



In January, WFF Presents - Landon Mayer *Successful Seasons: Tips for Catching Giant Trout All Year*

One of the top guides in the Western United States, Colorado guide Landon Mayer, makes a welcome return to the So Cal speaker circuit. His new video-enhanced program to be presented at our January dinner meeting will lay to rest the myth that giant trout can only be caught in the spring and fall.

Landon's angling success is fueled by an addiction to pursuing large trout with small flies and lightweight fly fishing equipment. Mayer enthusiastically teaches and demonstrates his techniques and on-river knowledge and has developed innovative strategies for sighting, hooking, and landing selective trout. He shares these tips and secrets in his books and DVD's. Landon's passion for fly fishing has allowed him to make several noteworthy contributions to the sport on and off the water. This has included travels to fly fishing related organizations of the Mid-



Landon Mayer

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JANUARY 2019 MONTHLY MEETING

Date: Tuesday, January 15th
Wet Flies: 6:00 PM / Dinner: 7:00 PM / Program: 8:00 PM
Place: St. Augustine By-the-Sea Episcopal Church
1227 4th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401
Cost: **\$30** per person with dinner or **\$10** per person program only
Parking: City parking structure across the street is most convenient.
Posted rates first 90 min. free, \$2 first add. ½ hour, \$1.50 - \$2 each add. ½ hr., \$20 daily max. Expect to pay \$5 to \$7.
1234 4th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401

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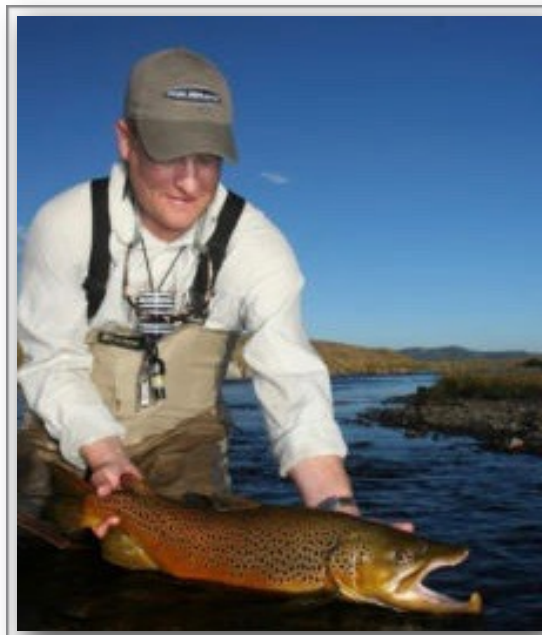
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Successful Seasons:

Atlantic, West, Pacific Northwest, Southwest, and Southern states, as well as teaching through guided trips, fly fishing classes, presentations, and demonstrations of his unique techniques. Landon has been guiding in Colorado full time on the South Platte River for the last 22 years, and one full season on the Naknek River in Alaska.

Landon was born and raised in Colorado Springs where he began his fly fishing career in the 6th grade when his middle school offered fly casting lessons. Throughout his teens, Landon's love of the sport grew when he spent all of his free time hanging around local fly shops and watching VHS tapes by Gary Borger and Doug Swisher until the tapes actually wore out! After graduating high school, Landon pursued a career as a full time guide in Colorado, learning from great Colorado anglers such as Ed Engle, Pat Dorsey and fly tyer John Barr. He also spent one year guiding in Alaska on the Naknek River. During this same time, Landon began publishing articles in magazines such as *Fly Fisherman*, *Fly Rod & Reel*, *High Country Angler*, *Southwest Fly Fishing* and *American Angler*.

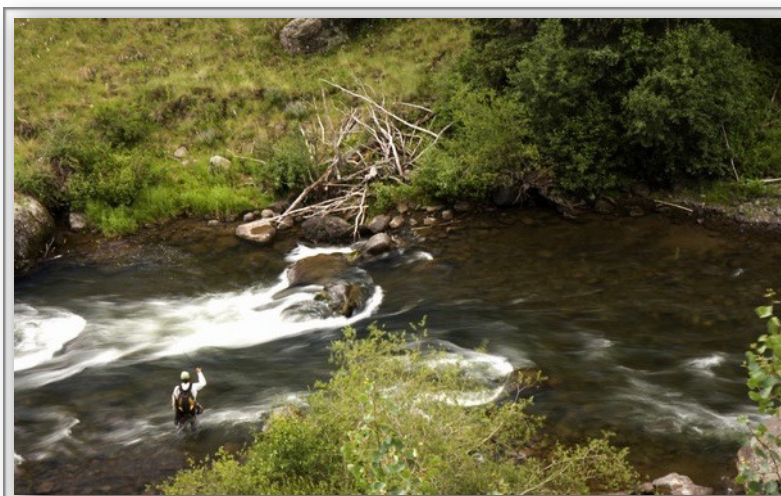
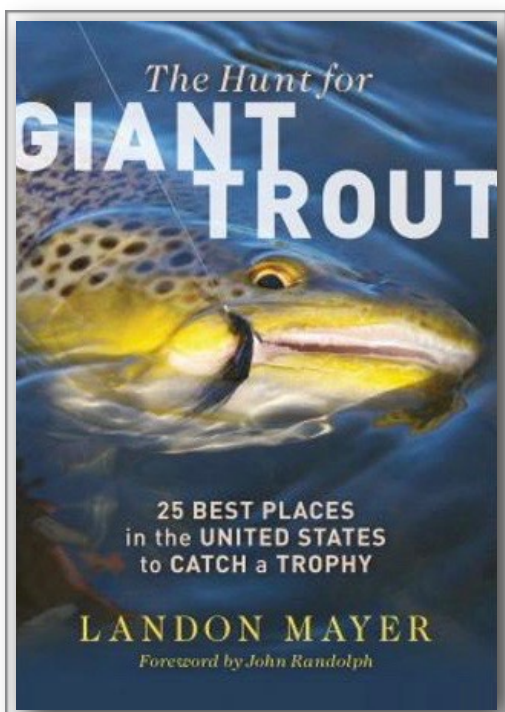
Landon Mayer is a contributing writer for *Fly Fisherman* and *High Country Angler* magazines. His contributions also have been featured in publications such as *Fly Rod and Reel*, *American Angler*, *Southwest Fly Fishing*, *Field and Stream*, and *Fish and Fly* magazines. As an ambassador in the fly fishing industry, Mayer represents several product lines including Simms fly fishing apparel and is a royalty fly designer for Umpqua Feather Merchants. He is also an advisory team member of Simms, R.L. Winston, Bauer, Scientific Angler, Smith Optics, Fish Pond, Yeti Coolers, Regal Vise, and Casio Pro Trek watches.



Successful Seasons:

Landon's techniques are contained in his best known publications and DVD's - - *The Hunt for Giant Trout: 25 Top Locations in the US to Catch a Trophy Trout* (new for 2019); *Trout Tips: A Guide's Secrets, Tactics and Techniques*; *Colorado's Best Fly Fishing*; *Sight Fishing for Trout*; and *How to Catch the Biggest Trout of Your Life*, in addition to two DVDs: *Landing the Trout of Your Life* and *Weapons of Bass Production*, both of which also feature John Barr.

Together with his wife Michelle (who shares his passion for the sport) and their four children, Landon continues to live near his home waters of the South Platte River in Florissant, Colorado where he teaches fly fishing through guiding and fly fishing classes. He also appears around the country giving presentations of his innovative, successful and popular techniques. You can learn more about this great fly fisher by going to: www.landonmayer.com



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Monthly Board of Directors Meeting

The monthly Board Meeting, held the Tuesday, one week before the monthly dinner meeting, will be held at 2311 30th Street, Santa Monica, Ca 90405. Parking permits provided by hosts. Meetings start promptly at 7:30 P.M. All members are welcome. New members are especially encouraged to attend. Come and see how your club runs and you might pick up some fishing tips, too.

Minutes of Board Meetings are available to members on the website's [Document Library](#)

COMING EVENTS

For more information go to the WFF website [CALENDAR](#)

WFF Fly Tying

Sat.

Jan. 26

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The classes are on the 4th Saturday of the month at St Augustine Church, 1227 4th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401.

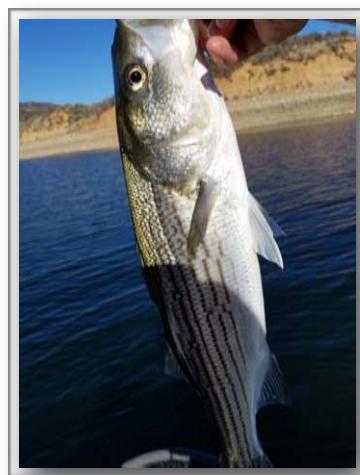


Happy New Year And Welcome To 2019

By the time you read this we will be welcoming in a New Year filled with aspirations for many great fly fishing adventures. Here at WFF, we anticipate more reports on exotic locations from our “Fishing Fanatic” Mel Light; monthly fly tying sessions led by the intrepid Peter Haight; return outings to perennial favorite destinations such as Kelsey Bass Ranch, Hot Creek, the Lower Owens, and Lonesome Duck in southern Oregon; and, of course, shared camaraderie (read: exaggerated fish stories) at our monthly dinner meetings.

Speaking of monthly dinner meetings, we have a great line-up of speaker programs already on the books for 2019. Get your 2019 calendars out and mark down these dates and speakers that you won’t want to miss:

- January 15 – Landon Mayer (Catching Quality Trout)
- February 19 – Jim Cox (Western Rivers/Smallmouth Bass)
- March 19 – To Be Determined
- April 16 – Kirk Johnson (“The Feather Thief”)
- May 14 – Devin Olsen (Learning from Competitive Angling)
- June 18 – Dave Hughes (Wet Flies)
- July 16 – Kesley Gallagher (Flats Fishing)
- August – No Meeting
- September 17 – Show-and-Tell
- October 15 – David Gregory (Fishing Yosemite)
- November 19 – Jon Baiocchi (Northern California)



Caught at Castaic Lake in December

The New Year is also a time of **RENEWAL**, and renewal is particularly important for fly fishers of WFF. First and foremost, renew your WFF membership and do so early. Also, consider renewing your membership at the “Golden Trout” level to help the club defray our expenses for monthly meetings, outings, Trout in the Classroom and similar activities. Second, renew your California fishing license for 2019 through the DFG website. There is no reduction in cost for renewals later in the season so you might as well maximize your investment and renew now. I think it is safe to say that we are all looking forward to another fun filled year of WFF club activities. Tight lines.

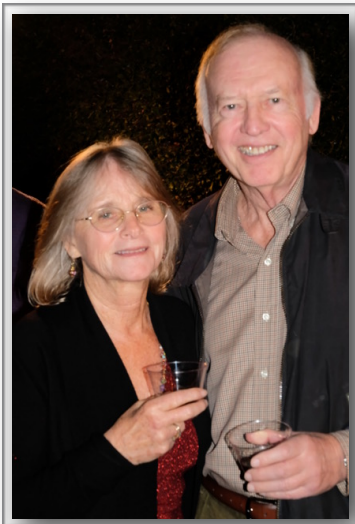


Holiday Party Photos and Wrap Up

As usual, the annual Wilderness Fly Fishers Holiday Party was enjoyed by all who attended. The wine, supplied by members, was as good as ever. The food, created by our regular caterers, G&G Catering, excellent as always. The party, a highlight for all members, was a pleasant and lively evening at the home of our hosts, John & Mary Jo Dalton. Here are some photos, courtesy of Charles Friedman, for you to enjoy.



Mary Jo Dalton, Emily Friedman, Peter Haight



Marie Hammond & Ray Houghton



Peter Haight, Ken Trabert & Emily Friedman



Doug & Maggie Hall, Tom Rasmussen & Natalie Brecher & Tom Jagers



Reece Lewis and John Dalton

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Holiday Party



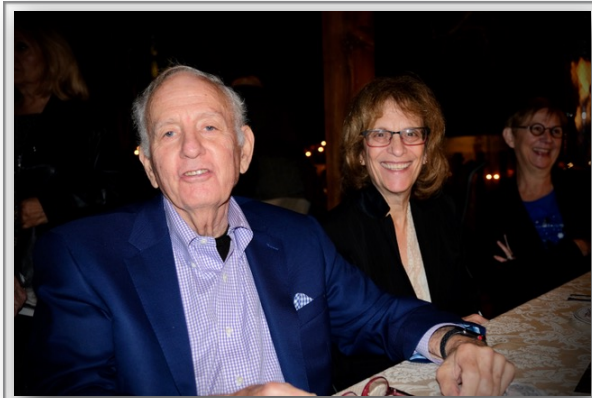
John Dalton & Art Siegel



Ray Houghton & John Dalton



Peter Haight



Charles & Emily Friedman



*Ken Trabert, Marie Hammond, John Dalton,
Richard Peters, & Mary Jo Dalton*



John Dalton looking happy



Hot Creek At Its Best

By Peter Haight

About two weeks before we arrived at Hot Creek for our 2018 annual club weekend, the fishing reports ranged from “slow, and small fish” to “good fishing.” But as always, with “dry flies only” and with spooky fished-over trout, our expectations were appropriately low. Further, for the first weekend in November, we were prepared for cold weather. As it turned out, the weather was beautiful with highs around 70; the hatches of caddis, baetis, and tricos all came each day on schedule, and along with the small fish, the majority were larger ones (10-12”, and some up to 17 inches) which most of us got into.

Larry and Celia Carroll, Kenji Machida and Art Antolick, Richard Luczynski and Glenn Short, and in the last cabin Marcelo Reynoso and I, comprised the eight who made the trip. Arriving at about 3:30 p.m. on Nov. 2, Marcelo and I were the first to arrive, aiming to get in some fishing before dark. Since we had arranged to bring all of the wine and cheese for the weekend, it took a little time to get settled, but we were on the stream by 4:30 with each of us on opposite sides. Only about 200 yards downstream from the ranch, fish were rising to caddis. On about the third cast, I caught a nice 12” rainbow, and a short time later landed a 17 incher that fought hard, dove into weeds, but finally came to the net. Marcelo caught several more just below me before dusk.

The rest of the party arrived before 6:00, happy to hear our good fishing news over cocktails before we all left for an excellent dinner at Slocum’s in Mammoth. On Saturday morning the thermometer dropped to 28 degrees. However, by 9:30 a.m., the time at which Nathan (the acting manager in the fly shop) told us the first hatch would occur, the temperature had risen to 40 and it kept rising until noon.



Larry & Celia Carroll, Kenji Machida, Peter Haight, Art Antolick, Glenn Short, Marcelo Reynoso & Richard Luczynski kneeling in front

Photo by Glenn Short



Marcelo Reynoso & Peter Haight



A lovely sunset

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Hot Creek At Its Best

We all spread out to places we remembered from earlier trips. I took the corner downstream from the lower bridge. Art was above me at the bridge. Art caught some larger fish, I caught only smaller browns, but lost count after a dozen. We both targeted a 20 inch rainbow we could see under the opposite bank, but neither of us could raise him. Nevertheless, Art wrote me after the trip, that it was so much better than two years earlier: the fish much larger and he lost count of how many were landed each day. The second day, fishing in the spot I had caught the 17" fish the first night, I caught at least a dozen rainbows, none less than 10".

Larry and Richard fished with Tenkara rods, guided by Nathan. Both did well throughout the days, even in the afternoons when the wind picked up. Their flies would just skip across the surface in a natural way. But it was a challenge sometimes to get it in the right place. Richard complained that the 14 foot rod did leave him with a strained shoulder after the trip.

As always the scenery there is spectacular, and as some of the photos show, the sunsets were just extraordinary and the giant herd of deer that came through each evening was amazing to witness. All told, it was the kind of trip that would make us all come back again next year.



Another nice sunset



Marcelo looks very happy w/ this nice brown trout



A nice brown trout



Deer crossing the creek in the valley down stream

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Hot Creek Ranch At Its Best



Hot Creek Ranch still a great place to fish



Another nice rainbow to the net



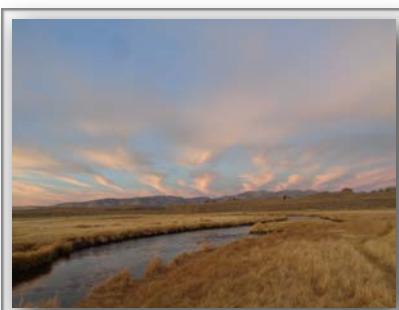
Nathan with someone's rainbow



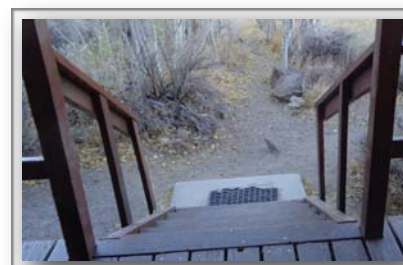
Everyone enjoying the group dinner



Some of the deer on the ranch



Another nice sunset on the water



One of about 20 quail around the cabin of Richard & Glenn



Member Corner

WFF Members passing

Since last publishing of this newsletter we have seen the passing of two great supporters, fishermen, and members of our community. I am sure many of you already know thanks to Larry Carroll, the website and emails sent out, but if you did not hear about it already, here is a brief summary.

In late November, Bob Mueller passed away at home with his wife Ellie by his side. Bob's service was held on Saturday, December 1st, 2018 at Saint Martin of Tours in Los Angeles. Many WFF members attended as Bob was a longtime active member. After he and Ellie could no longer stay active, they offered their home to be used for the monthly board meetings until early 2016. Bob was an adoring husband, wonderful father and loyal friend known for his sincerity and compassion. Bob went fishing all over after his retirement. E.g., he fished as far as Alaska to the Amazon for Peacock Bass. But one of his favorites closer to home was Tejon Ranch where Bob caught fish from his float tube when no other club members were catching anything.

Over the Veterans Day weekend in mid November, Keith Simpson passed away peacefully in his sleep. His ashes were scattered at sea on December 13th and he requested all arrangements be private without any ceremony. Keith was an avid fly tier and fished with many of the club members. Keith also was active in helping with Trout in the Classroom and came to tie may times over the years. Keith was an avid Alaska devotee. His favorite destination was Kodiak Island, a location that he persuaded several other WFF members to visit and join him fishing for sockeye salmon, dolly varden and pink salmon, all the while dodging encounters with massive brown bears. When Keith attended fly tying classes he would frequently be tying large flashy salmon streamers for Kodiak seemingly oblivious to whatever the instructor was tying.

They will both be missed and may they rest in peace.



Notices



SAVE THE DATE: FEBRUARY 2, 2019

What: Southwest Council FlyBuy 2019 Fly Tying Show and Fundraiser

**Where: Long Beach Casting Club - 5201 E. 7th, Long Beach, CA
9:00 to 4:00**

Activities: Over 20 of SoCal's best Fly Tiers; Raffles; Silent Auctions; Flies for Sale; Used-Equipment Sale; Casting Lessons for all levels and Casting Games

Admission: \$13 for members; \$18 for others (memberships available at the door) - admission includes lunch! Kids 14 and under free!

Website: swcffi.org/flybuy



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Annual Dues:

- ☐ \$50 Single - Regular
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Monthly Meeting Reservations

Please make your dinner [reservations online](#) or send in this coupon.

Your check must be in the club mailbox by the Wednesday, the week before the meeting.

Names _____

_____ Dinner(s) and Program(s) x \$30 per person

_____ Program(s) only x \$10 per person

Total \$ _____

Please make check payable to W.F.F.

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