



Celebrating Simplicity

with Pat Jaeger

As we begin a new decade, one truth remains constant - fly fishermen can complicate anything. We are all guilty of over thinking our tactics and bringing too much gear in pursuit of the very simple trout. In January we welcome back local guide and perennial favorite Pat Jaeger who will help us get back to basics with an exciting program aptly titled *CELEBRATING SIMPLICITY*. Pat's many years of guiding the Eastern Sierra and Northern California along with his mastery of Tenkara have given him a unique perspective on the essentials of our sport. Pat's program will be preceded by what he calls a pre-show Fireside chat.

"I would like to take a moment and dissect my fishing pack for you. I will shed some light on the gear you can leave at home and give you a list of 'don't leave home with-outs.' And maybe I can be persuaded to give a little Eastern Sierra winter forecast. I am blessed to log over 200 days of [sic] year in my wet wading boots. This slide show is new for 2020 and I promise an entertaining night of concepts, formulas, Jaegerisms and images of our favorite fishing spots in the Eastern Sierra."

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Pat Jaeger

JANUARY 2020 MONTHLY MEETING

Date: Tuesday, January 14th
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 10

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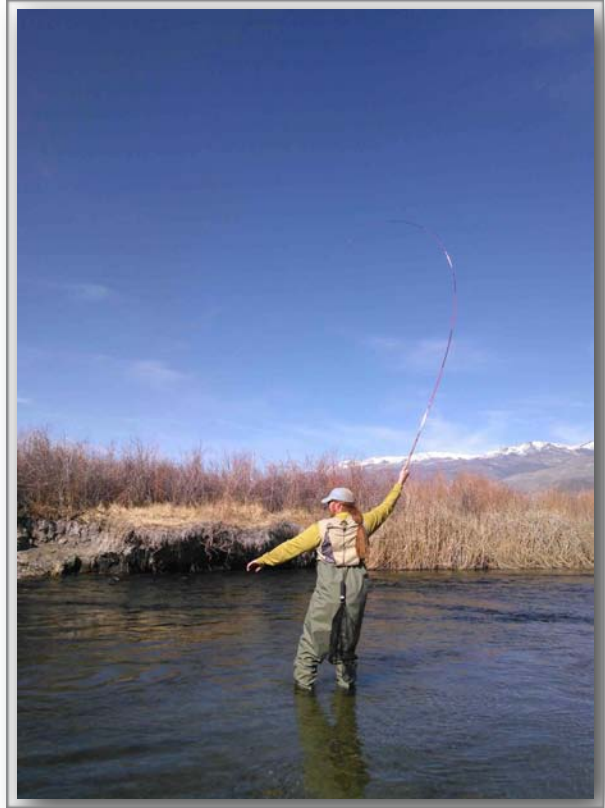
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Celebrating Simplicity

Pat Jaeger has fished and explored the Eastern Sierra for more than 40 years. His journey began when he moved to Mammoth Lakes in 1978. In 1980, he became part-owner of the Trout Fly in Mammoth Lakes.

His passion turned into a profession after serving an internship at the Clearwater House on Hat Creek and a partnership with Eastside Guide Service in 1995.

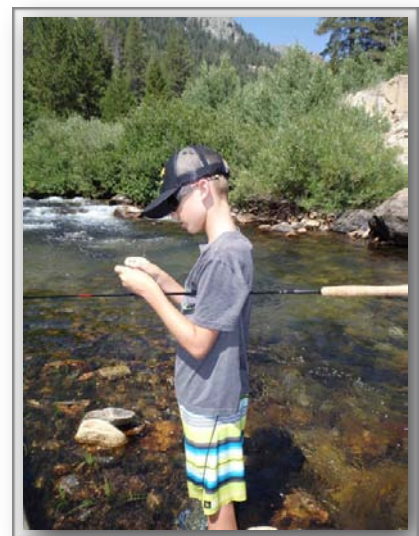
Currently, owner/operator of the Eastern Sierra Guide Service, Pat is blessed to be a full-time fishing guide. He logs over 200 days a year on the water. His guiding is based out of the Mammoth Lakes area but he is also a permitted guide on the McCloud, Upper Sacramento and Pit Rivers in Northern California. His winters are spent hunting trout on the Lower Owens as a drift boat operator, and snowmobile fishing on the Upper Owens and Hot Creek.



Lower Owens & Tenkara Bend



Pat Jaeger giving one of his Stream Side Classes



Rigging Tenkara Rod

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Pat is a proud dad of two beautiful girls, and a husband now of 20 years to wife Pamela who has a unique profession of her own in the animal entertainment business. You might have seen her petting zoos or kids pony rides at your local fairs.

Pat's main objective as a guide and teacher is to simplify the techniques for the person entering the world of fly fishing and to defy the most advanced anglers in the trout-infested waters of the West.

Pat's fly fishing achievements include:

- 2001-FFF Casting Instructors Certified
- Simms Ambassador
- Test Pilot Sage Fly Rods
- Tenkara USA Pro Guide
- Head Guide for Project Healing Waters (Eastern Sierra)
- 2013 Master Guide for the Trout Fitter/Trout Fly Mammoth Lakes
- Head Guide for the Silver Lake Fishing Academy
- 2013 Guided IGFA Grand Slam
- 2016 Guided IGFA Grand Slam
- 2018 J Stanley Lloyd Order of the Mayfly Award

Come celebrate the New Year with Wilderness Fly Fishers on January 14, 2020 for this exciting and informative program. Make reservations online at www.wildernessflyfishers.org or pay at the door.



Upper Owens with SoCal Fly Fisher



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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. 25

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 are tying the Stimulator. Here are a couple of examples of the Stimulator from the Rio website and a recipe from the Orvis website. Peter has everything needed, but tiers can bring their own supplies if they wish. The Stimulator is a great learning fly as almost all tying techniques are used in its creation.

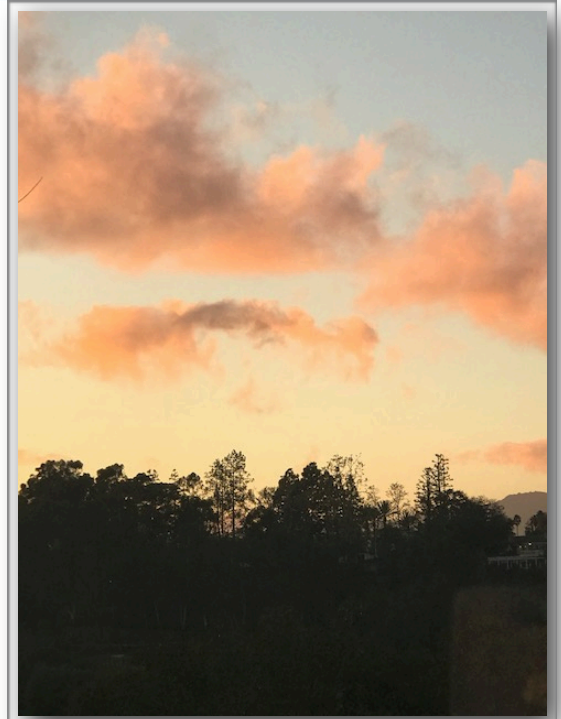


Stimulator - Fly Recipe	
Name	Stimulator
Difficulty	2
Popular Sizes	08, 10, 12, 14, 16
Additional Colors	Olive, Yellow, Royal
Hook Type	Curved nymph
Thread	Fluorescent fire orange 6/0
Tail	Natural elk hair
Ribbing	Fine gold wire
Wing	Bull elk hair
Hackle	Grizzly, palmered over the thorax
Abdomen	Dubbing the color of the pattern description, palmered with brown saddle hackle
Thorax	Dubbing the color of the pattern description



Holiday Party Photos

by H.L. Boihem



Thank you H.L. for the photos of the Later house and its views



Club Notes

WFF Website

As everyone knows, the Club maintains a website at www.wildernessflyfishers.org. In years gone by the website was a fairly active destination for local fly fishing web surfers, and it is still frequented sporadically by many of us. But most of us now only visit the website to register for meetings, or perhaps check out the newsletter if we missed the group e-mailing. And while some of the information posted on the website is admittedly somewhat dated, a couple of features are worth checking out.

The first is the “Photo Albums” feature found on the left side of the homepage. We are fortunate to have a number of amateur photographers in the Club, and a few of them have posted some excellent compilations of recent trips from exotics to domestics. If you’re in the market for a new fishing destination, or just looking for fishing oriented web entertainment, check it out. You might be surprised where this might lead you in 2020.

The second feature is the “Document Library.” It’s here that you can locate and download past issues of *Mending the Line* among other Club documents. Let’s say, for instance, that you remember reading an article in MTL, or perhaps attending a speaker program, that interested you at the time but now you cannot recall the exact details of the destination that was written up or the speaker was talking about. It’s an easy fix – go to the website and browse the documents and get the info you need.

In the future our webmaster will post instructions about uploading photos to the Photo Album, and we encourage all members to post their fishing reports whether large or small no matter how insignificant you may think they are. It just may happen that another member may be looking for just such an “insignificant” destination to try out.

Happy holidays and a fishy New Year to all!



From Gerald Berman's 2019 Battle Creek Alaska [Photo Album](#) on the website

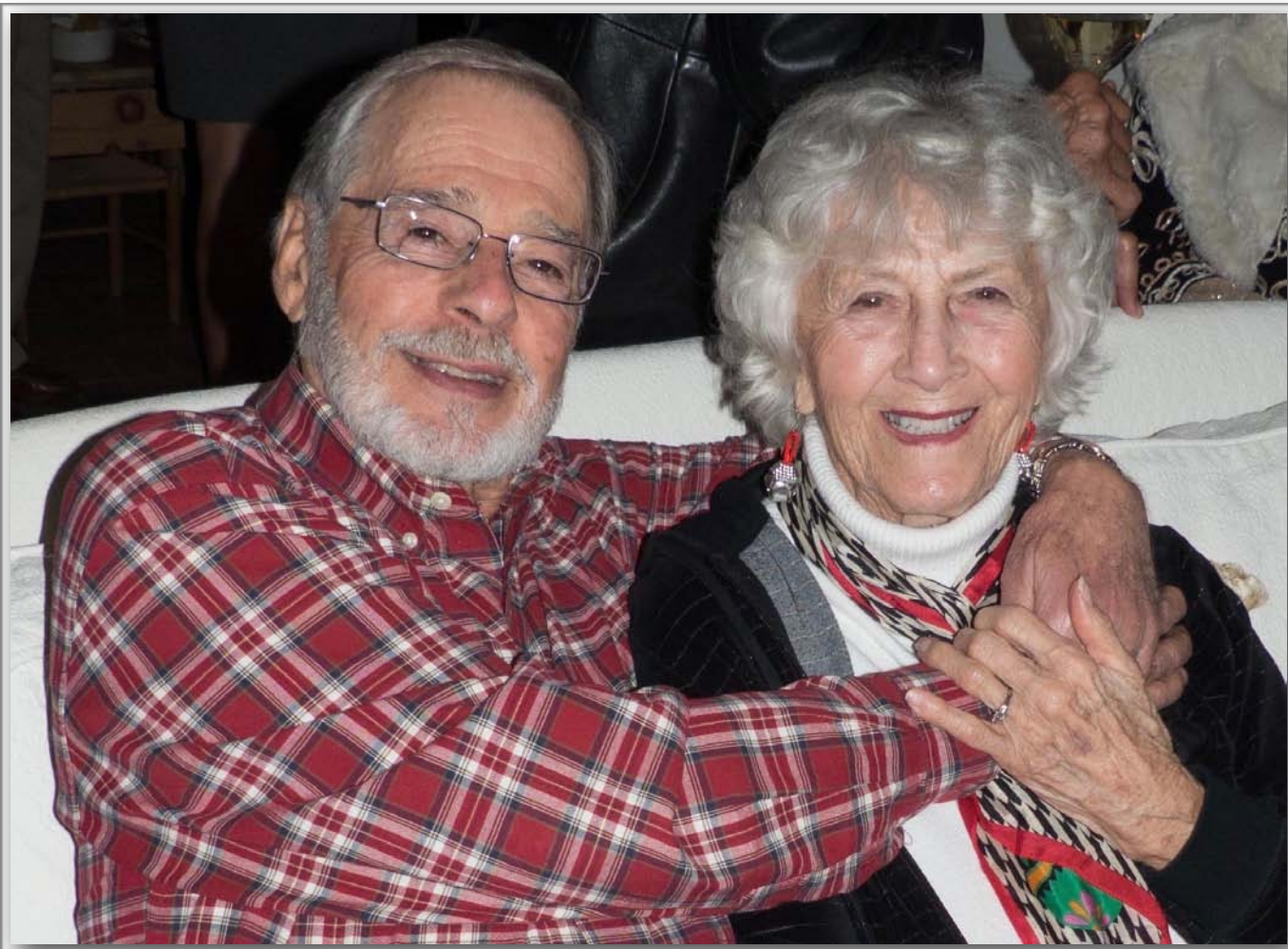


Club Notes

In Memoriam – Larry Brucker

Wilderness Fly Fishers lost a long time member and friend on November 12, 2019 when Larry (Lawrence) Brucker passed away at Cedars-Sinai in Los Angeles. Larry was very active in WFF, serving as co-president with his fishing partner, Steve Weisberg, one year and welcoming members and guests at dinner meetings for years afterwards. Larry was always up for a club trip and traveled to Argentina, Belize, New Zealand, Alaska, British Columbia and many more trout waters. His jovial personality and companionship will be missed by everyone who was greeted by Larry at dinner meetings or fortunate enough to share a fly-fishing adventure/boat with Larry.

Larry left two sons, Steven and Richard, and five grandchildren, Shea, Cary, Reese, Greer and Laura. A memorial will be announced in 2020.



Larry and his long time companion Shirley White at the 2014 WFF Holiday Party



Club Notes

2020 Speaker Schedule

WFF SPEAKER SCHEDULE FOR 2020				
MONTH	SPEAKER	PROGRAM	WFF Meeting Dates	Notes
January	Pat Jaeger	Keeping it Simple	1/14/20	
February	James Garrettson	Reading a River and Taos area	2/18/20	
March	PENDING			TBD
April	Buhler Brothers (Ryan and Rob)	Streamers Fishing for Big Fish in So Cal	4/14/20	
May	Anthony Carruesco	Fishing the Pit, McCloud, and Lower Sacramento	5/19/20	
June	Jimmy Cheers	Big browns in the South Holston area	6/16/20	
July	Chris Leonard	The Magnificent Eastern Sierra	7/14/20	Joint Meeting w/SPFF at WFF
October	Maury Hatch	Fishing the California Delta	10/13/20	
November	Gary Bulla	Fishing the Amazon	11/17/20	



*HL Boihem congratulates a third grader for her fly casting success!
Photo by Lisa Schnauss from 2019 Trout in the Classroom Photo Album*



Club Notes

2020 “To Do” List / Membership Renewal

It is that time again - renewal of your WFF membership for 2020. To enable program planning, the club renewal period is January 1 - March 31 each year.

We are keeping the dues the same as last year. There are two classifications of membership, Regular and Golden Trout. The Golden Trout membership was created to allow our members to participate at a greater level in our mission to support conservation and education for the sport of fly fishing. The club benefits for both groups are the same.

For 2020, we ask everyone to consider making an added donation to assure WFF continues to offer the popular expert fly fishers’ presentations at the monthly meetings and sponsorship of Trout in the Classroom for five local public school teachers. We listened to members’ expressed preference to discontinue the club raffles due to the undue burdens placed on those who organized them. In the past, these raffles assured the continuance of our programs. We face a budget shortfall this year, and must turn to our membership for financial assistance.

Please consider an extra-generous donation to allow local fly fishers to continue enjoying outings, programs and educational opportunities together! And finally, while you’re at it, don’t forget to renew your California and out-of-state fishing licenses so when the time comes you’ll be ready to go.



*WFF volunteer Rich Peters demonstrates fly tying at Kenneth Hahn Park.
Photo by Lisa Schnauss from 2019 Trout in the Classroom Photo Album*



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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Santa Monica, CA 90408-3358

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January 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1 New Years Day	2	3	4
5	6	7 WFF Board Meeting	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 WFF Monthly Meeting: Pat Jaeger: "Celebrating Simplicity"	15	16	17	18
19	20 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day WFF Deadline for Newsletter Articles	21	22	23	24	25 WFF Fly Tying
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