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FLYFISHERS

Denver, Colorado

November, 1998

November Meeting:

**FLYFISHING THE COLORADO RIVER**  
With Professional Flyfishing Guide and Instructor  
**Jean Williams**

- DATE:** Tuesday, November 3  
5:30-6:30 - Social Hour  
6:30-7:30 - Dinner (optional, \$9.50)  
7:20-8:30 - Program (note early starting time)
- PLACE:** Piccolo's Restaurant  
3563 S. Monaco Parkway, Denver
- PLEASE BRING:** ✦ A donation for our monthly raffle  
✦ A flyfishing friend -  
new guests are welcome!



**HOW TO GET THERE:**

Piccolo's is located at 3563 S. Monaco Parkway, approximately 1/2 mile east of I-25 on the southwest corner of Hampden and Monaco in the King Soopers shopping center. Go to the private room on the right side of the restaurant and we'll be there!

Join us on November 3rd to hear Jean Williams, one of the founders of CWF, share with us her love and knowledge of the Colorado River. Jean is an Orvis-endorsed guide who has worked as a professional guide on many rivers, including the Colorado near Kremmling, Colorado. Her program of slides and expert information will focus on this stretch of the Colorado, and will also include information on other sections of this mighty river. Jean has an amazing -- and contagious -- enthusiasm for flyfishing. Whether you've heard Jean speak before or not, this is a program that you will not want to miss.

**We Need Your Input! (At CWF's Annual Business Meeting)**

Before Jean presents her program, CWF will hold its annual business meeting. The main order of business will be voting on candidates to fill seven positions on CWF's Board of Directors. We are very pleased and fortunate to have an exceptionally qualified and enthusiastic slate of candidates for these positions. For the complete list, and directions on how to vote if you cannot attend the November meeting, please see the ballot at the end of this newsletter.

The annual business meeting is also an opportunity for you to contribute your comments and suggestions on the present and future of CWF: what the club's doing right; what can be improved; and any ideas you may have for programs, trips and other future club activities. So, after you cast your vote in the national and state elections on November 3, join your fellow CWFers Tuesday evening for a friendlier bit of electioneering and planning for the future.

**THINK CWF FOR HOLIDAY GIFT GIVING!**

Wondering what to get those special people on your Holiday list? How about getting something special for yourself? Just in time for the Holidays, CWF will debut denim shirts, fleece vests and fleece pull-overs featuring the Colorado Women Flyfishers logo. Check them out first-hand at CWF's November 3 meeting. Orders and payment are due by **Friday, November 6**, and items should be available for pick up by CWF's December 13 Holiday Party. Order at the November 3 meeting or call Patty White at 303-722-4114 with your order or any questions. Here's more on each item:

**LONG-SLEEVED SHIRT** in 8 oz. denim with button-down collar, left chest button pocket, adjustable two-button cuff and CWF logo above the pocket. Unisex sizes S-XXL. Price \$25 (\$2 extra for XXL).

**FLEECE VEST**, 100% Spun Polyester Sheared Nuvola Fleece, full zip front, two side-zip pockets, Spandex nylon binding as waistband, in Natural, Black, Rage (red) and Navy with CWF logo on left chest. Unisex sizes S-XXL. Price \$28 (\$2 extra for XXL).

**FLEECE PULL-OVER**, 100% Spun Polyester Sheared Nuvola Fleece, half-zip pocket, two side pockets, right chest zip pocket, Spandex Nylon binding at cuffs and waistband, CWF logo on left chest, in Black, Hunter and Navy. Unisex sizes S-XXL. Price \$35 (\$2 extra for XXL).

**IS THAT MY DRY?  
by Dana Rikimaru**

'Tis the season of itty-bitty dry flies. It's true that if you can't see your dry fly, you can't fish it. But wait, before you decide you can't even SEE the fly to thread the darn thing, let alone be able to SEE it on the water, let me give some tips to help you.

**Up Close--**First, if seeing the eye of the fly hook to thread your flies is sometimes a challenge, try using some type of magnifier to help you. There is a magnifier called "Flip 'N Focus," that clips onto your polarized glasses and is available in different strengths. There are also "lick'em and stick'em" inserts that you can put right onto your polarized glasses to help you see close-up. Even the drugstore variety half-glasses can help you. Getting whatever type of magnifier works for you will help you minimize your tying time and maximize your fishing time.

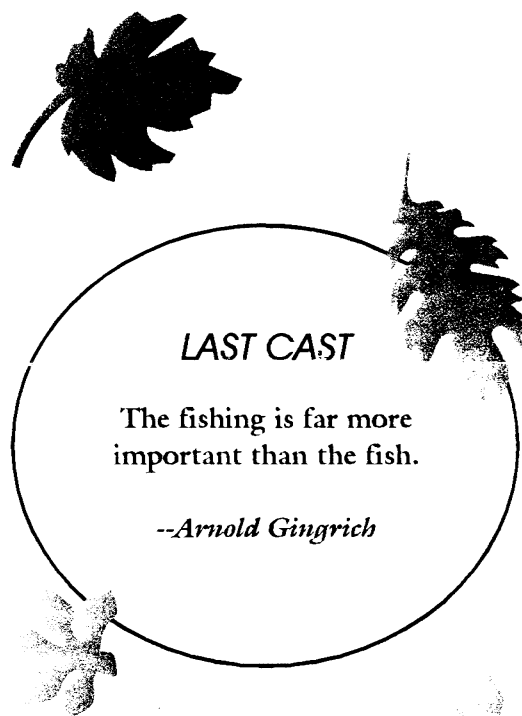
**Far Away--**If you are having trouble seeing your small dry fly on the water, try this rig: Tie your tippet onto your leader using a blood knot (also known as a barrel knot). Trim the thicker tag end flush to the knot, but leave the finer-sized tag end sticking out no more than two inches. You can now tie on two dry flies, one on this two-inch tag, and another at the end of the tippet section. (The blood knot works best for this rig because the tag end comes off your leader at a 90 degree angle, thus making it less likely that the fly you tie on this end will tangle around the leader.) If I'm fishing a blue-winged olive hatch, I like to tie on a #16 or #18 blue-winged olive pattern, or even a Parachute Adams, on the upper, tag end, and a really small, hard-to-see blue-winged olive pattern, say a #22 or #24, on the end of the tippet. Now, before you roll your eyes at me, try it out--you will be amazed at how easy it is to see your two itty-bitty flies drifting on the water in tandem. If you like, you can also use a fuzzy, easy-to-see attractor pattern, like a #12 Royal Wulff, as your lead fly, but I like to hedge my bets and fish two flies that both have an equally good chance of being eaten. This rigging system also works well for fishing tiny midge patterns, in sizes all the way down to #26's, when you see fish rising to minuscule midges all winter long.

If you have any questions that you'd like answered, or topics that you would like to see covered in this column, please contact me. I'd love to hear from you!

*Dana is an Orvis Endorsed Guide and Certified Federation of Fly Fishers Casting Instructor. She guides and teaches for the Blue Quill Angler in Evergreen and is also the Head Instructor for the Orvis Rocky Mountain School. Dana can be reached at 303-674-4700.*

**Member News**

A number of CWF members participated in last month's Race for the Cure. As reported by CWF coordinator Adele Ghiazza: The October 4, 1998 walk/run was a fundraiser for breast cancer research and a way to recognize those who have survived - and to remember lives that were lost to breast cancer. CWF members and friends participating in the race included Diane Kyncl, Marion Nutt, Flora Jewell, Nancy Rutherford and her sister Joan, Cordie Medina and her friend Sandy and two survivors, Cindi Oatman and Adele Ghiazza. Cordie walked in memory of her childhood friend Lucille. After the race some of us had the opportunity to meet TV Channel 9 personalities and Kathy Sabine asked if CWF would send her pictures of women flyfishing for her new "Fish Tales" segment. Next year we look forward to more CWF members joining in on the fun.



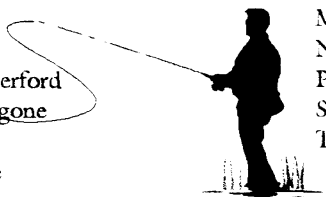
**LAST CAST**

**The fishing is far more important than the fish.**

*--Arnold Gingrich*

**1998 Board of Directors**

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The Board meets the third Tuesday of each month to conduct club business. All CWF members are welcome to attend these meetings and contribute ideas and comments -- or just join us for dinner and to kibitz. Call any CWF director if you have suggestions or want to join a club committee -- your input is most welcome!