



Advanced Nymphing Techniques

with Jason Randall

The recent innovations in nymphing techniques – Czech, Polish, Spanish, French – can leave you feeling confused and nostalgic for the days when an indicator, a split shot and a nymph were all you needed. The European “tight line” systems, derived from competitive angling, are surprisingly simple and effective in our local waters. New contact techniques focus on getting the flies to the strike zone and improving strike detection, but do you know when and how to use each method? Our April program discusses these new methods but also offers improved strategies for flotation style indicators. To help us demystify all this, we welcome back Jason Randall.

Jason has been an outdoor writer for almost fifteen years with feature articles appearing regularly in *American Angler*, as well as *Fly Fisherman*, *Eastern Fly Fishing*, *Northwest Fly Fishing* and many other outdoor magazines.



Jason Randall

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April 2018 MONTHLY MEETING

Date: Tuesday, April 17th
 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, \$1.25 first add. hour, \$1.85
 each add. ½ hr., \$17.50 daily max.
[1234 4th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401](#)

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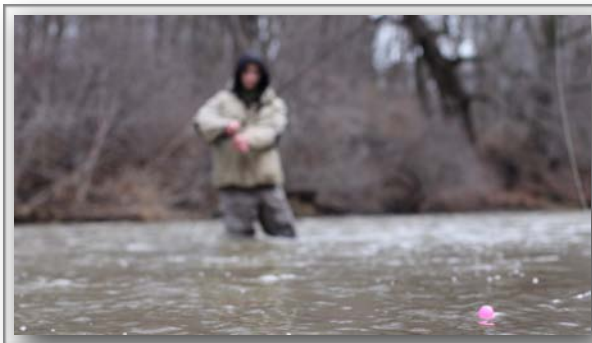
Jason was born in Morris, Illinois, a small rural town in the north-central part of the state. His father introduced him to fishing, hunting and camping and his growing love of the outdoors led Jason to become an Eagle Scout when he was just 15.

He attended veterinary school at the University of Illinois, served in the Army and then moved to Woodstock to start his practice. He is not only a veterinarian, but a veterinarian certified in fish health and medicine. He is also a member of the World Aquatic Veterinary Medical Association and the Society for Freshwater Science.

Jason picked up a fly rod in 1983, but with no guidance or instruction, became frustrated with fly fishing and casting and didn't handle a fly rod again for almost a decade. It was, during a Colorado vacation, that a friend suggested they go fly fishing. Fortunately they hired a guide who gave them casting instruction and solid, accurate advice. After these brief, though valuable lessons, Jason proceeded to catch several native trout and this experience, says Jason, hooked him on fly fishing for life. And "hook him" is an understatement.

Jason proceeded to not only study and learn fly fishing, achieving great success as thoroughly and quickly as few others have, but he also became adept at communicating the knowledge he gained. He has been an outdoor writer with feature articles appearing regularly in *American Angler*, *Fly Fisherman*, *Eastern Fly Fishing*, *Northwest Fly Fishing* and many other outdoor magazines.

In 2012, Stackpole/Headwater books released Jason's first book, **Moving Water: A Fly Fisher's Guide to Currents**. This book studies and explains the effect of current on trout, their prey species and presentation, where vertical layers of current create drag and require adjustments to improve nymph fishing success.



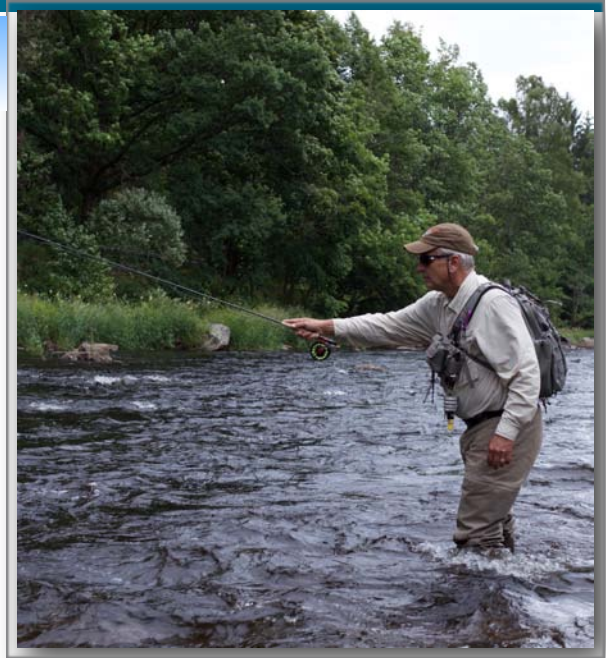
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Jason's second book **Feeding Time: A Fly Fisher's Guide to What, Where and When Trout Eat**, was released in August of 2013. This valuable book focuses on matching your fishing strategies to the trout's feeding strategies, especially when targeting large trout.

And in 2014, the third book in his publisher's "Fly Fisher's Guide" trilogy was released -- **Trout Sense: A Fly Fisher's Guide to What Trout See, Hear and Smell**, which offers anglers an opportunity to know more about the quarry they seek.

In 2017, Jason joined luminaries Lefty Kreh, Bob Clouser, Ed Jaworowski and many others on the TFO National Advisory Team. In 2017-18, Jason will appear and present at shows, clubs and events throughout North America.

To learn more about this bright, professional and accomplished fly fisher (and *fish-whisperer*), go to: www.jrflyfishing.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](#)

Kelsey Lake	Fri.-Tue.	Apr. 27-May 1
WFF Fly Tying	Sat.	Apr. 28

Trout in the Classroom Completes a Successful Program

By Celia Carroll, TIC Coordinator

All Trout in the Classroom rainbow trout fry were successfully released during the week of March 19 at Kenneth Hahn Lake in spite of showery weather and one postponed field trip. Five Culver City Unified School District classroom teachers participated in the program. WFF volunteers pitched in to make for a successful and educational fry release!

A common comment from the students was, "This is the best field trip I ever had!" or "I never knew this stream had all these creatures living in it!"

Culver City Middle School seventh grade science teachers Tom Kim, Crystal Neuhaus, and Phyllis Yarbrough hosted aquariums in their classrooms. Celia Carroll conducted six days of classroom lab exercises for them based on the life cycles of rainbow trout and aquatic insects. The elementary school students released fish for the middle schoolers who could not arrange their own field trip.

Both El Marino Language School volunteer Mike Nabours and teacher Mitsuko Omuro hosted TIC for the school's fifth graders. Linwood E. Howe teacher, Lisa Schnauss, spread the program over all 4 third grade classrooms, all of whose students heard Jim Drummond's presentation on egg delivery day, and Celia's program on aquatic insects.



TIC Culver City Middle School Tank



Linwood E Howe third graders capture and examine aquatic insects at their release, Friday, March 23.

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TIC Completes a Successful Program

A shout-out of gratitude for their cheer and energy go to the following WFF volunteers: Larry Carroll, Mary Jo Dalton, Jim Drummond, Peter Haight, Charlie Motley, Leslie Riley, Marcelo Reynoso, Art Siegel, and Ken Trabert.

Every year I am privileged to introduce students to the wonders of their unique California environment. The rainbow trout life cycle is truly a window into geology, hydrology, climate, biology, evolution, and the way the life cycles of other creatures intersect with the life cycles of trout. Over 500 students participated in the program this year alone. My hope is for these students to become good caretakers of our environment when they are grown.



Above: Art Siegel assists students releasing trout fry



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Upper Owens River Outing – March 22-23

By: Peter Haight

John Dalton and I left at a comfortable hour in light rain for Bishop. Doug Hall, the third in our party, drove separately knowing he had to stop off at Victorville on the way back home. Arriving at Bishop we all met up and had lunch at Jack's, checked in at the Creekside Inn, suited up and left for Pleasant Valley on the Lower Owens. The river looked to be in reasonably good condition near the campground at the bridge below the Pleasant Valley Dam. In the many trips to this spot, we have always found some fish. But when we arrived another fisherman had already fished through all of the holding water above and below where we parked. And it was already four o'clock when we arrived and there was no hatch that we observed. Nevertheless the river produced a good fish for John and Doug. I hooked a larger fish that I could not bring across the current without it breaking me off and me falling backward into the water – happily unhurt, only a bit shaken. We left the river at six and, after some good single malt at the Inn, had a late supper at Thai Thai Café, an excellent restaurant at the Bishop airport.

The next morning, weather cold and miserable, we had arranged with David D'Beaupre of the Sierra Trout Magnet to fish the Lower Owens on Thursday while it was snowing or sleeting above Crowley Lake, and go north to the Upper Owens on Friday, as the weather cleared. The plan was good, but other events intervened. Overnight the water flow from the Pleasant Valley Dam was increased by about 25% which always puts down the fish as they scramble to find new cover. Fishing all morning in very difficult-to-get-to locations we had never fished before, but looked promising, we came up with only one fish each before we quit for a late lunch.



John Dalton, Peter Haight & Doug Hall



John and the guide

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Upper Owens Outing

Friday morning, the sky had cleared, and the mountains emerged in brilliance with new snow nearly down to the valley level.

Driving north on Highway 395 we met up with our guide David at the Green Church, continued east past the Owens River bridge and then turned north on dirt and mud and crusty snow to a stretch of river above the Hot Creek confluence. We all caught fish. I landed three, a rainbow, a cutthroat and a brown, but nothing over 14 inches. John landed a fine 21 inch cutthroat and several others. Doug, like me, landed several smaller fish and hooked into two more “huge” fish (said David) that Doug could not land. I hooked one more “huge” fish that spit the hook on a spectacular three foot jump before we trudged a mile or so back to the cars, tired but reasonably satisfied with a beautiful day on a challenging river surrounded by breathtaking scenery.

But the excitement was not over yet as we headed south for home. My never fail Volvo took us to the Coso Junction rest stop where we stopped for water – this was intended to be the last stop before Santa Monica. However, when we returned to the car we found the starter motor spinning but the solenoid not engaging the motor. 1-½ hours later we were towed 32 miles to Ridgecrest, where we spent the night. We took the Volvo to a mechanic who worked on Saturday, but could not fix the car, requiring another tow to a foreign car mechanic the following Monday. We returned home on Saturday afternoon thanks to Avis. I returned to pick up my car on Wednesday with my Volvo faith shaken. Notwithstanding all the machinations, it was a fun trip with great friends, some good fishing and outstanding scenery. A good time was had by all.



Doug with a nice catch



John with a nice catch



Notices

So You Want To Be a CI

Saturday, April 14, 2018, 09:00 - 14:00

Southwest Council

Contact Eric Callow, Casting Director, SWCFFI at casting@swcffi.org or (818) 219-2276

Many casters who have reached the intermediate or advanced skill level find themselves asking two questions:

- How can I continue to improve my casting skills?
- How can I share my passion for casting and fly fishing with others?

The Certified Casting Instructor program of Fly Fishers International answers both by providing a thoughtfully structured syllabus of casting skills to be mastered with an equally important emphasis on teaching technique and a thorough grounding in casting theory. As such, it provides a road map for becoming the caster we want to be and a teacher who can effectively share their skills with others.

Going back to the early 1990's, the Certified Casting Instructor program was conceived as a way to provide both consistency and a higher standard in teaching others how to fly cast. Today, over fifty instructors who are active in the Southwest Council of the FFI have earned the CCI or Master Casting Instructor title. This clinic will provide a window on how you could become one of them by:

- Providing hands on demonstration and practice in each of the required casting skills.
- Highlighting study sources needed to become a knowledgeable teacher.
- Explaining the role of a mentor and how to find one.

Cost: \$50.00 FFI members, \$60.00 non-members. Register online at www.swcffi.org.

Location Long Beach Casting Club
5201 East 7th Street
Long Beach
California
90808
USA
(562) 433-9408



Notices



Join us for a weekend at Kelsey where fly rod caught bass in the 3 to 5 pound class are common. (The current lake record is 16 pounds 12 ounces caught in January of 2014!) Since we have permission to camp lakeside, you can indulge in catch and release fishing from as early as you want to as late as you want. With twelve anglers in our group, we will pretty much have exclusive access to the 125 acre lake for the weekend.

Details and Registration at www.WildernessFlyFishers.org

Don't Miss It!



Notices



CARPFEST

Date: May 19, 2018

Tournament Check-In: 7:00 AM at Kern River Fly Shop

Score Card Return: 3:00 PM at Kern River Fly Shop

Tournament Festivities: 5:00 PM - 10:00 PM at Kern River Fly Shop

Details:

We are pleased to announce the 1st annual **CARPFEST** to be held on May 19, 2017 in Lake Isabella, CA as a mini carp circuit with [Carp Throwdown](#).

This will be a 2 person team event with a float and wade division. The registration fees for the wade division is \$75 per angler and the float division fee is \$100 per person. Teams do not have to belong to a fly fishing club to participate. Team shirts are highly encouraged. Check in will be at the [Kern River Fly Shop](#) at 7:00 am.

Profits from the tournament fees will be donated to [Kern River Conservancy](#) and [Keepers of the Kern](#).

Post tournament activities will be held at the Fly Shop Backlot where vendors may showcase products. We will have a delicious BBQ dinner followed by a jam session to provide entertainment.

Visit our website for tournament schedule and details at ssffclub.org/carpfest

Contact Chiaki at haramic@aol.com for more details.

Registration closes Monday, May 14, 2018.

[REGISTER](#)

REGISTER BY APRIL 30 AND RECEIVE A FREE CARPFEST HAT



Notices



**** Announcing 2018 Dates: June 19 – 23 ****
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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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April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30 Good Friday	31 Passover (1st Day)
1 Easter Sunday	2	3	4	5	6	7
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