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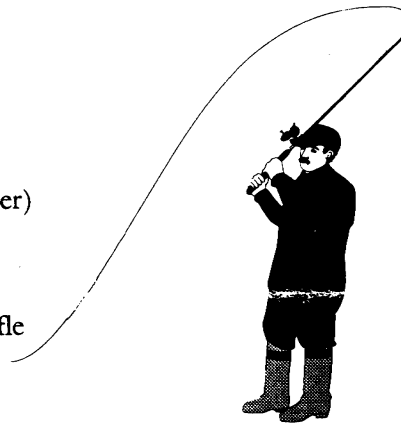
FLY FISHERS

May, 1998

Denver, Colorado

May Meeting:
FISHING FROM A FLOAT TUBE
with Dana Rikimaru and Chris Hill

DATE: Tuesday, May 5
TIME: 5:30-6:30 - Social Hour
6:30-7:30 - Dinner (optional, \$9)
7:30-8:30 - Program
(\$1 room charge if you don't have dinner)
PLACE: Twin Dragon Restaurant
3021 S. Broadway at Dartmouth
PLEASE BRING: ✦ A donation for our monthly raffle
✦ A flyfishing friend -
new guests are welcome!



HOW TO GET THERE:
The Twin Dragon Restaurant is at 3021 South Broadway, about four blocks north of Hampden at Dartmouth. Park across the street at Walgreens. Turn right when you enter the restaurant and we'll be there!

Are you interested in finding out more about flyfishing from a float tube? Professional instructor Dana Rikimaru of Blue Quill Angler and avid float tuber Chris Hill will discuss the basics of different styles of float tubes, float tube accessories and fishing strategies. Dana will discuss equipment - what to choose and what options are available from round boats to u-shaped and pontoon styles. Chris will share strategies and her experiences float tubing, from how to dress to why you would want to give this aspect of flyfishing a try. Both will give you helpful tips to getting started in float tubing and to expanding your stillwater fly-fishing skills. Hope to see you there!

Welcome to Our Newest CWF Members!

We're pleased to welcome the following new and renewing members to CWF. Please add their names and addresses to your most recent CWF membership roster.

- Diane Brians (renewal) 2702 S. Logan St., Englewood CO 80110; H: 761-6215; W: 864-5109 - I
- Mary Boudrias 951 Lincoln Place, Boulder CO 80302; H: 443-6329; W: 629-6902 - B
- Cindy Chang 8873 Colorado Blvd., #204, Thornton CO 80229; H: 287-2231 - B
- Kerry Dwyer (renewal) 1878 S. Logan St., Denver CO 80210; H: 733-8077; W: 866-4655 - B
- Debbie Pirnack 5250 Bow Mar Drive, Littleton CO 80123; H: 794-4500 - B
- Lynann Butler Sanchez 7489 S. Alkire St., #203, Littleton CO 80127; H: 973-6958; W: 832-1144 x216 - B

Also, please update your 1998 CWF roster as follows:

Chris Arthur has a new address: 7618 Halleys Drive, Littleton, CO 80125; H: (303) 933-7998. . . . Susan Hollander is now known as Susan Apple. Her address and phone number are unchanged.

BACKCAST

April Meeting: Gary Willmart of Colorado Fishing Adventures entertained another packed house with stories and slides of the many flyfishing opportunities in southern Colorado. With Gary's maps in hand, more than a few CWFers were overheard rearranging their summer plans to include a sojourn to this beautiful, relatively uncrowded fishing paradise. Thanks to Gary for his excellent presentation!

Thanks also to Gary for his very generous donation to CWF's monthly raffle of a half-day guided fishing trip for two on the San Juan River in northern New Mexico. This trip, which will base out of Gary's Rainbow Lodge, was won by **Sherry Schranz**, who was understandably thrilled and soon surrounded by eager would-be fishing partners.

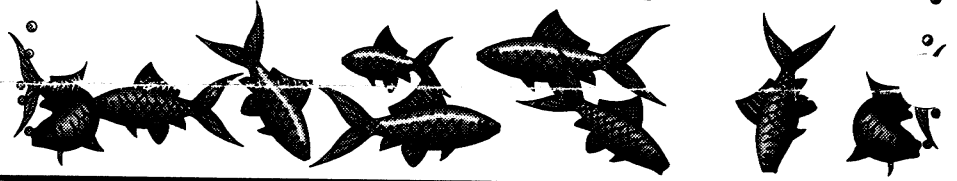
Many thanks also to The Alpine Angler (2390 S. Chambers Rd., 873-6997), the Aurora fly shop at which CWF member and instructor **Jan O'Shea** frequently teaches, for its generous donation of a beautifully-packaged set of fly tying tools and vise. Avid fly tyer **Sandy Wright** was the lucky winner of this prize. With these new tools in hand, she should have no problem whipping out a dozen flies to add to the Travelling Fly Box, which the envious crowd awarded to her by acclamation.

With additional contributions from The Denver Angler (5455 W. 38th Ave., Wheatridge, 403-4512), Discount Fishing Tackle (2645 S. Santa Fe, Denver, 698-2550) and generous CWF members, there were many other happy raffle winners as well. Thanks as always to these members and businesses for their support of our club.

CWF EVENTS CALENDAR

- May 2-3 Mother's Day Caddis Hatch/Arkansas River Trip—Call Chris Juvan, 480-0985
- May 5 CWF Monthly Meeting, 5:30 PM, Twin Dragon Restaurant—Dana Rikimaru and Chris Hill on Float Tube Fishing
- May 7 CWF Fly Tying Evening—Call Kris Tita, 744-7355
- May 16-17 Delaney Butte Lakes Trip—Call Chris Arthur, 933-7998
- May 19 CWF Board Meeting, 6:30 PM—Call Patty White, 722-4114
- June 2 CWF Monthly Meeting, 5:30 PM, Twin Dragon Restaurant—Rebecca Frank
- June 13 Golden Gate Ponds Day Trip—Call Debbie Seiden, 757-1302
- June 16 CWF Board Meeting—Call Nancy Rutherford, 871-8650
- June 27-28 Wolford Reservoir/Muddy Creek Day/Overnight Trip—Call Chris Juvan, 480-0985
- July 7 CWF Picnic, Bear Creek Green Belt Park—Call Nadine von Storch, 321-4529

* Some entries may change -- check monthly for updates & additions.



CHEESEMAN CANYON DAY TRIP, April 8

by Craige Stainton and Suzy Uchida

By all accounts this mid-week fishing expedition into Cheeseman Canyon was a whooping success. Every CWF member was rewarded for her persistent efforts and fishing abilities. Six CWF members, **Carol Stegink, Sherry Schranz, Linda Patton, Anita English, Craige Stainton** and **Suzy Uchida**, were eager to hike into the Canyon after traveling on snow-packed roads and standing under overcast skies pondering what awaited them in the Canyon.

The trail was in great shape, no ice or slick spots were left behind from the winter snowfall, and the hike in was a breeze . . . although most of us huffed and puffed a bit. After a hard day of fishing and turning out the lights in the Canyon, we would like to give these participating members a new designation of D.H. (Die Hards) after their names. Special thanks to Suzy U., trip coordinator, for getting us safely in and out.

P.S. Some of the participants were sorely disappointed that Roper (Suzy's dog) was not in attendance.

THE AMERICAN EXPRESS FLY

by Nancy Rutherford

I leant forward with anticipation to hear the reply. The question fascinated me: "What is the fly that you don't want to leave home without?" The four CWF member panelists at our March meeting answered one by one in the Question and Answer format for our March meeting, so excellently facilitated by Kathy Kanda. As already reported in the April newsletter, their responses were varied: woolly bugger, gold-ribbed hare's ear nymph, pheasant tail nymph, and a Royal Wulff. (I do remember Marsha Exley qualifying her first response though: that, of course, she would use the one that worked!)

Though I feel I have graduated into Flyfishing 201 (meaning I can tell you the names of about half of the flies in my box and could make a good educated guess on whether or not each is a dry or nymph), I couldn't tell you which particular fly would be the best bet to try in varying situations. Obviously, if I can get help from the more seasoned in our group, I'll take it. My curiosity got the best of me and I took my own poll of each of the CWF board members present at our March meeting. "What is the fly that you would not leave home without?" Without further ado, here are their replies:

Chris Juvan: Flashback pheasant tail

Craige Stainton: Flashback pheasant tail

Kris Tita: RS2 or beadhead brown-hackle peacock (she had a tie!)

Suzy Uchida: Pheasant tail (green colored is her "fav")

Nadine von Storch: Flashback pheasant tail

atty White: Prince nymph

P.S. My favorite (because I've caught more fish on it than any other): beadhead caddis.

RUN-OFF and "WATER TALK"

by Kris Tita

Most years in Colorado there is a three to six week interval between the end of winter and the beginning of run-off when the water warms, the fish get hungry and the fishing turns hot. Once run-off starts, however, you usually have to wait until the water lowers and clears, typically towards the end of June or later, if you want to fish most Colorado streams and rivers. (Unless you want to streamer fish as Dana advises in her article in this newsletter.)

One way to monitor where your favorite stream is in the run-off cycle is through the Colorado Division of Water Resources' "Water Talk." Water Talk provides telephone access to the Division's satellite system for monitoring current streamflows and reservoir storage across the state. To obtain streamflow data on a particular stream, simply call (303) 831-7135 using your touch-tone phone. A robotic voice will direct you to enter the "Division Number" and then the "Station Number" of the waterway. The voice will then identify the location you just punched in, the time and date of the most recent report from that location and the flow rate, in cubic feet per second (CFS), at that time. If you're not sure what a good, fishable flow is for a particular stream, check with local fly shops and anglers.

To check out the system, try some of the popular Division and Station Numbers listed below. For a more complete list of waters on the Water Talk system, contact the Office of State Engineer, Division of Water Resources, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 818, Denver, CO 80203, 303-866-3581, or check the "Water Talk" Appendix in Marty Bartholomew's book, Flyfisher's Guide to Colorado.

DIVISION ONE

- 18—Cache la Poudre at Canyon Mouth, Ft. Collins
- 40—S. Platte River below Cheeseman Reservoir
- 43—S. Platte River above Elevenmile Reservoir
- 52—S. Platte River at Waterton

DIVISION TWO

- 12—Arkansas River near Wellsville
- 59—Arkansas River near Nathrop
- 64—Arkansas River at Canon City

DIVISION THREE

- 3—Conejos River near Mugote
- 12—Rio Grande River near Del Norte

DIVISION FOUR

- 5—East River at Almont
- 9—Gunnison River near Gunnison
- 22—Taylor River at Almont

DIVISION FIVE

- 1—Blue River below Dillon



DIVISION 5 (cont.)

- 6—Colorado River below Glenwood Springs
- 14—Eagle River below Gypsum
- 17—Frying Pan River near Ruedi
- 32—Roaring Fork River at Glenwood Springs
- 41—Williams Fork below Wms. Fork Reservoir
- 52—Colorado River at Parshall

DIVISION SIX

- 3—Yampa River at Steamboat Springs
- 9—N. Platte River near Gateway

DIVISION SEVEN

- 5—Dolores River below McPhee Reservoir
- 22—San Juan River at Pagosa Springs

CWF BULLETIN BOARD

CWF's 1998 Trip Schedule

Mark your calendars if you are interested in any of the following trips. If it's a weekend trip, **MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW** to ensure that you have a place to stay. Call the listed trip coordinator for more information or Trip Committee Chair Chris Juvan, 480-0985, especially if you are interested in being a trip coordinator for an open trip. See the notices earlier in this newsletter for information on CWF's May and June trips.

- July 11 **Blue River—TRIP COORDINATOR NEEDED**
- July 25-26 **Gunnison Basin—Call Kris Tita, 744-7355**
- Aug. 8-9 **Frying Pan & Roaring Fork Rivers—Call Kris Tita or Paula Fothergill, 970-963-1383**
- Aug. 22-23 **Poudre River—Call Sandy Wight, 935-2760**
- Sept. 12 **Rocky Mountain Nat'l Park—TRIP COORDINATOR NEEDED**
- Sept. 16/17 **Colorado River—Call Suzy Uchida, 233-1058**
- Sept. 23-27 **Big Horn River, MT—Call Marsha Exley, 733-3281**
- Oct. 10-11 **Elevenmile Canyon/ South Park—TRIP COORDINATOR NEEDED**
- Nov. 14 **Goose Creek—TRIP COORDINATOR NEEDED**

CWF Information Table

If you come across information on flyfishing-related classes, women in flyfishing or other topics of interest to CWF members, please bring one or more copies of the info to the next CWF meeting and place it on the Information Table for others to enjoy. Unless you specify otherwise, documents displayed on the Table will become Club property.



June Newsletter Deadline is May 15

Your contributions are welcome! Send articles (250 words suggested max.), news items, trip reports, non-commercial classified ads, favorite fishing quotes, etc. to Newsletter Editor, CWF, P.O. Box 46035, Denver, CO 80201 or fax to Kris Tita at 296-3956 or e-mail to tita@ballardspahr.com. Sorry, no commercial ads.

CWF Fly Tyer Meeting

CWF fly tyers will meet on Thursday, May 7, at Kris Tita's home, 911 S. Vine St. in Denver. Tyers of all abilities, as well as curious non-tyers, are invited. Tyers, please bring your own vise, tools and materials. With prior notice, extra vises and other tools may be available. If you are interested in coming, please call Kris at 744-7355.

CWF CLASSIFIED ADS

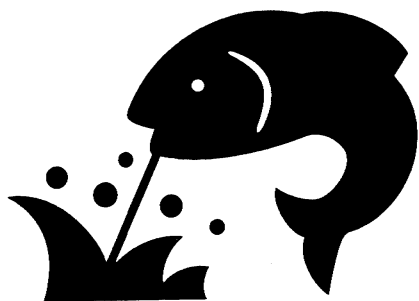
WANTED: Come one, come two! I am looking for one or two roommates to share my newly new home in Roxboro Village. I would love to share it with a fellow flyfisher! The house is conveniently located just 5 minutes from Waterton Canyon State Park, where the fishing is awesome! The area is quiet and the neighborhood is very friendly. If you want to get away from it all, this is a great place to be. The rent is reasonable and you will always have a ready fishing partner! If you are interested, please call Chris Arthur at 303-933-7998.

SPECIAL OFFER: The Flyfisher's Guide to Colorado, Marty Bartholomew's excellent 500-page guide to Colorado's flyfishing waters. Describes where and how to fish waters throughout the state and includes lots of practical trip planning information. Well-reviewed in both Denver newspapers. Price to CWF members: \$20 (compare to \$27 + tax retail price). Call Kris Tita, 744-7355, to order.

FOR SALE: Two rods for the price of one! Seven piece graphite rod can be assembled into either an 8.5' or 7' 4-5 weight rod. Fits into a 20" tube; great for travel or backpacking. Brand new, custom-made. \$430 (approx. \$100 less than retail). Call Kris Tita, 744-7355.

WANTED: HF Bar Ranch in Saddlestring, WY is looking for a female flyfishing guide from June 15 to August 15. The Ranch has 15 miles of private stream on the north and south forks of Rock Creek, plus leases on stretches of outstanding private water nearby. Mountain waters, accessible by pack trip, are also available. For more information, call direct to Paul Robertson, 307-684-7304, or call Nadine von Storch, 321-4529.

WANTED: Slide projector and/or screen for CWF monthly programs. If you have a projector or screen in good condition that you would like to donate to the club, please call Flora Jewell at 477-8672.



EAGLE RIVER DAY TRIP,

April 18

by Debbie Seiden

Four club members and one guest braved the snowy drive from the Denver area to fish the Eagle River. The group met up in Avon with **Cindy Scholl** - a CWF member and professional flyfishing guide who lives in Eagle - for a briefing on the fishing choices for the day. Cindy did not join us for fishing, as she is expecting her second child and has been quite busy.

The group decided to fish just west of Wolcott. As we headed for the river around 10 a.m., the snow finally stopped and the sun came out. Everyone was wearing neoprene waders and many layers of clothing. **Kris Tita** was the only one to report several fish caught by the time we met for lunch. But, by the end of the day, **Chris Juvan** had tallied four fish, **Dee Brown** had caught a beautiful 15 inch rainbow and her husband **Jim** reported a dozen fish landed - six of them on six consecutive casts! **Anne Wentz** - a CWF member who lives in Beaver Creek - also joined us for a few hours in the afternoon after squeezing in a few fresh powder runs on Vail mountain in the morning. Three dogs also participated in the fishing activities with great enthusiasm: Taylor (Kris Tita); Boomer (Chris Juvan) and Ivy (**Debbie Seiden**). We all had a wonderful day and by the time we left the river around 5:30 p.m., the five inches of snow that had fallen had melted.

A special thanks goes out to **Sherry Franz**, who organized the trip but did not join us as she was not feeling well, and to Cindy for hosting a fun pot-luck dinner at her home on Saturday evening.

LET'S GO FISHIN'!

DELANEY BUTTE LAKES WEEKEND TRIP

May 16-17



You are cordially invited to join your friendly fellow female flyfishers for a weekend of fun on the Delaney Butte Lakes the weekend of May 16-17! The Delaney Butte Lakes are made up of three lakes, North, South and East. North Delaney Butte Lake is maintained as a Gold Medal Water fishery! These lakes are premier float tubing waters, but you can also fish from shore. Hope to see you there!

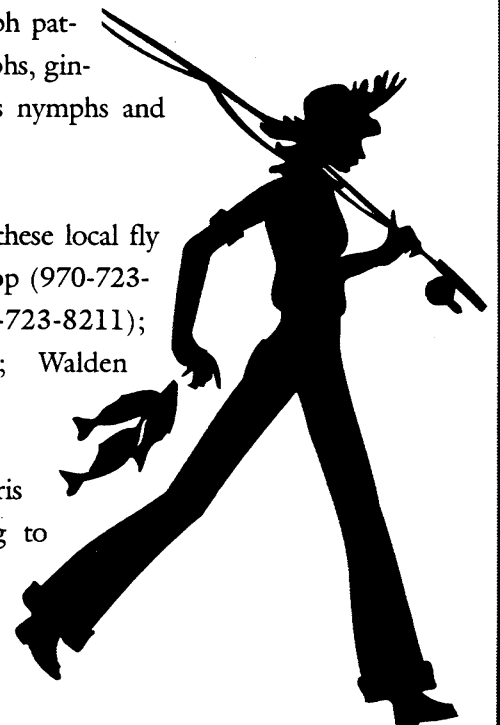
Directions: The Delaney Butte Lakes are found west of the town of Walden in North Park. To get there from Denver, take I-70 west to Empire, U.S. 40 north through Granby and then Colo. 125 north to Walden. From Walden, take Colo. 14 west 1/2 mile to CR 12W. Veer right and remain on CR 12W for eight miles to CR 7. Turn right to find the entrance of the lakes.

Accommodations: Options include camping, motels, B&Bs and guest ranches in and near Walden. Call Trip Coordinator Chris Arthur for more information.

What to Bring: It will be spring in the Rockies, so dress accordingly (layered clothing warm/cold, wet/dry). For fishing, bring a 5 or 6 weight rod, 12-foot leader tapered to 5x, split shot for nymphing, float tube if you have one. Hot flies are likely to include: Black gnat or standard black hackle midge patterns, olive nymph patterns, orange and tan scuds, Prince nymphs, ginger hare's ear and cased peeking caddis nymphs and woolly buggers (#12-16).

For More Fishing Info: Check with these local fly and tackle shops - Flies Only Tackle Shop (970-723-4741); Corkles Little Market (970-723-8211); Sportsman Supply (970-723-4343); Walden Hardware (970-723-4655).

Contact: Call Trip Coordinator Chris Arthur, 933-7998, if you are planning to come and/or looking for a carpool, someone to bunk with or more information of any kind.



MUDDY, MURKY and MERRY!

by Dana Rikimaru

While most anglers are dreaming of the clear, lower flows of rivers after the days of snow melt and run-off are over, I'm actually dreading the day on which run-off ends. I can't wait to get out there now, in the midst of high, murky water, fishing until my hands are cramped and my arms are sore from lifting fish.

During run-off is the time to learn and appreciate the power of streamer fishing. A streamer is a category of fly that's typically tied with marabou and flashy material and is supposed to imitate a small fish or leech. A streamer can also serve to simply agitate or aggravate fish into striking or grabbing your fly. Fish that chase streamers come out of safe hiding, typically from undercut banks and behind structure, exposing themselves for a big meal. That's why streamers are often most effective in the early hours of the day, in the evening when the light is low, and during run-off when the water is off-color or murky.

For my streamer fishing, I use a mini (5'), super-fast sink tip line, with a 3-5 foot leader of 1 or 2x level line (no joke!). Choose woolly buggers in assorted colors #6-#10. I put about 3-5 split shot right by the head of the streamer. Wear glasses and a brimmed hat to protect your eyes and face. Cast (or throw) your line as far across the current as you can, letting the line swing with the current downstream. Immediately tuck the line underneath the index finger of your casting hand and begin stripping the line in. Vary your stripping pattern from slow or faster, pulling in anywhere from 8 to 18 inches of line at a time. Cover a lot of water when you are fishing a streamer. Hold onto your rod because when the fish strikes, you'll know!

Please use extreme caution when fishing rivers during run-off. Do not even attempt to cross the river when it is running high and off-color. As crazy as I am about streamer fishing, I will NOT set foot in the river during run-off if I can help it.

Dana is an Orvis Endorsed Guide and Certified Federation of Fly Fishers Casting Instructor. She works for the Blue Quill Angler in Evergreen and is also the Director of the Orvis Rocky Mountain School. Dana can be reached at 674-4700.

MOVING?

If your address or phone number changes, or isn't listed properly in the most recent membership roster, please notify Chris Juvan at 480-0985 so we can update our roster and newsletter mailing list.

SNEAK PEEKS

GOLDEN GATE PONDS DAY TRIP

Saturday, June 13

This day trip is for a close-to-Denver introduction to belly boating (aka float tube fishing) and for those waiting for the run-off to be completed. Golden Gate Park is approximately 35 miles west of Golden. It is a state recreation area with hiking trails and stocked ponds. This is a great place to become familiar with belly boating or you can fish from the shore. There is a nominal daily fee per car load that allows access to the picnic areas and fishing. We fished here last year and had a good time catching the rising fish. Contact Trip Coordinator Debbie Seiden (757-1302) for more information and/or check the June newsletter.

WOLFORD RESERVOIR/MUD! CREEK WEEKEND TRIP

Sat.-Sun., June 27-28

This is scheduled to be a weekend trip, but because Wolford is located in the Kremmling area (less than two hours from Denver), it could be a day trip also. In the event the rivers are still running high from run-off, the reservoir is available for both belly boating and shore fishing. The reservoir just opened in the last few years and is becoming a popular spot. Muddy Creek runs out of the reservoir and reportedly offers some productive fishing opportunities. More details will be forthcoming in the June Newsletter. This trip is also in need of a trip coordinator. Please call Trip Chair Chris Juvan (480-0985) if you are interested.

