



Fly Fishing through Midlife Heaven with Jeff Currier



dreams.

Jeff wanted to focus on being an artist, pursue a career speaking about fly fishing, do more writing and, best of all, not have to ask permission every time he had an opportunity to go on a fishing trip. His friends and family told him he was crazy, but his wife fully supported his decision.

Let's just say opportunities to go on fishing trips have

While many men in their fifties experience what is commonly labeled a "Midlife Crisis," Jeff Currier believes he may have died and gone to heaven. In 2009, during the most difficult financial times America had experienced since the Great Depression, Jeff quit his day job of running a fly shop for almost 25 years and took off on his own. Why? To follow his

been the bulk of Jeff's new career. Since that last day in the fly shop, Jeff has traveled to more than 50 countries, added 100 pages to his passport and caught more than 200 new species of exotic fish to lengthen what was already his long list.



No doubt Jeff has been fortunate. During his "Fly Fishing through Midlife Heaven" presentation, you will be able to relax and enjoy the stories of how these amazing trips landed in Jeff's lap. Then, tighten

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First Prize — Redington Classic Trout 6wt 9ft 4pc rod

Second Prize — TFO BVK Series Reel 4wt

Third Prize — Clear Creak Wader Duffle

Big Barrel

Net, Zinger, One dozen flies and box, Rio Line Cleaning Kit

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



It's hard to believe that with the Santa Ana winds raging and fire season in full swing that we have officially entered the Fall season. As a relative newcomer to California (only 37 years now) I can remember when we had more seasonal variation with chilly winters and lots of rain. Our best hope is that our local fish will sit up and pay attention to Fall conditions and start chomping down on huge streamers – that's what they're supposed to do after all. At least the saltwater fishing has been hot for yellowtail inshore and yellow fin and dorado on the blue water trips I recommended last month. This month I am off to Colorado to try my luck on the Yampa and Elk Rivers – check the newsletter and Facebook page to follow my adventure. If adventures are to your taste and you are approaching or even if you have passed midlife crisis, do not miss Jeff Currier's exotic program in October. I guarantee you will want to sell the house, the car, the dogs and the kids and get on a plane to where he goes. Speaking of trips, we still have a few left over from the September fundraiser and you will find details in this edition. I would like to thank the forty or so brave souls who attended the annual auction and fundraiser and especially the active bidders who walked away with great deals on rods, reels, clothing and trips. In light of the huge amount of work Steve Esgate and his team put into the event, I was really disappointed by the poor showing. The Board are currently trying to find ways to attract the 200 or so non-attendees. Do not be surprised if you are asked to fill out a survey so we can work to make this event more successful, either by changing its date, its format or the venue. I am always open to your ideas and, if you have practical suggestions on how we can restore the fundraiser to its former glory, please contact me by phone or email. By now you will have heard of the upcoming Faire in Bishop – the Club is teaching on Friday afternoon and I will be demystifying the double haul on Saturday. Again on November 5th the Club will be fielding teams for the Kern Tournament, a light hearted and very amusing event, and a great opportunity to meet new friends and learn new techniques. If you want to brush up your casting skills Michael Peratis and I are usually by the lake at Balboa park in the first and third Saturdays of the month. Come on a windy day and I will show you the wind is your friend even though you don't believe it. And remember that Jeff Currier's program in October is one of the best you will ever see – if you are not having dinner, we have a special surprise for you (one you will like) and buy lots of raffle tickets! *Marshall*

TAKE YOUR CASTING TO THE NEXT LEVEL

SPFF is working with the Pasadena Casting Club to offer an intermediate casting class. This is a great opportunity to learn new skills and take a first step towards perhaps becoming a CI (Certified Instructor.) The classes will be held at the Pasadena Casting Pond over two Saturdays from 9.00am till 12 noon – December 3rd and 10th and will cost \$60 for both sessions. The topics will be:

- Double Haul
- Accuracy
- Adding Distance
- Presentation Casts

There are class prerequisites since this is an intermediate class. Instructors will be FFF Masters and CI's.

- Ability to reliably false cast to 40'
- Able to roll cast 40'
- Able to extend line while false casting

If you are interested, please contact: Marshall Bissett on marshallbissett@gmail.com

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PLEASE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

By Jay Bushore, Membership Chair

The members of Sierra Pacific Flyfishers look forward to meeting you. We hope to get to know you better at the Monthly Dinner Meetings, in our educational programs and on the water. SPFF always welcomes new members.

Members, please introduce yourselves to new members at our monthly dinner meetings and make them feel welcome!



Christopher May
Ken Wilson
Ron Ress



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your seatbelt as Jeff treats you to fly fishing for tigerfish in Tanzania, golden mahseer in India, a variety of salt-water species from the Red Sea of Sudan, as well as the islands of the Seychelles. And

last but not least, be ready to see the arapaima, the world's largest game fish succumb to a fly in the rainforest of Guyana.

Jeff was born in Massachusetts and grew up fly fishing throughout New England. Today he resides in Victor, Idaho with his wife Yvonne (affectionately known to all as Granny) where he bases his globetrotting career in fly fishing.



Jeff's articles, photographs and artwork have graced the pages of magazines, catalogs, brochures and books. He is the author of *Currier's Quick and Easy Guide to Saltwater Fly Fishing* and *Currier's Quick and Easy Guide to Warm-*



water Fly Fishing guide books. These books have become the standard introductions to saltwater and warmwater fly fishing. When not fishing or writing, Jeff is usually found working on one of his favorite hobbies, painting

fish. His fish art decorates T-Shirts, fly reels, coffee mugs, books, magazines and his original watercolors are always in high demand.

Jeff is also a sought after expert for television programs, appearing on *Fishing the West*, *Fly Fishing the World*, *In Search of Fly Water*, *Reel*



Adventures, *Fly Fish TV* and *Fly Fish America*. Jeff was also a featured angler in the popular fly fishing DVDs *Evolution*, *Carpland*, *Waypoints*, *Connect* and *Soulfish 2*. Resized

Although Jeff spends much of his time fly fishing for trout, he is a walking encyclopedia of fly fishing for species worldwide. He is an IGFA World Record holder and National Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame Record holder and has fished in more than fifty-five countries and caught



325 species of fish on the fly.

Jeff has won numerous fly casting competitions, the Jackson Hole "One Fly" and competed throughout the world in fly fishing. Jeff's

most recognized accomplishment was leading Team USA to its first ever top-ten finish in the World Flyfishing Championships in Jaca, Spain. During the competition, Jeff managed to fool fish on every venue and placed third in the individual standings, becoming the first American ever to take home a medal in the thirty-year history of the Championships.



He is an active member of the R.L. Winston Rod Co Professional Advisory Team, as well as Simms, Scientific Anglers, Costa Sunglasses, Yeti, Bauer Reels and Kate's Real Foods. Jeff is a "Fishing Ambassador" for Yellow Dog Flyfishing Adventures hosting exotic trips and exploring new destinations.

Jeff has always been a favorite with our club, as he brings us a sense of humor, enthusiasm, approachability and more than forty years of entertaining and informative experiences.

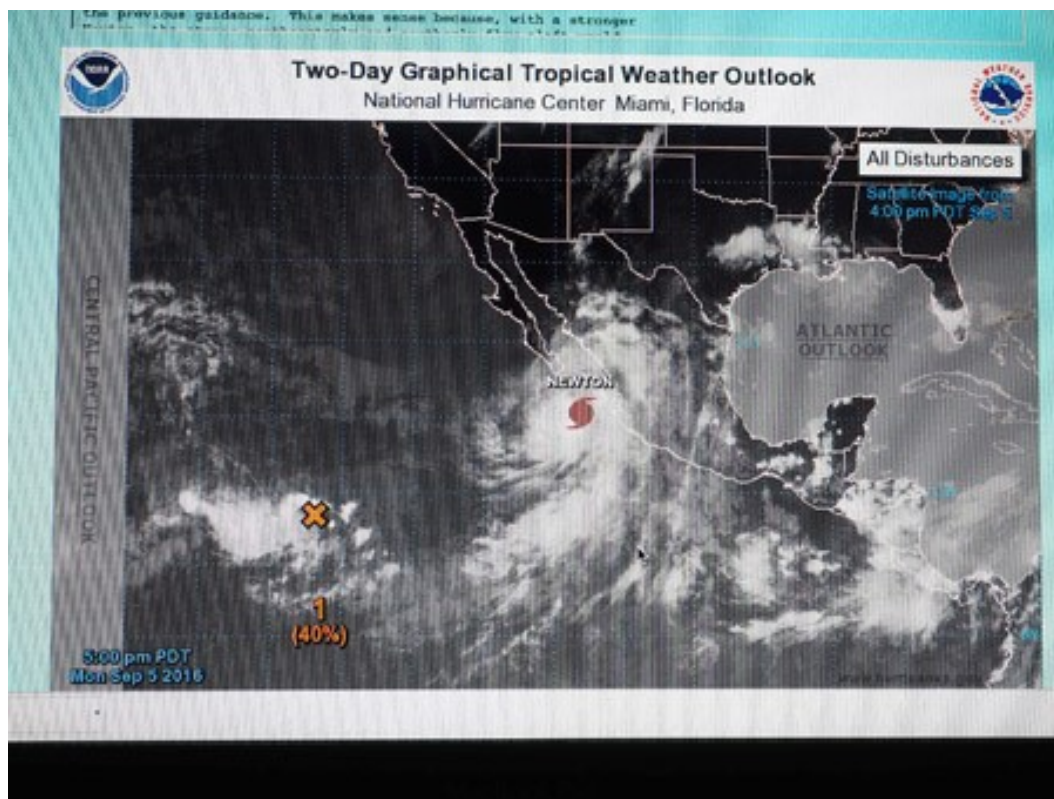
You can follow Jeff's global fly fishing adventures, exploits, tips, advice, photography and story-telling on his expanding blog and informative website: <http://www.jeffcurrier.com>



HURRICANE SCHMURRICANE!

By Marshall Bissett

When a bunch of crazed saltwater fly fishers get together, it is impossible to dampen their spirits. My annual trip to Baja with a group of crime and thriller writers held the prospect of little to no live bait and the possibility of a couple of rainy days. When by day three these rainy days turned into Hurricane Newton with winds up to 85 mile per hour and ocean swells of over fifteen feet, there was no choice but to sit it out and take a road trip to the local villages and abandoned silver mines in nearby San Antonio, MX. The trip was hosted by local guide and past Club speaker Gary Bulla who, in his thirty years of taking groups to the Sea of Cortez has seen it all. The days following New-



ton were blessed with clear skies and lots of hungry dorado. The traditional technique of chumming fish (mainly dorado, yellowfin tuna and rooster-



fish) with live sardinas had to be replaced with the panga captain tossing a huge bass type plug/teaser and attracting fish with surface commotion. This worked well enough to bring at least twenty curious dorado to the boat every day. Good sized dorado and yellowfin are a key element of the local food chain and, using words I may never repeat, we often had "too much sushi." No huge fish were boated but a twenty pound dorado on a nine or ten weight rod is a challenge. These fish are noted for being huge show offs making gigantic leaps for the camera and changing color like an actress changing costumes. The tuna fight is more of a

deep extended battle of wills where large arbors and strong drags give the angler some advantage. Interestingly, as our group fly fished alongside commercial fishermen hand lining tuna

from pangas, the live bait or baited cut squid did not produce more fish. In many cases the "fly guys" out fished the "bait guys." This diverse group definitely produced more great stories as you might expect from top selling novelists. And, yes, they are not above the old "ones that got away" plot lines. If you get a chance to go on one of Gary's adventures, check it out on www.garybulla.com and tell him Marshall sent you!



2016 Annual Fundraising Auction

By Marshall Bissett

With a disappointing turnout of less than 50 fifty members, the Club's annual fund drive provided great opportunities for bargain hunters, but did not swell the funds for education and conservation compared to previous years. Bear in mind that we have a 50 person minimum for dinner and the Club has to pay the short-fall when



attendance is low. Many of the 25 guided trips were sold for minimum bids and the live auction also raised less revenue than last year, but still made for a lively evening and some big winners. Over the next few weeks the Board will be weighing the elements that make up a



successful annual fundraiser and may decide to survey the over 200 members who did not participate or who spent less than in prior years. It may be that members have too much gear or have found alternate (Internet) sources to buy. It has also been suggested that many



members are out of town in September and that we should consider moving the event to March. The range of items for



sale was consistent with history and may also need to be revised. That being said, thanks are certainly due to Steve Es-gate and his team for sourcing all

the products, to Michael Peratis, Debbie Sharpton and Mike Hembree for checkout and the many volunteers who came early to set up. If you have any ideas on how we can attract

more members/bidders to the event, please do not hesitate to contact me or any Board member.





Volunteer Opportunity!

Become an SPFF Project Healing Waters Volunteer.

Spend time with a Veteran and share the wonderful world of Fly Fishing.

We teach fly casting, fly tying, show a fishing video from time to time, share fishing trip stories, go fishing occasionally, and always have a FUN TIME!

Many of the Veterans have become SPFF club members and are enjoying attending SPFF monthly dinner meetings, learning to fly cast and tie flies, and are making new fly fishing friends.

So Come Join the Fun!
1st and 3rd Thursday
4:00 PM to 5:45 PM
Sepulveda Vet Center
9739 Haskell Avenue
Sepulveda / Mission Hills, CA
91343

Send an email to David Hoffberg,
Project Healing Waters Program
Lead dhoffberg@aol.com



SWC IFFF Fly Tying Contest

The Carson Fly Fishing Club is hosting a fly tying contest limited to members of clubs in the Southwest Council. The flies will be raffled off as a group at the SWC IFFF Fly Fishing Faire in Bishop that takes place October 14-16, and all proceeds will go to the Southwest Council of Fly Fishers. Participants do not have to be members of the IFFF, just a current member of a SWC club.

The contest rules and entry forms for the three tying divisions are detailed in the document linked below. If you need additional information, there is an address on the contest introduction page.

[http://
www.carsonflyfishingclub.com/
files/2016SWCFlyTyingContest.pdf](http://www.carsonflyfishingclub.com/files/2016SWCFlyTyingContest.pdf)



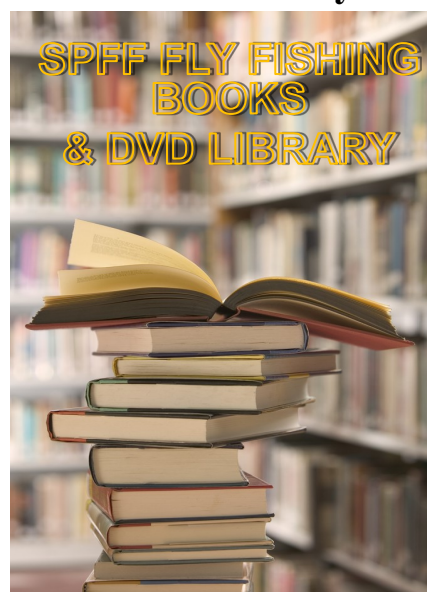
90 Day Renewal Notice

Members - Do not forget to renew your membership for 2017. You won't want to miss out on all the fun we have planned for next year!

Plans include:

Club outings such as Super Bowl, ITFF, GSO, plus clinics, tournaments, and more!

SPFF Library



You can "browse the stacks" online by going to the www.spff.org website.

All materials are available for members to check out at *no charge*.

A link is provided to contact our Librarian.



EDITOR'S NOTES

FLY PAPER ENTRIES—Please email copies of your photos or "jpegs" at the unedited, original size and other newsletter items to Glen Atkinson at:

news@spff.org

DEADLINE:
3rd Thursday each month
by 5 PM (Dinner Meeting)

7th ANNUAL SWCFFF INTER-CLUB KERN RIVER TOURNAMENT

Club Members – This is your chance to help your Club field a couple of teams for this great event. Win or lose, it is a lot of fun and a great chance to learn the tricks of the Kern River. The Club pays the entry fees so your only costs will be hotels and the dinner on Saturday night. Here are the details:

Date: Saturday November 5, 2016

Place: Kern River

Purpose: Fund raiser for SWCFFF

Participants: 5 members per team
(Controllers no longer required)

Time to:

* Test your skills against the other SWCFFF clubs

* Meet members belonging to other clubs.

* Help raise funds for the SWCFFF.

* Get your Club's name on the trophy & bragging rights for a year.

Each club selects 5 fly fishers to this event, based upon their own criteria. The tournament format has completely changed. We will no longer have beats. There will be approx. one mile long sections where the participant can fish anywhere within the section. This will allow participants to enter easily accessible water and fish areas that are more suitable to their liking. This is a "catch and release" event, take pictures of your catch. There will be two (morning & afternoon) 2 hour sessions.



Rules:

1. Just fly fish in your own section and allow space between you and your competitors.

Meet at the Kern River Fly Shop at 8:00 am November 5, 2016 for check-in.

11301 Kernville Rd., Kernville, CA 93238

For those of you that want to brush up on your techniques on the Kern, Guy Jeans will be conducting a workshop Friday morning, November 4th, starting at 8 a.m. There is no cost for this clinic but it's only being offered to participants in the tournament that have taken this class only once or never. If you already taken this class two times, you no longer qualify for the class. Guy wants to give special attention to the new participants.

The Southwest Council has reserved The Kern Lodge and other hotels in the area securing a good rates for all of the rooms/ cabins. They can accommodate anything from a single to 6 people in style. Contact Michael Schweit (818.757-3474) msangler@earthlink.net for rooms available.

We will be having the awards presentation/dinner at Ewing On The Kern. 125 Buena Vista Dr., Kernville on Saturday evening, starting at 6 pm. The cost is \$30.00 per person.

Clubs may send up to 2 teams. Deadline for Inter-Club Tournament application is October 29, 2016. Application is attached.

Also, please RSVP attendance to the Awards Presentation Dinner by October 29, 2016 to haramic@aol.com Mention club name and number of members attending. Cost for the Awards Dinner is \$30.00 per person collected at the door. Please have your team captain collect the dinner fee from the team members.

You can also participate in the Southern Sierra Youth Fundraiser Poker Night on Friday evening, Nov. 4th at the same Ewings On The Kern. Buy-in is only \$25.00.

If you have any questions or just want to be considered for the team, please email team captain smoothe@delicate.com or Marshall at marshallbissett@gmail.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2016

October 2016

90 Day Membership Renewal Notice

Rosh Hashanana.....	3
PHW Vets	6
Board Meeting	6
Yom Kippur.....	12
IFFF Faire.....	14-16
PHW Vets.....	20
Dinner Meeting	20
Halloween.....	31

November 2016

60 Day Membership Renewal Notice

PHW Vets	3
Board Meeting	3
Veterans Day	11
PHW Vets	17
Dinner Meeting	17
Thanksgiving.....	24

December 2016

30 Day Membership Renewal Notice

PHW Vets	1
Board Meeting	1
PHW Vets	15
Dinner Meeting	15
Christmas.....	25

Meet Your Board Member

Aran Dokovna

Technical Advisor to the Board of Directors

I was born in 1944 in Inglewood, CA. Graduated from Washington High School in 1962. Attended El Camino



College and L. A. Harbor College and received a Associate in Arts degree in 1967. Received a Bachelor of Science in accounting from California State University at Long Beach in 1967. Received a Juris Doctorate from Southwestern University in 1975. Became a certified public accountant in 1968. Admitted to the California State Bar in 1976. I recently retired from active practice of accounting and law. I am Married for 45 years to Terri. I have two children, a daughter in Seattle and a son in San Francisco. I frequently fly fish with my son Daniel. My daughter, Kimberly, has three children who call me Gramps. I became a member of Sierra Pacific Flyfishers in 1992. I was

elected president of the club in 2002 and have remained a board member since the end of my term as president. I have been fishing since I was eleven years old. I began fly fishing in 1990 when I was given the opportunity to join a horseback fly fishing trip to the eastern sierras and the Kern River and have been fly fishing ever since.

Places I have fly fished include: British Columbia, Saskatchewan, California, Montana, Wyoming, Utah, Colorado, Key West Florida, Texas, Punta Allen Mexico, Oahu Hawaii, Turkey, Panama, Grand Cayman, Hungary and New Zealand.

Casting Clinic at Balboa Lake

1st & 3rd Saturday each month unless otherwise noted.

Instructors are usually available most Saturday mornings 9 - 11AM, schedules permitting.

Catch of the Month



Rich Ress
Brown Trout, Green River

Next Dinner Meeting **Thursday October 20**

Monterey At Encino
16821 Burbank Blvd
Encino, CA 91436

Menu

Salad
Tri- Color Salad

Entrée
Tri-Tip or Cod Fish

Starch
Roasted Potatoes with Meat, and
Rice Pilaf with Fish

Vegetables
Green Beans Almondine

Cocktails at 5:30 PM / Dinner 7:00
Call 818.789.1919 **Ext 10** (Michelle) or
email

MonterevatEncino@Gmail.com
Reserve by Monday October 17

\$32.00 Cash or Check, No Cards
Non-dining guests are now FREE!

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The Board of Directors and membership of the Sierra Pacific Flyfishers wish to express their appreciation to the following retailers. Their promotion of our club and its activities throughout the year, and their contributions of products and services help us to continue the various public services that we offer.

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Tarzana CA 91356
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Fishermen's Spot
14411 Burbank Blvd
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818.785.7306

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156 South Main St.
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760.872.8361

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12067 Ventura Place
Studio City, CA 91604

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235 West Santa Clara St
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805.643.6074

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345 S Lake Ave
Pasadena, CA 91101
626.356.8000

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11301 Kernville Rd
Kernville, CA 93238
760. 376.2040

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36 W. Santa Clara St
Ventura, CA 93001
805.648.3803

The Trout Fitter
Shell Mart Center #3
Mammoth Lakes, CA
93546, 760.924.3676

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47 North Fair Oaks Ave
Pasadena, CA 91103
626-795-0319

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