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Sunday 12 noon after the meeting

Send Articles and Fishing Reports
to: HDF4trout@gmail.com

Next General Meeting:
Date: Tuesday Aug 14th 2018
Time: 7:00 pm.

Location:
Apple Valley Fire Station
19235 Yucca Loma Rd.
Apple Valley, Ca
www.hidesertflyfishers.com



Meeting Location

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The Voice of the Fly Box



A Break from Our Norm

It was refreshing to do something different last month in the way of an outing. We mostly stay in an RV type campground but a few brave souls from the club broke with the norm. We were treated to a magnificent thick forest with lush green meadows with a great freestone river full of native trout. We moved to the great outdoors a slept in our tents. No power very limited phone coverage and pit toilets. Were we roughing it? No we had all we needed. There were things we had to do like putting our food stuff away because of bears that were in the area. The deer were all around as well as the ground squirrels and chipmunks which was another reason to store away our food. Fishing was a dream. The fish were willing to hit almost any fly that hit the water but not just any old time. The water temperature in the early morning was around 53 degrees and warmed up to 55 degrees at about 10 AM. The fish were very active at 10 AM so we got to sleep and make a good breakfast each morning. The fishing lasted through the noon hour till about

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4 or 5 in the afternoon. The stream does not get a lot of fishing pressure and in the area we stayed it has not been planted for several years so the native population has grown over the last few years. It used to be mostly rainbow, due to the stocking, but now it seems that the Browns have talked over. You will still catch an occasional rainbow, brook or even a hybrid golden. Many years ago and a few miles upstream a pack mule carrying golden fry went over in the river and the fry populated the river. In and near the campground we caught mostly 8 to 10 inch fish outside the campground the fish we caught went up to 16 inches. This is better then when the stream was planted on a regular basis. Kids in the camp ground were able to catch fish and were very happy with the smaller fish. Our group fished nothing but dry flies because it was just too tempting to have that fish strike at your fly where you could see it. I do know that nymphing would work just as well if not better but the dry fly was too much fun. For the big fish people there are areas where the fish go to 3 pounds or more very close but they do require a small walk. We were having so much fun we opted out of the walk.

Saturday morning 2 of us went up the hill to Mammoth Lakes for the Crowley trip. We had seen the lake earlier and the weed beds had crowds around them and both of us didn't want to fish the lake as we were having so much fun camping and fishing the river. We picked up only one in town, had breakfast and we all headed back down the hill and had a great time fishing. We do hope anyone fishing the lake had a great time and hope you caught a lot of fish.

For general information there is a group camp where we could all go in one site and yes motor-homes and large trailers will fit in the campground. The fees are \$23 per night and \$7 for an extra vehicle, I have a senior pass so I paid 11.50 per night.

I parting just a word to any who plan on a trip there we found that large flies worked well and they really liked grizzly hackle. You will get a chance to use your 8, 10, and size 12 hooks that sit in the back of your fly box. Have fun and tight lines.

John Aydelotte



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Tuesday Meeting

Kern River Conservancy



Hi- Desert Fly Fishers is pleased to welcome Gary Ananian, Founder of the Kern River Conservancy

The Kern River is one of California's most pristine watersheds. Located in the Southern Sierra Nevada Mountains, with its headwaters originating at Mount Whitney, the tallest mountain in the continental United States. The mighty Kern stretches 165 miles and is fed by an array of alpine lakes and tributaries which flow through Sequoia National Park, Golden Trout Wilderness and Sequoia National Forest and out to the San Joaquin Valley.

In 1987, the Kern River was designated as "Wild & Scenic" by Congress under the National Wild & Scenic Rivers Act. The Kern River attracts over a half a million visitors and outdoor enthusiasts every year for its world class whitewater rafting, fly fishing, Giant Sequoias and outstanding recreational opportunities. The Kern River is home to California's 3 native heritage trout; the Kern River Rainbow, Little Kern Golden, and California's official state fish, The Golden Trout.

Through visitor engagement, local education and an impressive work effort, the Kern River Conservancy have dramatically improved the environmental impacts on the Kern River. Thanks to the Kern River Conservancy and its founder, Gary Ananian, this pristine watershed is no longer being loved to death.

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Silver Creek Project

From Gary Applebee



The Silver Creek Project has been removing brook trout from a Lahontan cutthroat trout recovery stream, and has been a collaboration over the years with SWC, CalTrout, Trout Unlimited, and California Department of Fish and Wildlife. Lahontan Cutthroat Trout (LCT) are listed on the endangered species list. Brook trout were illegally stocked into Silver Creek in the stream in the early 2000's. Brook trout out compete LCT when feeding, are prolific spawners, and prey upon LCT young. Typically in a full summer we will remove 6,000-8,000 brook trout. The ratio has been about 450 brook trout to one LCT. This year CDFW's schedule won't allow them to be up there for the whole season. They will be on Silver Creek for one week in September and a week in October, focusing on removing spawning brook trout. We don't want to lose any of the hard work we have done up on Silver Creek.

When we started this project we knew it was going to take about ten years. This will be the sixth year. Dawne Emery (the DFW Fisheries Biologist for Region 6) and I are going up for two weekends in August to do some E-fishing and remove brook trout. The weekends are August 17-19 and 24-26. This will be a weekend effort so 2-3 days of working. We will do some work on Friday afternoon 2-3 hours, all day Saturday 8am-4pm, and half a day on Sunday 8am-noon. We will camp out at the campground at the end of the dirt road species(elevation is 8,500 feet). We will be E-fishing in the meadow area above the campground. Dawne and I will be running the shockers. We will need 4-5 netters, a person on the live car (capture bucket), a person or two to process brook trout, and a data person. We can have from 7-9 people helping out.

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Project Healing Waters Victorville is going well with 5 active members and 2 more returning to the group in the next 2 or three weeks. We are starting fly tying and looks forward to the trip to Jess Ranch. I will be going to Maryland for a weekend for training in September. Mike has handled the last two meetings and we are looking for a fishing adventure for the group.



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I have started doing a little writing on fly fishing ,with the idea of a book at some later date so I thought I would share a little with you. It's a little rough but you may enjoy. Editor

Of Trout, Bugs, and Fishermen

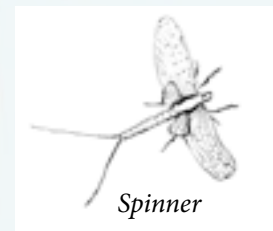
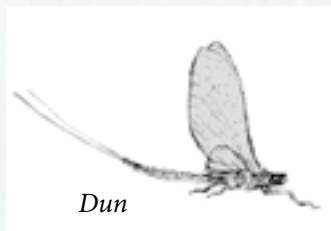
Mayflies (Ephemeroptera)

Mayflies are what comes to my mind when I think of traditional dry fly fishing. To me when they first appear on the water they look like little sail boats with their upright triangular wings. They seem so relaxed without a care in the world, then all of a sudden they fall pray to a trout. I love fishing a good hatch of mayflies and if I do it right I catch my share of fish. If the fish are locked into the hatch you better know how to fish it, or your luck just run out for a while. Knowing your mayflies will give you a great advantage over other fishermen and the trout. You don't need to know a bunch of long hard to pronounce names, but sometimes it helps, as some people use them, so I will include them alongside the not so scientific names. Let's get started and see what you can learn about the Mayfly.

There are over 600 species of Mayflies in North America. The adults are uniform in appearance differing in size and color. The nymphs are divided into 4 main types suited to the habitat where they live. Mayflies are found in streams and lakes and almost any water that is suited to trout is suited to Mayflies. To Identify Mayflies (Ephemeroptera) nymphs look for these seven things.

1. Three major body regions, head, thorax, and abdomen
2. Six legs each ending in a single sharp claw
3. Have two, or more commonly, three tails
4. Have two short antennae on the head
5. One pair of wing pads on top (dorsal side) of thorax note: in the early stages of development these may not yet be developed.
6. Gills on top or sides of abdomen
7. Abdomens have 10 segments

The adult stage has 2 pair of triangular upright wings and two, or less commonly three tails. The front legs of the male are extra long. The male also has a pair of clasper-like forceps at the end of the abdomen. These are used in the mating process. The Mayfly is also very unique in having two adult stages first the dun (subimago) and then the spinner (imago) stage. The dun (subimago) have a dull gray color, the genitalia and legs are incompletely developed, and the wings have a fringe of hair.



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FISHING REPORTS

LOWER OWENS RIVER FLY FISHING : BISHOP, CA 8.07.18

From: [SIERRA TROUT MAGNET](#)

Recently the Lower Owens has become the main recipient of all the precipitation being dumped on the Eastern Sierra this past month! This did bring the flows up to above 500cfs at the time of writing this report which makes getting around the river a little harder, but, the fish are still there and active! Fishing here is only recommended with an experienced STM guide or an angler who knows exactly where to go and how to fish in this runoff situation. Caution is advised when entering the water on the Lower Owens at current levels. Stoneflies, Yellow Sallies, some Hoppers and Baetis are a few things fish have been eating on the surface. Underwater the nymphs are doing very well as usual. Lots of PT variations, Midges and Green Caddis are being eaten under the waters surface. Check in with the shop before attempting this river if you have any questions.

UPPER OWENS RIVER FLY FISHING - 5.21.18

From: [SIERRA TROUT MAGNET](#)

No new update on this report. See last months news letter.

From: [The Kern River Fly Shop](#)

Upper Kern River 20 Mile Section 8-06-18 (north of Kern River Fly Shop to Johnsondale Bridge) The Upper Kern is finally starting to clear up and running below 300 cfs. Anglers are having more success fishing early in the morning and nymphing deep. FB pheasant tails and bright attractors like the Tungsten Teddy are the ticket in these warm and tea stained conditions.

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Treasurer Report

July 31st 2018

Checking account \$3,195.19

Savings account \$2,293.62

A detailed financial report for June 2018 will be available for full review at our July 2018 club meeting.



CALENDER

Whats Happening

August

14th General Meeting 7pm

19th Fly tying workshop 12 noon at Barry Bishops

September

11th General Meeting 7 pm,

16th Fly tying workshop 12 noon at Barry Bishops

30th HDFS Annual Picnic