



# COLORADO WOMEN FLY FISHERS

*A sociable club for women who flyfish*

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## FEBRUARY MEETING

**DATE:**

Tuesday, February 3, 2004

**TIME:**

5:30 - 6:30 Social Hour  
6:30 - 7:30 Dinner (Optional, \$9.50)  
7:30 - 8:30 Program

**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, Denver, approx. one-half mile east of I-25 near the southwest corner of Hampden and Monaco in the King Soopers shopping center. Go to the private banquet room on the right side of the restaurant. We will be there!

*At our February meeting...*

## THE WHYS OF FLIES Tiers Unite

Are you a fly tier or a fly buyer? Have you ever wanted to learn to tie your own flies? Here's your opportunity. Sue Armstrong, Chris Juvan, Sandy Wright and Phyllis Vinson will be the featured fly tiers for the evening. Each of these ladies will present basic tying techniques. This unique program will help you to get started in tying. A recipe for their flies will also be available for members to take home. —*Diane Meyer, Program Chair*

## CWF Calendar

Feb. 3	Monthly Meeting, Piccolos
Feb. 10	CWF Board Meeting
Feb. 15	CWF Dues Due
Mar. 1	Website Password Changes for Members Only Section
Mar. 2	Monthly Meeting, Piccolos
Mar. 9	CWF Board Meeting
Mar 13	Cheesman Canyon, Gill Trail, day trip

## Reminders!

✓ Don't forget to renew your Colorado fishing license (see *your local flyshop*) and your 2004 Colorado State Parks Pass (see story on page 3)

✓ The next issue is the **last** issue of the CWF newsletter you will receive if you have not renewed your membership by February 15.



**FOUL HOOKED:** In the January issue, the wrong TU chapter was listed as having its last meeting. Certainly, it was not the Cutthroat chapter but rather the Aurora Anglers chapter which has closed its doors. And Darrel Sickmon at The Trout Fisher gave not a Scott but a Sage rod. Our reporter has promised to get her hearing checked and to quit smoking those odd-smelling cigarettes in 2004. — *Ed.*

## BACK CAST JANUARY 2004 MEETING

BY DIANE MEYER

"It's a pleasure to stand in God's creation," Jean Williams said as she began her lively talk on flyfishing Alaska through the Rocky Mountains. Jean presented new ways and tactics to help us be more productive, spontaneous and creative. First you must be prepared. Every river in Alaska has a different personality, so doing your homework is essential before you fish there.

Few insects hatch in Alaska; there are no size twenty midges or eighteen caddisflies.

**"There are no secrets to flyfishing — it's all discovery. We have a lifetime to learn and that's the beauty of fishing."**

JEAN WILLIAMS

The silver salmon swim up from the ocean into the fresh waters like torpedoes — and love big flies. Make sure you know what they're eating and the time of day they feed. Spawning salmon are off-limits and watch for nests as you step in the river. Just out of the ocean depths,

the salmon's eyes are sensitive to light. It's difficult to tell where the fish are, so look for swirls, structure, seams and deep channels where the light is filtered.

Jean turned our attention to home waters and talked about the Colorado River, the Snake River and the Gunnison River. Each is like an individual with its own temperament.

Here are a few tips presented by Jean:

- Present yourself quietly and learn what's happening on the water before you begin;
- Imitate the hatch with the correct size, shape and color;
- Learn to read the water;
- Use island structures, seams and notice the angle of the sun (fish avoid shallow water in full sun light).

It's tougher to fish in late season. The water is warmer with less oxygen so look for trout in the riffles where there's more cover to help trout elude predators, cooler temperatures, and lots of bugs.

The Gunnison Gorge is gorgeous. Floating this river teaches you how to cast quickly with lots of lead. There's plenty of whitewater and the salmon fly hatch is wonderful.

"There are no secrets to flyfishing — it's all discovery. We have a lifetime to learn and that's the beauty of fishing," concluded Jean.

### The Raffle

There were scores of big winners in the Raffle, but Ann Zadrazil was clearly No. 1, scoring the January 2004 edition of the CWF Travelling Fly Box. ♦

## CWF Succeeds at The Flyfishing Show

CWF met with great success at this 2004 event. Our success can be measured on at least four fronts. First, we began raffling a Club purchased Outcast Pontoon boat and are well into the black from ticket sales. Second, we had the highest number of CWF volunteers working the show at our very own booth (the first!). Thank you to a long list of CWF members ... the word must have gotten out about the fun and energy one finds at the sports shows. Third, those of you who routinely attend this annual flyfishing-only show may have noticed that there were more women in attendance than ever before. And, fourth, CWF signed up 27 members from the booth visitors.

It is interesting to note that several members of the media made multiple visits to our active booth. You may have read Ed Dentry's article in his Rocky Mountain News column. We have also been invited to be guests on a radio broadcast and an outdoors cable television show.

By the time this article arrives in your mailbox, we will have been represented at the International Sportsmen's Expo at the huge Division of Wildlife "booth." We will have raffled off the pontoon boat and hopefully will have sold many more tickets, allowing much more flexibility for CWF expenses in 2004. We will have recruited more newcomers to CWF as well.

CWF is off to a grand start for 2004 thanks to a great deal of help from many folks. — *Craige M. Stainton*

## April 3rd: A Date That Will Live in . . .

. . . A FULL DAY FLYFISHING CLINIC  
BY DAWN DOBSON

**H**ave you been experiencing lethargy, depressed affect, lack of motivation, increased appetite? It could be that you, too, are experiencing what is commonly known as F.W.S. (Flyfishing Withdrawal Syndrome). Not to worry, there is hope for full recovery in the not so distant future.

Due to popular demand, our full day CWF Educational Clinic will return. Mark your calendars now for April 3, 2004, and plan to attend our annual *Full Day* clinic! Location, times, and cost will be announced as soon as the location is confirmed.

Our flyfishing education extravaganza will include a variety of mini-sessions on topics such as entomology (bug stuff), fish identification, knots, safety and wading tactics, casting, reading the water, and HOW TO CATCH FISH!!!

We will be featuring several local guides and experienced Club members as instructors. It should be a good way to get your feet wet, if you are a beginner. Or, for those with more experience, see it as an opportunity to shake out those "wind knots." And do not ever forget the always important social aspect of our Club's mission.

Look for the sign-up sheets in future newsletters and at monthly meetings. ♦

## Fly Tie for Women February 1, 8, 15

BY ANNE NICHTNG

**L**adies: Anyone interested in three fly tying sessions in my home on Sunday afternoons, February 1, 8, and 15, please e-mail me directly at [atnichtng@jacksonkelly.com](mailto:atnichtng@jacksonkelly.com). It benefits a great cause— another Colorado non-profit (Sense of Security) which helps women with breast cancer.

The first two sessions will cover tools, basic techniques, and tying simple flies: midges, San Juan worms, egg patterns and Woolly Buggers. The second session will address more difficult flie, more advanced techniques: PheasantTail and Hare's Ear. The CWF Board has agreed to donate a nice fly box for this effort.

I am arranging for experienced fly tiers from CWF to be instructors at all three sessions.

Materials, fly tying vices and light refreshments will be provided. ♦

## Bulletin Board Edition: Cut and Clip 2004 CWF Club Trip Schedule

Get out your day planners and mark your calendar for these 2004 Club Trips.

We have a day trip and a weekend trip planned for each month. We kept two favorites of the Club — the Eleven Mile Canyon and the Arkansas River trips — and we added new places to go.



More detailed information for each trip will be published in future newsletters.

Members are encouraged to call Chris Juvan or Carol Stegink, Trip co-Chairs, to sign up as a Trip Coordinators.

Cheesman Canyon, Gill Trail, day trip	March 13
CWF River Clean-up Trip (River TBD)	April 17
Arkansas River, weekend trip	April 30
Colorado River, Hot Sulphur Springs area, day trip	May 8
Big Thompson River, day trip	May 22
Red Feathers Lakes, weekend trip	June 4
Fall River Road (or Quincy Reservoir) day trip	June 19
Henry's Fork River, ID, weekend trip	July 17
Dream Stream, day trip	July 31
Fryingpan River, weekend trip	August 14
Poudre River, day trip	August 28
Blue River, day trip	September 11
Green River, UT, weekend trip	September 25
Eleven Mile Canyon, day trip	October 9

Trips will be reviewed periodically and location changes made, if needed. Every attempt will be made to have a trip on the specified date; however, the location may change in the event of river closures or other circumstances. Announcement of changes will be made as timely as possible at the monthly meetings, as well as on the CWF web site and on [cwftalk@topica.com](mailto:cwftalk@topica.com).

## The Raffle Corner

**FEBRUARY 2004**

### Happy Valentine's Day from Pat Nilsson

February is the month of "Love" — and you will love your Raffle this month.

There will be some changes in the Raffle at the February meeting: The meeting features fly tying so as a result we will have two containers to put your Raffle tickets in to be drawn. One container will give you 17 chances to win over 55 fly tying items, i.e. tools, hooks, elk and deer hair, a travel dispenser with fine and dry dubbing, Whiting 100s hackle feathers in grizzly and brown, peacock and pheasant tail feathers, thread and ultra wire — just to name a few. These Raffle items will appeal to those who are tiers now, beginning fly tiers or those who want to get started in this fun activity.

Put your lucky tickets in Container Two — that will give you 16 chances to win over 23 items, i.e. flies, a Columbia Fishing Shirt, a VIP gift certificate, an autographed book, hazelnut chocolate fish trouts, a water filter and more.

#### Thanks to Our Business Donors

Many thanks and appreciation to the following businesses for donating items and making this such an outstanding Raffle: THE TROUTFISHER (303) 369-7970, our featured fly shop this month which donated 8 fly tying tools, quills, flashback materials, glass beads and a great discount for our Club Purchases; Pat Dorsey's Fly-of-the-Month is the Ro Jo midge Garcia's black size 22 from the BLUE QUILL (303) 674-4700; a clear fly box from ALPINE ANGLER (303) 873-6997; a \$9.00 VIP Gift Certificate from PICCOLO'S RESTAURANT; an autographed copy of new book, FLY FISHING WOMEN EXPLORE ALASKA by Club member Pudge Kleinkauf (see book announcement in this newsletter).

#### Thanks to Our Member Donors

A special thanks to the following Club members who donated this month: Jane Franzen, Cordie Medina, Georgia Peterson, Debbie Sieden, Carol and Cal Stegink, Pat Nilsson, Ann Zadrazil, Fran Sturgis, Chris Juvan and Sandy Wright. Donations are much appreciated. If you do donate items, please tag them with your name and value of the donation.

#### Door Prizes

There will be 24 free door prizes drawn after the program has ended.

#### Raffle Ticket Specials

Raffle Tickets are \$1.00 each, 6 for \$5.00, and, special for this month only, 14 for \$10.00, to allow you to put tickets in each container.

#### More Thanks

A big personal thanks to those club members whose time and efforts made the Raffle at the Flyfishing Show a huge success. YOU DID A GREAT JOB! —PN.



#### Did you know?

A small safety pin (approximately one and a quarter inches wide) stuck in your fly patch, or your vest, is an easier tool to use to undo wind knots than the little pin inside that expensive leader nipper (which dulls easily, but you can replace it with an inexpensive — and sharp — nail nipper).

#### March Newsletter Deadline is Feb. 15

Your contributions to the CWF Newsletter are very welcome! Send educational or personal experience articles (200 word max.), news items, trip reports, non-commercial classified ads, favorite fishing quotes to Arlys Warfield at [arlys@earthlink.net](mailto:arlys@earthlink.net). Sorry, no commercial ads.

## MEMBERSHIP 21 NEW MEMBERS AND COUNTING . . .

Membership chair Diana Pahnke reports that the New Year is starting off nicely with new members and renewals totaling 110 as of January 15. Diana also notes that this newsletter will be the last for any members who have not renewed by February 15th.

The March issue of the newsletter will contain the new 2004 roster and the new password to enter the Members Only section of the CWF website.

If you have address, phone or e-mail address changes, please e-mail them to [dpahn@earthlink.net](mailto:dpahn@earthlink.net) by February 11th.

Join Diana in welcoming these 21 new members who enrolled in January:

Tracy Asbury — Colorado Springs  
Beth Barker — Centennial  
Kathy Bedbury — Conifer  
Nina Rubinstein Doye — Denver  
Kathy Fortenberry — Aurora  
Britt Fullmer — Evergreen  
Janenne Goehring — Lakewood  
Debra Guenther — Fort Collins  
Tracy Kennedy — Westminster  
Mary Kuchynka — Commerce City  
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Beth Serniale — Fort Collins  
Carol Spitz — Englewood  
Carol Weber — Parker  
Kathryn Wright — Littleton

## Parks Passes

It's not too late to get your pass to over 41 Colorado state parks. The yearly pass costs \$55 (\$27 for seniors). Passes are available at all parks locations in addition to the online site [www.parks.state.co.us](http://www.parks.state.co.us) and can be also obtained at Room 618, 1313 Sherman at 13th St., Downtown Denver, (Tel: 303-866-3437), DOW offices, King Soopers, Safeway, REI, among other commercial outlets. ♦

**Got Mac? Got Quark? Like Print? If so, you can have a future in helping to produce the CWF Newsletter. Please call Arlys at (303) 778-8844 or e-mail to [arlys@earthlink.net](mailto:arlys@earthlink.net)**

## You've Caught the Fish, Now Land It!

**A** landing net is the best way to land most fish. So sayeth Tom Rosenbauer in his flyfishing primer, "The Orvis Flyfishing Guide." He also states wading anglers should use as small a net as possible because a net that is too big only gets in the way; large fish can always be beached instead of netted. CWF member Sandy Wright is pictured fishing on the Frying Pan River in July 2003. She unknowingly was caught in the act of demonstrating the proper technique, as described by Rosenbauer, for landing a trout while wading in a river with a strong current.



**SANDY HAS RELEASED HER NET WITH ONE HAND** while coaxing the trout toward her with the rod in her other hand. She has not played the fish until it is exhausted, nor has she horsed it toward her while it is still thrashing about violently. The grip of the rod has remained in Sandy's hand throughout the process since she has needed the flex of the entire rod to protect her light tippet.

The butt section of the rod has not gone past 12:00. Bringing the rod back further to, say, 1:00 or 2:00 is asking for trouble since a rod is not designed to be bent over double. That not only puts undue stress on the tip of the rod, but also makes you lose control over the fish because a tip that is bent over double can rotate 360 degrees around the butt section.

Note that Sandy has kept her knees bent to maintain control in a rushing river.



**SANDY HAS KEPT THE FISH UPSTREAM OF HER NET** and then has let the fish drift downstream over her net, making it simple to merely lift the net after the fish has passed over it. Sandy has put the net in the water, has led the fish over the net (never swipe at the fish with your net) and is lifting the net while dropping her rod tip to slacken the line, as lifting the net into a taut leader could break your tippet.

Also, keeping your hand on the rod grip gives you the flex of the entire rod; if you begin to hand-over-hand along the rod toward the tip, you'll be taking a chance that all the fish's weight will be on the section of the rod above your hands — great way to break a tip section.

Fish that are going to be released can be kept right in the net while you remove the hook; this gives them a constant supply of oxygen to their gills.



**TO RELEASE THE FLY, SANDY HAS SLID HER HAND** down the leader, grabbed the fly by the shank and twisted the fish free while it was still in the water. (If the hook had not come free, she could have lifted the fish out of the water by the fly and then shaken it gently. Its own weight is usually enough to work the hook out.) The less the fish is handled the better for its survival. For flies that do not come out easily, you can use a pair of forceps to get the leverage you can't get with your fingers; clamp the forceps on the shank of the hook near the bend and back the hook out.

Sandy's fish has been handled gently and kept in the water as long as possible before lifting it for the photo op. Sandy dipped her hands in water before picking the fish up to protect its scales, has kept her hands away from its delicate gills and has not damaged its internal organs by squeezing it. ♦

## EDUCATION CLINIC

### CASTING ABOUT: HYPOTHERMIA

BY ROSEMARY WEISS

**H**ypothermia is called the painless death. It's a pointless death, also. There is simply no good reason to suffer hypothermia in this day and age. We've all been warned countless times about hypothermia, and with those warnings and today's super efficient clothing, there is no reason to suffer it — except by accident.

#### What Is It?

Hypothermia (i.e. 'underheat') occurs when your body heat drops 3 to 4 degrees from normal. If your core temperature goes too far down, brain function is impaired, and you will lose the ability to make rational cor-

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ROSEMARY WEISS

rective choices. This can happen anywhere below 60 degrees F if conditions are right, although it mostly happens between 20 and 50 degrees when we are fishing for winter trout. In addition to cold and/or wind, hypothermia happens when you are out in the elements and you get wet from the rain, or from perspiration — or from leaky waders. None of these factors should affect you, however, if you are properly prepared. This means polypropylene or other wick-



ing fabric close to the skin (including bras and panties, ladies), another layer of fleece, then non-leaking waders (neoprene or breathable), and a rain/snow proof hat with a fleece lining and ear covers. A fleece neck gaiter also shuts out the cold. The hood of your water and windproof jacket can substitute for the rain/snow proof part of the hat, but you must have a warm head cover underneath. Gloves, of course — two pairs in case one gets wet releasing your fish, right?

#### Tools for Survival

There are several other ways to avoid hypothermia: Don't be hungry. Make sure that you have had enough to eat before fishing, and carry snacks or nutrient bars with sugar for quick energy conversion. Carry or leave in the car your lunch and other food to provide longer lasting nutrients. Warm liquids are good to have for lunch or for the ride home — or for emergency use.

Also, don't fish in the cold and wet if you are tired. Exhaustion is a major cause of hypothermia. Your body won't provide enough energy to keep you warm, and the elements exacerbate the problem. In addition, if you are out of shape and can't keep up, you will exhaust yourself trying. Stay home, or better yet, go to the gym.

And do not stand in one spot to fish. You'll get colder faster. Remember the motto, "Always fish new water" — it will keep you moving and offer a better chance to hook up.

#### Early Signs of Hypothermia

The earliest sign of hypothermia is shivering, and not necessarily all over. Shivering in one limb will do, but if the shiver is uncontrollable and the teeth chatter, you

must do something quickly or you could be tits-up in 90 minutes. Other signs follow the shivering: slurred speech, disorientation, numbness, clumsiness, hallucination, and finally, drowsiness which leads to sleep which leads to death. The problem, of course, is that if it's happening to you, you may be too incapacitated to do anything.

SO . . . act at the first shiver. Tell your fishing buddy, and then get to shelter, preferably the car. Crank up the heater and wrap in the sleeping bag or blanket you've brought along for just such an emergency. Get out of wet clothing first, if necessary. Drink warm, not hot, liquid (no alcohol). Eat a candy or energy bar or lunch, or whatever. Then, go home. And, for heaven's sakes, don't hesitate to take action because you don't want anyone to think you are a wimp, or because your buddy is not ready to quit.

#### Fishing Buddies Can Help

Detecting hypothermia in yourself is crucial; detecting it in others is critical. If you see the symptoms mentioned above manifest in anyone who is stumbling around and muttering incoherently, check for the final clues: dilated pupils, weak pulse and decreased heart rate. Take action quickly. Use the aforementioned techniques plus huddling together to slowly warm the victim, if possible. A visit to the nearest doctor of hospital is required to assess this advanced condition.

#### The Checklist for Winter

Winter fishing is fun and peaceful and less crowded than any other time. Just be prepared. Wear appropriate, layered clothing. Bring extra clothes for emergencies. Toss a sleeping bag in the car. Have available warm liquid and plenty of energy-giving food. Check the weather forecast before you leave, and fish with a companion. Quit when you are cold.

Tight lines. ♦

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## FROM OUR BOOK SHELF

### FLY FISHING WOMEN EXPLORE ALASKA BY PUDGE KLEINKAUF

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Fuel your dreams of Alaska with Club member Pudge Kleinkauf's great new book, Fly Fishing Women Explore Alaska. Centered around six of the locations where Pudge guides, each chapter focuses on a special fishery, a unique fish species, and the catching skills necessary for success. Join some very adventuresome women, learn some fly fishing techniques, and join in the fun as these women flyfishers pursue a wide variety of fish, in some unforgettable destinations. We guarantee it will make your casting arm start to twitch. Visit *Amazon.com* or get an autographed copy from Pudge at <http://www.womensflyfishing.net/book.html>. ♦

## Fly Tiers Corner

### Roy Palm's Biot Mayfly Emerger

This simple pattern is often overlooked because it is not as flashy or as technical as some other Baetis emergers, but it fishes extremely well in a multitude of different situations. Fish this pattern anywhere that you would fish an RS-2, or a Pheasant Tail. When nymphing this pattern, be sure to let your drift always swing until your flies are straight downstream. Many times the fish will hit the fly on the swing. Also, this is a great pattern to throw when you see fish fining or feeding in the surface film. Just tie it 20" behind a Parachute Adams, and leave it untreated.— *Greg Garcia, Trout's Flyfishing, 1077 Old S. Gaylord St., Denver (www.trouts.net)*

#### Recipe

Hook: TMC 100 #18-22

Thread: Dun 8/0

Abdomen: Baetis colored Goose Biot

Thorax: Adams Grey super fine Dubbing

Head: Medium Dun Hen Hackle

#### Tying Instructions

- (1) Tie in the Biot tip at the start of the bend of the hook; then advance the thread to the 3/4 point.
- (2) Wrap the biot forward to the 3/4 point, making sure to slightly overlap each turn. Tie off the biot.
- (3) Dub a small thorax covering the end of the biot. Create a small ball shape.
- (4) Tie in the hackle so its natural curvature is facing backwards. Make 2 tight turns of the hackle and tie off right behind the eye of the hook. Wrap your thread backwards a couple of wraps, forcing the hackle to lean towards the rear.
- (5) Whip finish and add cement.



### Liz's Casting Clinic Quiz

BY LIZ WATSON

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1. What action in the casting stroke loads the rod?
  - a. The drift move
  - b. Stopping the rod
  - c. Follow through
  - d. Acceleration to a stop
2. The size of the casting arc should:
  - a. Vary from 45 to 50 degrees
  - b. Increase as the rod bend increases
  - c. Never exceed 45 degrees
  - d. Decrease as the rod bend increases
3. Which of the following is true? Large arbor (large diameter) reels \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. require less turns (and time) in retrieving line.
  - b. spin faster when a fish takes line.
  - c. are louder than small arbor reels.
  - d. increase memory in fly lines.
4. An off shoulder cast:
  - a. Is useful only for left handed casters
  - b. Changes the position of the rod hand
  - c. Is useful in a right hand wind (for a right handed caster)
  - d. Requires changing your rod to your non dominant hand

Answers:

1. (d); 2. (b); 3. (a); 4. (c)

## Prime Times for Fishing

BY JOHN O'DWYER, NY CANANDAIGUA CHAPTER, TU



All agree that the times that the sun and moon rise and set have a direct effect on the feeding activities of fish and fame in all parts of the world. There are also many that see a definite correlation of feeding activities when the moon is straight overhead and/or on the opposite side of the earth.

With the Moon Calculator, you can know all of these times anywhere in the U. S. and plan your fishing activities around them, the moon phases and the weather. You can determine the times the moon will be straight overhead or on the opposite side of the earth by adding six hours to the moonrise time and the moonset times.

There are a lot of good solunar tables, but they can never be printed to be accurate for exactly where you are fishing. The Moon Cal-

culator can, however, give you accurate times for any town that is close to where you will be fishing. Most major feeding times last from 2 to 2.5 hours and minor feeding times last from 1 to 1.5 hours. This process will help you determine when the fish are going to be most active on any given day. The simple 6 HOUR formula does not meet the same test as scientific calculations, but, it will be close on most days and is easy to figure.

Major Feeding Times = Moonrise + 6 hours, and  
Moonset + 6 hours

Minor Feeding Times = Moonrise and Moonset

You can calculate the prime fishing times for any place in the U.S. by first going to the [Sun or Moon Rise/Set Table for One Year](#) at the U. S. Naval Observatory, accessible by this link:

<http://aa.usno.navy.mil> Click on Data Services.

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## **TRIP REPORT**

### **A HAPPY NEW YEAR ADVENTURE**

BY CHRIS JUVAN

If you are tuned into *cwftalk@topica.com* you know that there was an invitation to join me and others who like to start off each new year with fishing on January 1st. Since the weather was predicted to be chilly, the adventure took place at the South Platte River, with the group meeting behind the Flies and Lies Store at Deckers.

The attendees began showing up at 9:30, and we all greeted each other with happy new year salutations. It was an amazingly warm winter day with the sun shining. We were looking forward to fishing by the bridge and had high hopes of having a midge hatch with risers/slurpers. Unfortunately, we did not have the hatch nor did we catch a lot of fish by nymphing. However, we did have pleasant temperatures and shared our holiday stories and a nice lunch.

Karen Williams and I were happy to have a group of friends with us to console us for our appearing as first-of-the-year bad luck bearers. First, Karen pulled her rod out of the case to find that the reel seat had broken, which of course would not allow the reel to be attached. Then I proceeded to demonstrate why one should not place one's rod on top of the car, because in the event of a little breeze it could be relocated on the roof of the car with the top section broken when the car door closes.

The fortunate thing for Karen was that Craig had brought with her the holiday party grand prize T & T rod/reel and loaned it to Karen for the day. My fortunate thing was that two guys getting geared up heard me complaining when I realized that I had not only broken my rod, I had also forgotten my boots. One of the guys happened to have an extra pair of boots and loaned them to me. Both Karen and I appreciated the support of our fellow club members, and we all realized how generous flyfishing people can be.

The excitement only was enhanced later in the day when Janet Lopez caught and landed a beautiful brown. This was the first fish she had caught on this river. To truly make the day, Dawn Dobson had her new digital camera with her to record the event.

As I mentioned at the holiday party, it takes a village. If the rest of the year is like my January 1, it will not only take our village but all the smaller neighboring hamlets as well! It will be a good year for having friends and catching fish. ♦

**Contact Craig if you are not signed up for *cwftalk@topica.com*. CWF Talk will keep you up to date on the impromptu fishing trips others are taking throughout the winter.**

## **THE EDITORIAL WE**

### **FLYFISHING WITHOUT HYPHENS**

THE CWF NEWSLETTER STAFF



Call us cranky, but have you noticed how many "correct" versions of flyfish, flyfishing, flyfisher, flycast, exist in books, magazines and newspapers? The mighty tome Websters Third International Dictionary, the *New York Times*, Microsoft Word and sometimes the *Denver Post* (it vacillates from hyphenated to un-hyphenated) all declare that these nouns must have a hyphen, while some others in the media make them into two separate words. Why is a shoemaker one word and a flyfisher two? We ask you. We ask them. We know hyphenated nouns are generally silly if they can be typeset and understood as one word. We are in good company when we agree with our 28th President, Woodrow Wilson, who was a strong

opponent of the hyphen. And he was one of the few classically educated presidents, having been a student, teacher and, later, president of Princeton.

Why make your little baby finger do the difficult work, flexing up two inches to that key on the top row on the keyboard? It just makes no sense. Therefore, the editorial staff of the Colorado Women *Flyfishers* Newsletter want you to join us in standing on the side of common sense and eschewing the dreaded little line — or the little space — wherever these fine words are printed. ♦

## **CWF Board of Directors 2004**

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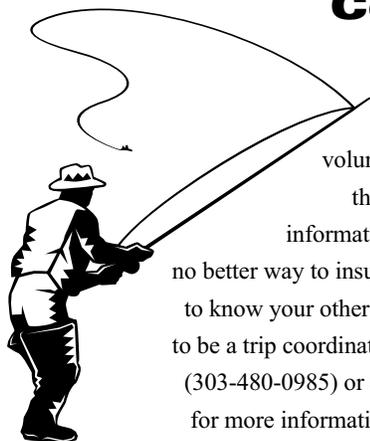
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## Role Casting for CWF Trip Coordinators



There are many reasons that CWF trips are terrific! One important reason is the volunteer members who coordinate the meeting place and flyfishing information for each club trip. There is no better way to insure the club's success AND get to know your other CWFers than by volunteering to be a trip coordinator. Please contact Chris Juvan (303-480-0985) or Carol Stegink (303-771-2078) for more information on the benefits of this very important contribution to the club! ♦

### A Simple Way to Spread the Word about CWF

Wear your CWF shirt or vest or jacket when shopping at your local fly shop, or attending a monthly meeting, or a fishing event, or a trade show. Our logo is a great one to share and display. Look for samples of new CWF logo clothing at the February meeting.

**FOR SALE 2000 Palomino Pop Up Trailer, stove, refrigerator, table, awning, sleeps 6. Asking \$3500. Contact Sandy Wright 303-935-2760 or e-mail [flyfishqueen@aol.com](mailto:flyfishqueen@aol.com)**

## LAST CAST

***"[S]he who hears the rippling of rivers will never despair of anything."***

**HENRY DAVID THOREAU**

## CWF 2004 MEMBERSHIP

RENEWAL

Enclose a check for \$25 made payable to Colorado Women Flyfishers.

NEW MEMBER (over 18? yes  no  )

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

The Club does not sell or trade or give away members' e-mail addresses.

Flyfishing Ability: (circle one) Professional Advanced Intermediate Beginner

I would like to serve on the following committees: (Circle as many as you like!)

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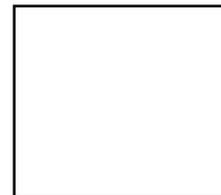
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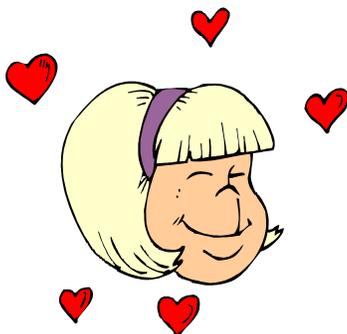
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and **MAIL IN YOUR 2004 RENEWAL**

**DUES before Valentine's Day** in order to  
continue to receive all benefits of membership.



If there is no red heart affixed to this box, congratulations, you are a paid up

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**2004 TRIP CALENDAR IS ENCLOSED IN THIS ISSUE.**