



Fly Fishing the Kamchatka Peninsula “The best remaining streams on the planet!”

Presented by Mel Light

Our presenter for March will be Mel Light, long time member, past president, and fly tying instructor.

Mel grew up in northern California in a small town named Santa Rosa. He was fortunate to have lived close to the Russian River when it still had a significant run of native steelhead. As a teenager he backpacked all over the Sierras in search of trout.

In the past few years, he has been fishing such far-flung places as Patagonia Argentina (for sea run brown trout), New Zealand (in which he lived in a camper van for three months), Northern Patagonia Argentina (fishing for rainbow and brown trout), and last summer traveling all the way to Russia's Kamchatka Peninsula. Mel has also fished all over the Northwest, from the Smith and Chetco rivers for Chinook salmon to Montana, Idaho, and Utah for trout.



Mel Light

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MARCH 2019 MONTHLY MEETING

Date: Tuesday, March 19th
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

TO MAKE RESERVATIONS: RESERVE ONLINE
OR CALL THE HOT LINE 310 280-3459
OR MAIL IN THE FORM ON PAGE 8

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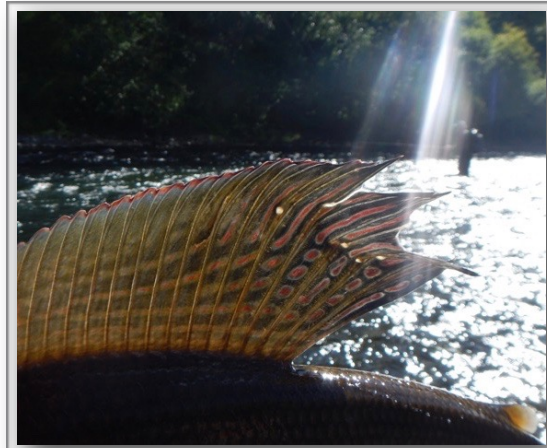
Mel's presentation will be about his trip last summer to Kamchatka. That trip was a helicopter fly-in adventure to fish spring creeks that seldom see an angler. In fact, one of the streams had not seen an angler in ten years and another had not been fished for three years. A special addition to Mel's presentation is the inclusion of drone videos of casting, hooking, playing and landing some of these beautiful fish.

He will talk about the arrangements to get to such an isolated location. The flies and tackle used will be covered, as well as lodging and amenities. The trip was so special that he has signed up to return this summer to participate in the fly-in program as well as fish the Ozernaya River. The "Oz" is well known to hold trout up to 30" as well as host to runs of Chinook, chum, coho, and sockeye salmon. There are also Dolly Varden and a native species called kundzha trout.

Mel feels that these are probably the best trout rivers remaining on the planet. Do not miss this exciting adventure!



Part of the trip was on a Soviet MI-8



A grayling dorsal fin



Mel with his buddy Matt



This was our helicopter for the week



Mel hooked up to one of numerous cobos

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Another view of the Soviet MI-8 used on the trip



Mel & Matt with one of many doubles



Mel & Matt with a rainbow & a kundzha



This is a mouse, tube fly, that was very effective



The Kamchatka Peninsula has many dormant volcanos



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To join WFF, Visit our website

www.wildernessflyfishers.org

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.

Mar. 23

WFF Fly Tying

The classes are from 9 am to about 12 noon on the 4th Saturday of the month at St Augustine Church, 1227 4th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401. Park across the street in the city parking structure. See page 1 for parking rates and address.

This month we will be tying the Baetis emerger and the parachute Adams in small sizes for fishing Hot Creek in the fall. We got this parachute Adams recipe & photo from the [Fly Shack web site](#):

Hook: Standard Dry Fly Hook 12 - 20

Thread: Black

Tail: Brown and Grizzly Hackle Fibers, Mixed

Body: Gray Muskrat or Extra Fine Dry Fly Dubbing

Wings: Calf Tail or Calf Body Hair, Tied as a Parachute Post

Hackle: Brown and Grizzly Hackle, Tied Parachute Style



Parachute Adams
from Fly Shack web site



2019 Trout in the Classroom – Call for Volunteers

Trout in the Classroom (TIC) is already up and running for 2019 and Club members are already offering to assist with our seasonal trout fry releases! TIC is an annual hands-on program in which WFF volunteers introduce students to active outdoor learning.

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife's (DFW) Fillmore Hatchery provided bundles of rainbow trout eggs on January 18. The excitement began as students placed the eggs into specially-chilled classroom aquariums and examined them up close through classroom magnifiers. During the six-week program, students receive two presentations featuring the life cycle of the rainbow trout and the environment in which they live.

Five Culver City public school teachers took a day's training course from the DFW to become authorized to keep the trout in their classrooms as part of the TIC program. They have prepared their aquariums, and instructional program materials.

We are asking for volunteers to assist as the students release their fish at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area, Culver City on Tuesday, March 19th and Friday, March 22nd. WFF volunteers help the third and fourth graders try out fly casting, observe fly tying, catch aquatic insects to examine under magnification and release their rainbow trout fry into a thriving stream environment at the park. The timeframe is 9 am – 12:30 pm. A complimentary picnic lunch for volunteers follows!

Please contact TIC Coordinator, Celia Carroll, to volunteer:

Ccarr10186@aol.com

Phone: 1-310-963-0357



John Dalton demonstrating fly tying to some of the El Marino students at the 2018 release



Lahontan Cutthroat Trout Recovery in Silver and Wolf Creeks!

by Celia Carroll

Southwest Council Conservation Chair, Debbie Sharpton reports that the Lahontan Cutthroat Trout restoration project in Silver Creek (LCT project) offers volunteer opportunities as well as the chance to catch one of our State's heritage trout. With the view toward planning your trout-fishing outings, keep in mind a trip to the Bridgeport area, August – November.

From August 1 until November, there is a window when Silver Creek can be waded by volunteers electro-shocking and removing non-native brook trout from the stream. After volunteering for conservation operations along the stream, anglers are welcomed by California Department of Fish and Wildlife staff to fish in nearby Wolf Creek for Lahontan Cutthroat Trout! Overnight camping in the beautiful forests around the streams is offered.

If the stream work is not possible for some of our more physically-challenged members, this project is in need of donations to meet its \$20,000 goal to fund stream work for the 2019 season.

For information, contact Debbie Sharpton: debbie.sharpton@gmail.com

Donation checks should be made out to SWCFFI with special instructions to restrict the monies for the LCT project, and mail to:

Treasurer, Southwest Council FFI, 1213 Sunset Place, Ojai, Ca 93023



2018 Lahontan Cutthroat Trout



Time to Renew 2019 WFF Membership

Be sure to renew your Wilderness Fly Fishers membership before March 31! This is the time of year the club depends on its members to pay dues so program budgets can be established for the year! Speakers Circuit membership, Trout in the Classroom, subsidies for monthly programs to enhance member skills cost time and money.

Please consider renewing your membership at the “Golden Trout” level to help maintain quality programs and activities.



Print & Mail Coupons

If you prefer not to use our website, mail in a coupon with your check.



Wilderness Fly Fishers Membership Application

_____ New Member _____ Renewal

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Annual Dues:

- ☐ \$50 Single - Regular
☐ \$70 Single - Golden Trout
☐ \$60 Family - Regular
☐ \$80 Family - Golden Trout

_____ Additional Donation

_____ TOTAL enclosed

Mail Check With This Form To:

Wilderness Fly Fishers
P.O. Box 3358
Santa Monica, CA 90408-3358

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.

Mail to:

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March 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6 Fred Hall Show Long Beach	7 Fred Hall Show Long Beach	8 Fred Hall Show Long Beach	9 Fred Hall Show Long Beach
10 Daylight Saving Time Starts Fred Hall Show Long Beach	11	12 Mardi Gras WFF Board Meeting	13 Ash Wednesday	14	15 Fred Hall Show Bakersfield	16 Fred Hall Show Bakersfield
17 St. Patrick's Day Fred Hall Show Bakersfield	18	19 WFF Monthly Meeting Mel Light: "Fly Fishing Kamchatka"	20 Vernal Equinox WFF Deadline for Newsletter Articles	21	22	23 WFF Fly Tying
24	25	26	27	28 Fred Hall Show San Diego	29 Fred Hall Show San Diego	30 Fred Hall Show San Diego
31 Fred Hall Show San Diego	1	2	3	4	5	6

