

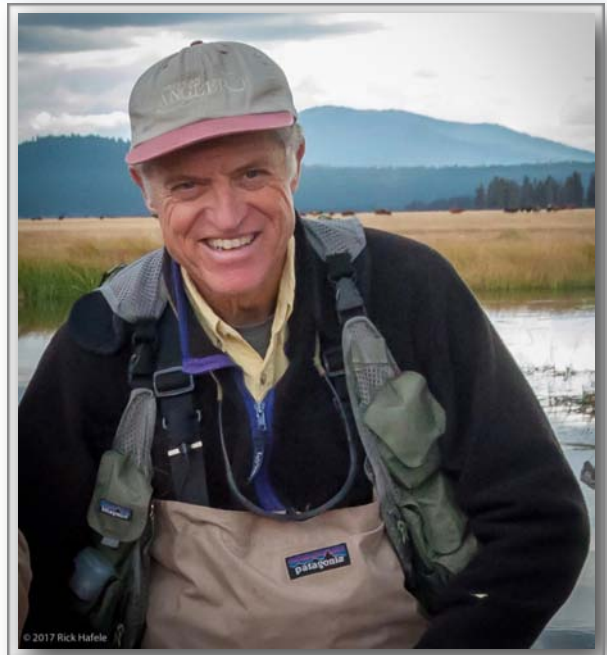


Understanding Emergers

with Rick Hafele

In November we are delighted to welcome back Oregon author, fly tier and entomologist Rick Hafele with a brand-new program on the tricky topic of emergers. When they won't take a dry fly, nymph or streamer, you can bet that an emerger will do the trick. It sounds easy enough, but it is probably the least understood of the standard techniques we use. Rick's program will cover fly choice, presentation and hooking techniques.

Rick Hafele has been called many things, among them "the bug man." He caught his first trout on a fly at the age of 12 on a spring creek in Missouri, which is when he got hooked – and not just figuratively. Trout streams were few and far between, however, near the small farm town in Illinois he called home, so bluegills and bass provided his early fly-fishing education. In 1969



Rick Hafele

Rick left Illinois and flew west to attend college in Bellingham, Washington, to see for
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NOVEMBER 2018 MONTHLY MEETING

Date: Tuesday, November 13th
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](#)
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Understanding Emergers

himself what all the hoopla was over salmon and trout and, oh yes, attend college as well. Since then he has traveled throughout the West and beyond, fishing for wild native trout and collecting and studying the insects upon which they feed.

Rick's love of bugs led to a Master of Science degree in aquatic entomology from Oregon State University in 1979, and he worked as a professional aquatic biologist for over 30 years, specializing in water quality assessment and the study of aquatic insects. In the course of both his professional work and his fly fishing, Rick has spent more than 40 years observing aquatic insects and fish communities in creeks, streams, rivers, and lakes.

Rick has written articles for scientific journals, and penned the "Aquatic Entomology" column for *American Angler* magazine for over 30 years. Books to his credit include *An Angler's Guide to Aquatic Insects and Their Imitations* (with Scott Roederer, Johnson Books, 1995), *The Complete Book of Western Hatches* (with Dave Hughes, Amato Pub., 1981), *Western Mayfly Hatches* (with Dave Hughes, Amato Pub. 2005), *Nymph Fishing Rivers and Streams* (Stackpole Books, 2006), and most recently *Tactics for Trout* and *Seasons for Trout* (with Dave Hughes and Skip Morris, Stackpole Books, 2014).

Rick has also instructed in eight fly fishing DVDs starting with the 1983 Scientific Angler release of *Anatomy of a Trout Stream*. His most recent DVD, *Advanced Tactics for Emergers & Dries*, was released by Laughing River Productions in October, 2011. Other DVDs include *Nymph Fishing Basics* and *Advanced Nymph Fishing*, and the four-volume set titled *Fly Fishing Large Western Rivers*.



Understanding Emergers

Rick is currently a member of the Freshwater Trust, the Native Fish Society of Oregon, the Xerces Society, the Western River Conservancy, Trout Unlimited, and Water Watch. He has also been awarded life membership to the Federation of Fly Fishers (now Fly Fishers International) and the Flyfisher's Club of Oregon for his contributions to fly fishing literature. He lives in Wilsonville, Oregon with his wife Carol. For more information checkout Rick's website at: www.rickhafele.com.



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New location for this month only!!!

Monthly Board of Directors Meeting

The monthly Board Meeting, held the Tuesday, one week before the monthly dinner meeting, will be held **this month** at **2320 Carlyle Avenue, Santa Monica, CA 90402**. 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 Hot Creek Outing	Fri. - Mon.	Nov. 2-5
WFF Fly Tying	Sat.	Nov. 24
WFF Holiday Party	Sun.	Dec. 9

WFF Fly Tying

Early this fall, we will have fly tying classes as usual at St Augustine Church in SM. They are on the 4th Saturday of the month: Nov 24, just after Thanksgiving. As always people may tie whatever they personally need or want. But for November, foam bodied terrestrials.



You Are Invited to a Holiday Celebration!

By Celia Carroll

The Wilderness Fly Fishers holiday party is the club's most festive and most anticipated event of the calendar year! Be sure to plan on joining us at the home of John and Mary Jo Dalton for a gracious, sparkling, and delicious celebration.

Save the date: Sunday, December 9th

- Cost: \$45.00 per person, pay online at the Wilderness Fly Fishers website

The festivities start at 4:00 pm. Bring a warm wrap – this time of year can be chilly in Santa Monica and the venue is planned for John and Mary Jo's backyard patio.

John and Mary Jo's address is:

- 740 19th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90402
- between Montana Avenue and San Vicente Boulevard

John and Mary Jo will welcome us to an evening under the stars, surrounded by the beauty of a gracious and colorful landscape. A delicious dinner, professionally catered and served, will be accompanied by a selection of wines, chosen by the club's several wine connoisseurs. Please feel free to bring a donation of your favorite brew or vintage wine.

The traditional drawing for trips, guide services, equipment and fine dining opportunities will follow dinner. It is the last fundraiser for the year, essential for paying for 2019 programs. Buy tickets online or at the November general meeting:

- Single Ticket: \$25.00
- Five Tickets: \$100.00
- Twelve Tickets: \$200.00

If you cannot come to the party, you can still participate in the drawing. Let our webmaster, Larry Carroll, know your prize selections, ranked in order of preference. We will be sure you receive your winnings. See you there on December 9th!

In the event of rain the party will be relocated to St. Augustine By the Sea, the usual monthly meeting location.



John & Mary Jo's back yard



Colorado River from New Castle to Silt

by Mary Jo Dalton

Continued from last month with the Daltons on the Green River.

After traveling from Utah to Basalt, Colorado, we settled into an Airbnb and woke to a rainstorm on August 18, 2018. We gathered our rain gear and headed out to Glenwood Springs to meet our guide, Jeremy. The Colorado and the Roaring Fork below Carbondale were ordered to shut down at 2 PM due to the hot weather and stress on the fish. So we settled for a half-day. We were supposed to start at 10 AM and go till 2 PM but due to heavy winds Jeremy decided on this stretch of water which was quite a drive from Glenwood Springs putting us on the river just before 11. The rain subsided and the sun eventually came out. Jeremy was a very lively guide and shouted orders on when and how to put our lines out. We were using nymphs; I with a San Juan worm and a prince; John with the same pattern. The river was murky from the rain.

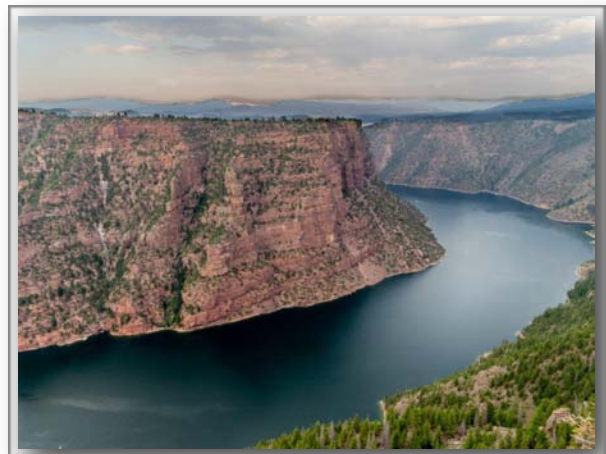
I caught three fish right off the bat and then John caught about the same. They were nice size browns, 12-18 inches, big and fat. From that point on we kept catching fish with only a few breaks of about 10 minutes without catching. All in all over a period of three hours we caught about 35 beautiful brown and rainbow trout, each giving us a fight and some leaps on the take. One feisty fish broke off the tip of my rod! It was the most exhilarating drift boat experience I have ever had. We floated about eight miles until we had to get off the water. Thanks to Jeremy for the excellent guiding and to John for letting me be in the front of the boat. Jeremystottflyfishing@gmail.com.



Mary Jo and Jeremy-Colorado River



Bar in Basalt



Red Canyon, Green River, Utah

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Colorado River



Electric Storm-St. George



Rainbows in Oregon

By Peter Haight

John and Mary Jo Dalton, Peter and Gretchen Haight, and Doug Hall converged from different directions on Lonesome Duck Lodge to fish for two days on the Williamson and the Wood Rivers. We all arrived the 25th of September to the very comfortable cabin, on a warm and sunny autumn afternoon. The Hights, having driven up the west coast, brought wine and had stopped at the Taylor Sausage Company in Cave Junction for superb steaks and bacon, and at Fred Meyer in Medford for most of the groceries for the three nights and mornings. Our guides, Marlon Rampy, Craig, and Jeff, provided lunches.

Marlon, upon arrival told us that fishing would be slow since the weather the prior week had been extremely cold so the water in the lake was not warm enough to encourage many of the big rainbows to move up into the spawning rivers. So, unlike two years before, when I had been there, we were hunting big fish more than catching, but some smaller fish filled in.

The first day Doug and I loaded into Marlon's truck, drift boat in tow, and drove to the put-in on the west side of the river near Chiloquin and floated back down to the lodge. Mary jo and John did the same with Craig. But the tactics were different. Marlon had Doug and I fishing with a brown leach pattern under an indicator. Craig had the other boat fishing with streamers. The nymphing did much better. Doug caught five fish during the day; I caught four. Doug landed one that was about 20 inches. I was lucky enough to get a 28" and a 23", great and beautiful, red bands down the dark sides. John and Mary Jo only caught one nice fish that day on a dry fly.



Doug Hall, Mary Jo Dalton, Gretchen and Peter Haight, photo by John Dalton



Peter and his 28" fish on the first day



Doug and a nice one, his first fish of the day

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Rainbows in Oregon

Second day, John and Mary Jo were with Marlon on the Williamson; Doug and I left with Jeff for the Wood River which flows into Agency Lake which in turn flows into Klamath Lake as does the Williamson. The Wood is a slow estuary with every sort of waterfowl imaginable. We saw three kinds of herons, swan and geese, osprey and Marsh Hawks, pelicans and every sort of duck. Fishing was slow like the Williamson but I did land a 24" rainbow early in the day and we lost several more later. We alternated between streamers and nymphs. John and Mary Jo with Marlon fished better than the first day, and John got the size prize with a 30" monster.

Gretchen spent the days reading and watching the Steller's jays, and robins from a hammock at the riverbank and hiking upriver taking in the fall foliage. We had brought with us too many provisions. The extra wine was donated to the October WFF dinner gathering. All of us left on Friday morning. Gretchen and I went to visit Gretchen's sister in Sheep Ranch. So, as they visited, I got a fishing dividend on the North Branch of the Stanislaus with Trevor Stewart, an excellent guide who took me to his favorite stretch on Saturday morning, situated in a gorgeous canyon upriver from the Melones Lake. But the fishing is challenging with fast water and riverbanks made up of large boulders and rock ledges which means you can't run down river when you get into large fish – which we did. Two in the mid-twenties came to our feet but took off again and broke off before they came to net. The last, clearly seen, and about the same size, broke off in the foam at the end of heavy rapids. I will return to fish again with Trevor, who texted me later, saying he had left for Pyramid Lake with excellent results and now is on the East Walker. He is headquartered at the Troutfitter in Mammoth Lakes.



Mary Jo and Craig



John and his monster



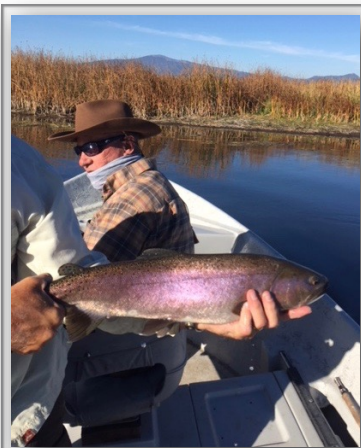
Marlon and one of Mary Jo's
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Rainbows in Oregon

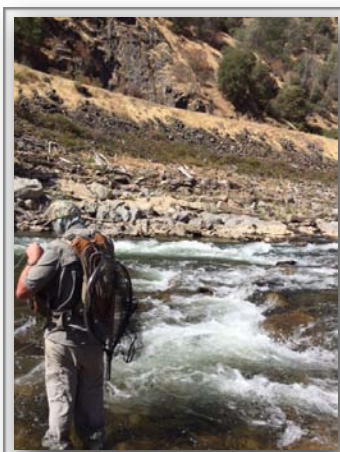
As always, like other club trips, it was filled with good food, drink, fish, and WFF camaraderie.



Even pros, sometimes can't hold on to the fish



An old homestead



On the water



Doug after a day on the water




Gretchen making a salad



The same homestead



A nice photo by John 

Member Corner

WFF Fly Fishing & Casting Training for All Ages – Report

10/22/18

Training Date: Oct. 20th, 2018

Location: Links Park 6133 S. Crescent Park Drive,
Playa Vista

Time: 10 am to noon

Instructors: Peter Haight, Roger Later, Mel Light,
Norm Nelson, Marcelo Reynoso, and HL Boihem

Attendees: 11 trainees were ORIENTED and
TRAINED in fly casting BASICS during the two hours
w/ Q&A.

Passersby: 10 people stopped to observe with 5 indicating they'd return for training Oct. 27th or Nov. 3rd.



HL, Evan & Reece at The Point Park in Playa Vista

Flyers: Training announcements had been placed on the Playa Vista FB page, entered on the NextDoor Playa Vista only web site, and posted locally at several locations in Playa Vista.

Training Flyers & WFF cards: These were handed out to all trainees and those who stopped by.

Fly Fishing Gear: Each trainer brought rods/reels, Peter brought various fishing gear and photos to display, and I brought books, magazines, WFF business cards, and a contact sign-in sheet.

Comments: Peter, Mel, and Marcelo were not available on Oct. 27th (due to prior fly tying training commitments at St. Augustine By-The-Sea), however, Reece Lewis and Evan Slezak, were back as trainers.

Contacts: Email addresses/phone numbers for the Oct. 20th trainees (as well as others) have been recorded so reminders can be sent in advance of future training sessions.

Note: Reece Lewis, Evan Slezak, and HL Boihem conducted Fly Casting Demos on Sept. 1st and Oct. 6th at The Pointe park. These Demos provided 33 women, men, & children an opportunity to “try their hand” at fly casting, of whom 15 expressed an interest in future fly fishing and casting training (Oct. 20th, 27th & Nov. 3rd).

HL Boihem

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&
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Come join Santa Monica's Wilderness Fly Fishers to learn more about this family friendly sport! Stop by anytime to meet our anglers, for fly fishing demos & free casting classes for adults & children of all ages!

When: Saturday, September 1, 2018
Where: The Point Park in front of The Resort
Time: 9:00am – Noon

A collage of four small photographs. The top-left photo shows a man in a blue shirt holding a large fish. The top-right photo shows a person fishing in a river. The bottom-left photo shows a person fishing in a river. The bottom-right photo shows a man and a woman holding a large fish together.

Print & Mail Coupons

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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

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Please make check payable to W.F.F.

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November & December 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31 Halloween	1	2 Hot Creek Ranch Outing	3 Hot Creek Ranch Outing
4 Daylight Saving Time Ends Hot Creek Ranch Outing	5 Hot Creek Ranch Outing	6 Election Day WFF Board Meeting New Location this Month Only	7	8	9	10
11 Veterans Day / Remembrance Day	12	13 WFF Monthly Meeting Rick Hafele: "Understanding Emergers"	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Thanksgiving Day	23	24 WFF Fly Tying
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3 Hanukkah (1st Day)	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 WFF Deadline for Newsletter Articles	21 Winter Solstice	22
23	24	25 Christmas	26 Kwanzaa (1st Day)	27	28	29
30	31	1 New Years Day	2	3	4	5

