



Fly Fishing through Midlife Heaven

with Jeff Currier

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 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 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.



Jeff Currier

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OCTOBER 2016 MONTHLY MEETING

Date: Tuesday, October 18th
Wet Flies: 6:00 PM
Dinner: 7:00 PM
Program: 8:00 PM
Place: [Olympic Collection, 11301 Olympic Boulevard, LA](#)
Cost: **\$37.00** per person
Parking: \$4.00 underground – Free on the street.

TO MAKE RESERVATIONS: [RESERVE ONLINE](#)
OR CALL THE HOT LINE 310 280-3459
OR MAIL IN THE FORM ON PAGE 17

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Fly Fishing through Midlife Heaven

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 your seatbelt as Jeff treats you to fly fishing for tigerfish in Tanzania, golden mahseer in India, a variety of saltwater 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 Warmwater Fly Fishing* guide books. These books have become the standard introductions to saltwater and warmwater fly fishing. When not fishing or writing, Jeff is



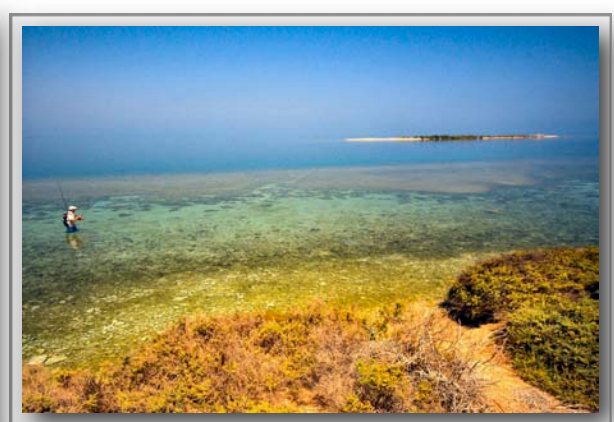
22 lb. Tigerfish, Tanzania



Golden Mahseer, India



Mnyera River, Tanzania



Red Sea Flats, Sudan

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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*.

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.



Flats in the Seychelles



Bumphead Parrot fish, the Seychelles



Saddleback Grouper, the Seychelles

Fly Fishing through Midlife Heaven

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>



Splash from one hooked fish, Guyana



24-hour Layover in Dubai



Arapaima in a rainforest river, Guyana



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Wildernessflyfishers@gmail.com

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. 2 hour street parking, no permit needed. 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](#)

IFFF SWC Fly Fishing Fair	Fri.-Sun.	Oct.14-16
WFF Fly Tying	Sat.	Oct. 22
WFF Hot Creek Ranch Trip	Fri.-Mon.	Nov. 4-7
SWC-IFFF Inter-Club Tournament	Sat.	Nov. 5

Monthly Raffle Items

Value

St. Croix
Rio Santo
5 Wt.
9'



4 pc fly rod, w/Reel, Backing & Line

\$200.00

Spring Creeks
By Mike Lawson



\$59.95

Indicators
& Weights Assortment



\$66.00

Gear Keeper
Deluxe Instrument Tether
Combo Mount



\$25.00

Fishpond
Sushi Roll
Large (for streamers)



\$29.95

September Show-And-Tell Recap

September's dinner meeting featured one of the Club's annual highlights, alternatively known as "Show-and-Tell" or "What I did on my summer vacation." In lieu of a featured outside speaker, Club members themselves take turns presenting narratives accompanied by photos of interesting trips that they have taken during the year, thereby providing other Club members with trip and fishing information that they might use to repeat the trip on their own. Although this year's attendance was slightly reduced from prior years due to a few illnesses and pre-existing travel plans, what the group lacked in size, it more than made up for in enthusiasm.

This year we had three presenters – Rich Peters (Ontario, Canada), Peter Haight (Bighorn River Montana and Boardwalk Lodge Alaska), and Gerry Berman (Jurassic Lake Argentina and Little Ku River Alaska). Rich led off the program with a description of his May 2016 trip to Slippery Winds Wilderness Lodge in northwestern Ontario, Canada hosted by former WFF program speaker Tim Holschlag. Tim is based in Minneapolis and is generally regarded as one of the leading, if not the leading, smallmouth bass experts both nationally and internationally. The trip to Slippery Winds Wilderness Lodge begins with a short float plane ride from Fort Frances, Ontario (located just across the border from International Falls, MN) to Yoke Lake. Once at the Lake, anglers have a choice of six lakes to choose from, each with a slightly different mix of species. Targeted species are smallmouth and largemouth bass, northern pike, walleye, lake trout and muskie. Basic boat handling skills are needed. Fly patterns include streamers for sub-surface and poppers for surface action. Accommodations are in comfortable cabins with hot and cold running water which surround the main lodge. For more information about this trip contact Tim Holschlag at: www.smallmouthflyangler.com;



Fishing off the docks at Slippery Winds Wilderness Lodge after dinner.



Rich with a nice muskie



Sunset on Yoke Lake

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telephone (612-781-3912); or, for a full description of the Lodge, fishing and photos:

www.slipperywinds.com.

Next, Peter presented a reprise of his recent MTL article on the Club's July 2016 trip to the Bighorn River, Montana (published in September MTL). The group of six WFFers and guests stayed at Leaning Tree Lodge hosted by Mark Stroda and his wife Rachel (Montana Fly Fishers). Fishing out of drift boats and wading the River, the group landed numerous brown and rainbow trout by strategically utilizing streamers, nymphs and dry flies depending on weather and water conditions. Leaning Tree Lodge has been a supporter of Wilderness Fly Fishers for several years. For more information: www.montanaflyfishers.biz. Peter then described his recent trip to Boardwalk Lodge (also a Club sponsor), located on Prince of Wales Island in southeast Alaska. One of the benefits of the Lodge's location is its proximity to Ketchikan which eliminates the need to overnight in Anchorage and then take a pricey connecting flight from there to more remote fishing locations. Peter and his son landed an impressive array of Silver (Coho) Salmon; they also ventured out on the nearby salt where, using conventional gear, they caught halibut, rockfish and ling cod. For more information: www.boardwalklodge.com.



Peter w/ a nice Bighorn brown.



The Leaning Tree Lodge at sunset.



The Bighorn group



John enjoying lunch on the Bighorn.

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Gerry then concluded the program with a dual presentation beginning with his unique experience both traveling to and fishing at Jurassic Lake in Argentina. Gerry's photo essay of this trip was published in April MTL, but his live in-person presentation was even more intriguing. Although wind is definitely a factor when fishing this location, Gerry emphasized that the fishing remains good even in the wind, and not a single rainbow caught during the entire trip was under 6 lbs. Most of the fishing was with scuds or nymphs using 8-weight rods. Although not for the faint of heart, Gerry recommends Jurassic Lake as a true "bucket list" trip with comfortable accommodations at Estancia Laguna Verde Lodge. For more information:

www.estancialagunaverde.com. Gerry's final presentation featured his annual visit to Enchanted Lake Lodge located on the shore overlooking Lake Nonvianuk in a remote section of Katmai National Park, Alaska. Most of the fishing is done by fly-outs to outlying river locations, including one of Gerry's favorites, the Little Ku. Targeted species are primarily rainbows, Arctic char and grayling, although incidental catches will include sockeye and other salmon species. Most of the fish are caught on "egg patterns" which are rigged slightly above the actual hook in order to avoid injury to the fish. Enchanted Lake Lodge is an elegant lodge that routinely has a long waiting list, so you need to make reservations a year or more in advance. For more information: www.enchantedlakelodge.com; telephone: (907) 694-6447.



Gerry with a nice rainbow from up river from Jurassic Lake



Wind never stopped on Jurassic Lake



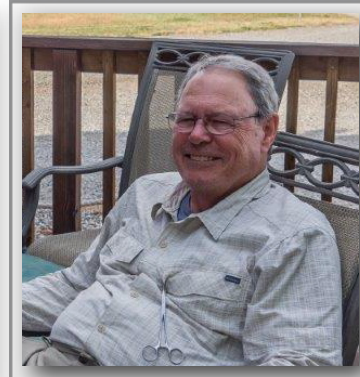
Lake plus 60mph wind = ocean.

Show & Tell Recap

If you missed this year's exciting presentations, put this on your calendar for next September. Better yet, dust off your camera, take photos of your upcoming trips and next year be a participant at the September Show-and-Tell.

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Enjoy some of these other photos from the evening.



Notices



STEFAN MCLEOD PHOTOGRAPHY

Truckee River Day Sunday, October 16, 2016

**Join us for a volunteer day of river, meadow and wetland restoration
Projects: 9am | River Fair: 1pm | Registration required: www.truckeeriverwc.org**

Thank you to the donors of the Truckee River Watershed Council, Northstar California and EpicPromise, Truckee Tahoe Airport District, the Truckee Donner Chamber of Commerce, and Tahoe.com for their support.



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WFF HOLIDAY PARTY – SAVE-THE-DATE

Wilderness Fly Fishers is happy to announce that its annual Holiday Party and Raffle is set for **Sunday, December 11, 2016!!** We have engaged the lovely community room at St. Augustine By-the-Sea Church in Santa Monica! Come join us among the festive holiday décor for a fabulous meal catered by Beverly Hills G&G Catering. WFF will provide wine and basic beverages, but members are encouraged to bring a bottle of their favorite vintage to share with the group. The festivities will begin at 6 pm.

The address is 1227 4th St., Santa Monica, CA 90401 (block below Wilshire Blvd.).

Parking is across the street in the City parking structure.

The Conservation Super Raffle is one of the highlights of the evening: watch the website for updated lists of gear, and a bucket list of trips to make your dreams come true. Be sure to buy your tickets at our October or November meeting, or on-line. Raffle tickets are priced, as always, one ticket for \$25, or five for \$100. Winners need not be present to take home prizes (although, you will miss a great party!). The party itself is once again very reasonably priced at \$40 per person.

This is an evening you don't want to miss. See you there!!



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7th Annual SWCIFFF Inter-Club Tournament (Bring Your Best 5)

Date: Saturday November 5, 2016

Place: Kern River

Purpose: Fund raiser for SWCIFFF

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

Entry Fee: \$125 per club per team, \$35 per non-IFFF member or \$25 per IFFF member. See application below.

Time to:

- Test your skills against the other SWCIFFF clubs
- Meet members belonging to other clubs.
- Help raise funds for the SWCIFFF.
- Get your Club's name on the trophy & bragging rights for a year.

Each club selects their best 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 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.

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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, please email haramic@aol.com

7th Annual SWCFFF Inter-Club Tournament

Saturday November 5, 2016
Upper Kern River

Club Name: _____ X \$125 per Team = \$ _____

Participants: \$35 for non-IFFF members - \$25 for IFFF members:

- | | |
|----------|----------|
| 1. _____ | \$ _____ |
| 2. _____ | \$ _____ |
| 3. _____ | \$ _____ |
| 4. _____ | \$ _____ |
| 5. _____ | \$ _____ |

Total amount submitted \$ _____

Checks should be made out to:

SWCIFFF

439 S. Catalina Ave. #204

Pasadena, CA 91106

Please use one application per team. Club may enter 2 teams.

Deadline is October 30, 2016



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The Kern River needs your help!

As many of you know, the Kern River gets heavy use from campers and visitors. Nearly 500,000 people travel each year to the Kern River from all over the world to see our beautiful wild and scenic river. But, as some of you have noticed, the trash and vandalism is rampant along the river corridor and at some of your favorite fishing holes. In an effort to keep our area healthy and available for generations to follow, we are pleased to announce a partnership with [Kern River Conservancy](#).

The mission at Kern River Conservancy is to implement our Conservation, Education and Recreation initiatives focused on Leave No Trace, Heritage Trout Conservation and Community Outreach. Our education campaigns will promote the learning and stewardship of our public lands and wild rivers. The aspiration of exhibiting positive influence on environmental issues such as the ongoing drought, climate change and social impingement's on the Kern River will be of our absolute precedence.

To complete their mission, Kern River Conservancy needs your help! [Donations](#) are needed to fund restoration projects of damaged areas and education outreach of wild trout conservation. The demand for the assistance of Kern River Conservancy has been overwhelming and with your help, we can keep it going!

We sincerely appreciate your business and value your loyalty for the Kern River. Together, we can re beautify the mighty Kern River.

[**CLICK HERE TO DONATE**](#)

Sincerely,

Gary Ananian, President
Kern River Conservancy
and
Guy Jeans
Kern River Conservancy



Notices

California Waterfowl Association

Owens River Annual Clean Up
Bishop, California
Saturday, February 11, 2017



Meet @ 8AM Pleasant Valley Campground

Bring gloves and be prepared to help clean up as much of the Owens River as we can. Wear waders if you own them.

Bring family and friends! The more people, the cleaner the river!

Coffee and baked good provided for all volunteers at 8AM &

Lunch will be provided for all volunteers at 12PM

@ Pleasant Valley Campground.

2017 Sponsors include:

California Waterfowl Association – Bishop

Caltrout – Sierra Headwaters Region

Eastern Sierra Fishing Guides Association

Preferred Septic and Disposal – Bishop

Inyo Recycling and Waste Management - Bishop

Silver Lake Resort – June Lake

Trout Unlimited – Eastern Sierra Field Office

International Federation of Fly Fishers – Southwest Council

Talk it up. Bring family and friends. This is our chance to annually clean up Bishop's blue ribbon moving water fishery.

For information on sponsoring or general information call

Chris Leonard. 818.288.3271.



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:

- ☐ \$40 Single - Regular
☐ \$60 Single - Golden Trout
☐ \$50 Family - Regular
☐ \$70 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) x \$37 per person

Total \$ _____

Please make check payable to W.F.F.

Mail to:

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

Join us online, Visit our website www.wildernessflyfishers.org



October 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
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9	10	11 WFF Board Meeting	12	13	14 2016 IFFF Southwest Council Fly Fishing Faire	15 2016 IFFF Southwest Council Fly Fishing Faire
16 2016 IFFF Southwest Council Fly Fishing Faire	17	18 WFF Monthly Meeting: Jeff Currier "Fly Fishing through Midlife Heaven"	19	20	21	22 WFF Fly Tying
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4 WFF Hot Creek Ranch Trip	5 WFF Hot Creek Ranch Trip

