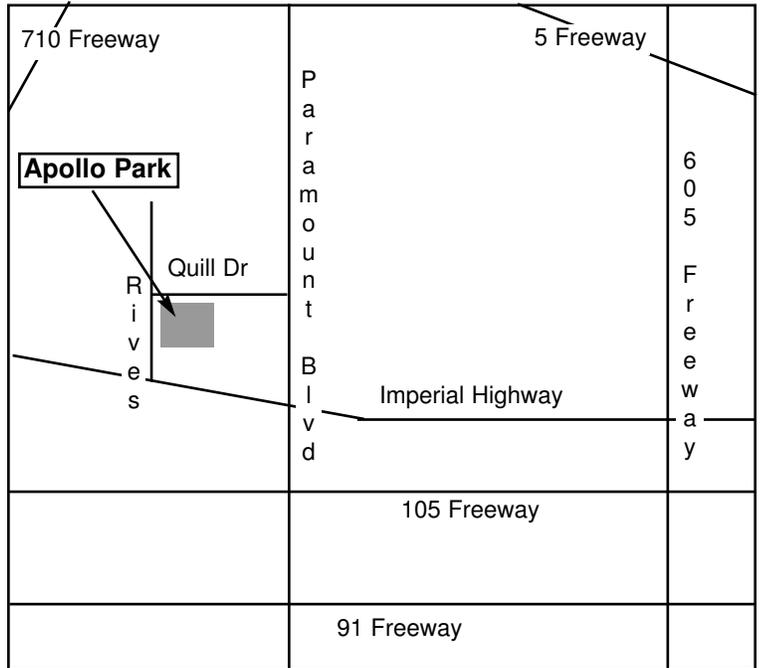
New Individual or Family Memberships add \$5.00 Initiation Fee- Total \$45.00

### Club Objectives and Purpose

1. To promote, maintain and enjoy all phases of fly fishing.
2. To maintain a high standard of true sportsmanship and promote social relations among it's members.
3. We, individually, undertake to take at least one youth fly fishing annually; instructing them, to the best of our ability, in the art and responsibilities that are soon to be wholly theirs.
4. To fraternize and cooperate with organizations whose aims and purposes are for the protection and betterment of California fisheries, to preserve our waters and to promote our sport.
5. To promote instruction and information in fly casting, fly tying, rod building, and entomology. These classes will be open to the public and free of charge.

*Downey Fly Fishers Supports;  
Federation of Fly Fishers, California Trout, and Trout Unlimited*

**DFF Supports;**



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**This Month's Meeting**  
**May 13th**  
**Apollo Park Senior Center**  
**12458 Rives Ave, Downey**



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