

Downey Fly Fishers January 2015

**Club meeting:
Monday 1/5/15
6pm - 9pm**



Help us welcome Guy Jeans, one of California's most successful fly shop owners and influential anglers.

Fly fishing guide and Kern River Fly Shop Owner, Guy Jeans, has been fly fishing the Southern Sierra area for over 30 years. For the year of 2014, he has instructed and taught over 650 people and currently spends over 200 days a year guiding on the waters that cover a major portion of the Southern Sierra Region, which includes the Sequoia National Forest and the Golden Trout Wilderness. The majority of Guy's time is spent on the Kern River and its Tributaries. Anglers come from all over the world to catch three of California's Native Trout which are found only in their native habitat throughout the Southern Sierra streams. These trout are California Golden Trout, the Kern River Rainbow, and the Little Kern Golden.

In addition to guiding along the Kern River, Guy's expert guiding and superb teaching led him to being asked to be a host for fly fishing trips and to be a guide in Northwestern Montana. He also provides casting clinics and lectures at numerous sportsmen shows and events, and teaches fly fishing in the California surf.

In 2004, Guy created and was a charter member of the Southern Sierra Fly Fishers Club located in Kernville, California. In 2014, the Southern Sierra Fly Fishers received the McKenzie Cup from the International Federation of Fly Fishers (IFFF) for their conservation work on the Kern River Rainbow as well as their very popular "Kids Fly Fishing Academy" held every spring.



Guy is recognized as a IFFF Certified Casting Instructor and in 2012, received the “Lee Wulff Award” from the IFFF. He is the host of the critically acclaimed DVDs, Volume I “Sierra Fly Fishing - The Lower Kern River” and Volume II, “The Kern River in the Golden Trout Wilderness”. Guy occasionally writes fly fishing articles for magazines and newspapers such as Southwest Fly Fishing Magazine. Throughout the year, Guy lectures and teaches at various clubs and events on the fly fishing opportunities of the Southern Sierra. He is a contractual fly designer for Solitude Fly Company. Guy's most popular design, the “Kern Emerger” series, is sold and fished internationally.

Guy was born and raised in the beautiful coastal town of Ventura, California, where he enjoyed surfing and fishing. In addition to these activities, Guy made a living composing, writing and performing music for various bands as a pianist/singer. As a musician traveling to different areas of the west to perform, he discovered the Kern River and many other waters of the Southern Sierra. The love Guy developed for the waters he encountered over 30 years ago eventually led to pioneering a fly-fishing guide service, a fly-fishing school and opening, “Kern River Fly Shop”. In Guy's spare time, he still performs today with his newly-created band, “Stoneflies”. While promoting their CD, “Emergence” they perform at music festivals and various benefit concerts to raise money for breast cancer research and educational foundations. Guy will demo leader rigs for the Kern from 6 to 7.

Guy is recognized as a Pro Staff member for Redington Fly Rods and Hatch Reels. In addition, he is a Simms Guide Ambassador for Simms fishing products.