



COLORADO WOMEN

FLY FISHERS

A sociable club for women who flyfish

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AUGUST MEETING

DATE:

Tuesday, August 1, 2006

TIME:

5:30 - 6:30 Social Hour

6:30 - 7:30 Dinner (Optional, \$10.00)

7:30 - 8:30 Program

PLACE:

Piccolo's Restaurant

3563 S. Monaco Parkway (near the corner of Hampden), 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 August meeting...

THE DOINGS OF THE DENVER WATER BOARD

with Dave Bennett

Colorado droughts are always a concern for anglers. Making sure that our rivers don't run dry is the responsibility of the Denver Water Board.

Dave Bennett works for Water Resources at Denver Water and his primary duty is to direct the operation of Denver's reservoir system – diverting water from the western slope and dealing with water rights. He will talk about how water releases enhance trout fisheries and the South Platte Protection Plan.

Dave has been in the water rights business for over 20 years and has a degree in Environmental Science from CU. — *Diane Meyer, V. P. and Program Chair*

COMING SOON

September's Program: "Fishing the Colorado from Top to Bottom" with Dan Wright

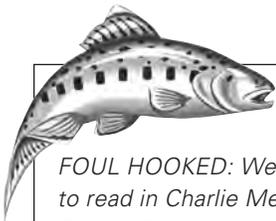
CFW Calendar

August 1 CWF Monthly Meeting
August 8 CWF Board Meeting
August 12-13 Weekend Club Trip
Frying Pan/ Roaring
Fork Rivers
August 26 Club Day Trip,
South St. Vrain River
September 9 Club Day Trip,
Dream Stream
September 9-10 . . . Ladies, Let's Go
Fishing! Clinic

ARCHIVAL INFORMATION: Please send any published articles featuring CWF, or written by a CWF member, to Club Secretary Nancy Sherman, Keeper of the CWF Archives.

Welcome New Members

Karen Campbell Boulder
Charlotte Johnson Lakewood
Jean Kafer Grand Lake
Linda Kunzweiler Pine
Robin Schaffer Englewood
Janine Underhill Denver
• 42 New Members Enrolled in 2006.



FOUL HOOKED: We were sad to read in Charlie Meyers' Denver Post column that there is more trouble on the South Platte below Deckers. The heavy rains of early July caused flooding and extensive damage to the area around West Creek and Deckers. CDOW biologist Jeff Spohn reported the conditions were similar to 2003, when flooding sent debris from the 2002 Hayman fire into the river, smothering plant food and fish. The good news is that a release of 469 cfs of clear water from Cheesman Reservoir helped to dilute the muck, and the river above Deckers is still fishable. — Ed.

BACK CAST

THE JULY PICNIC WAS A SWASHBUCKLING FUNFEST

BY JOANIE MCCORD, SPECIAL PROJECTS CHAIR

About 60 CWF members, spouses, friends and guests gathered at Prospect Park for our annual family picnic. It turned out to be a delightful rain-free evening. Since this year's picnic theme was "Pirates," we gave awards to **Pat Barz, Anita English, and Pat Nilsson** for being the best dressed pirates and wenches at the gathering.

Besides the wonderful Bennett's Bar-B-Que dinner and dessert cake, we also enjoyed several flyfishing activities, compliments of our guest guides.

David Ahn was on the lawn area with his titanium flyrods. He gave a short talk about the rods and, after dinner the lawn was full of people casting the various rod weights and lengths. We were able to feel, see and talk about the differences between the 3- through 9-weight, 8 foot and 9 foot rods, not to mention the differences between a traditionally built rod and the titanium one.

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Under the roof of the pavilion there were two more activities going on. **Jane Francen** coordinated and ran the annual Gearage Sale with a great amount of success. Many people brought a lot of different items, from gaiters and boots to Roves Flyrods. Also under the pavilion, **Betty Peterson** ran a Silent Auction. Fishing clothing and gear and two sets of hand tied flies were items to be won.

As Chair of Special Projects, I would like to thank David and Jane and Betty and Char, as well as the two ladies who ran the registration table: **Ellie Reiser** and **Fran Sturgis**. And I would especially like to thank **Diane Kyncl**, our Annual CWF Picnic Chair, who acquired the park, our special guests Char and David — and coordinated the dinner and all the various activities.

LOST! My small blue cooler with white top, last seen on the picnic registration table. My name was NOT on it. Lid opens but doesn't latch. Anyone seen it? I figure that during clean-up it probably was put with someone's stuff and when they got home they were as surprised to find it with their belongings as I was to not find it with mine. At any rate, if you happen to know where it is, please call me at (303) 344-8055.

THE NEXT SPECIAL PROJECT: OCTOBER 8

Susan G. Komen's Breast Cancer Foundation Race For The Cure. Be a part of our CWF team that walks the 7:30 a.m. race. There will be more information given and registration forms will be available at the August meeting. For questions, please contact Jane Francen, CWF's Team Captain, at (303) 777-9332. ♦



PICTURES, PICTURES, PICTURES!

Where've you been?
What've you been doing?
Caught any fish?
Please send any and all digital photos of fishing trips or CWF events to:
Janet Canaan

jcanaan@jcanaan.com, or mail disc to 8118 West Eastman Place, Lakewood, CO 80227. Photographs will be published on the CWF website and used for the members' slide show at the 10th Annual CWF Holiday Party in December.

GO FISH THE FRYING PAN & ROARING FORK RIVERS

AUGUST 12-13 WEEKEND TRIP FEATURES THE GREEN DRAKE HATCH

BY GENEVIEVE VILLAMIZAR, TRIP COORDINATOR

Can we all shout “Trophy Water”? Colorado has many stretches of Gold, and we get to fish a few in August! I truly believe this is one of the most incredible watersheds in the state — all those fishable creeks pouring down the Independence Pass area and rushing into the mighty Roaring Fork River create a flow that, in less than 40 miles, drops more in elevation than does the massive Mississippi in its entire length! Part way down valley, the Frying Pan River slips out the bottom of Reudi Reservoir: yum, tail waters? As in huge — and — many fish. As in year ’round? From that dam, on down the ’Pan, and into the Roaring Fork, all Gold Medal Water! All the way to the king of rivers itself, the continent’s main western vein, the massive Colorado River! Whew. I feel like a WWF announcer! But I mean, hey, the fishin’s good here.

Places to Fish

Guides at any of the shops will recommend successful places to hit, based on the experience you hope for. Will of Taylor Creek Fly Shops recommends hitting the ’Pan from mile marker 2 to the green bridge. The concentration of anglers is a bit less than at the tailwater Toilet Bowl, and the faster water gives fish less time to think. If you want a sublime experience in a forested canyon section of the Fork, my favorite place to fish in the valley is Jaffe Park, off Woody Creek: a whole ’nother flippin’ planet! The walking trail along the river eventually becomes single track (few anglers), and the pools and runs are superb for sight fishing! Will also recommends Cemetery Lane in Aspen. He mentioned that these higher sections of the Fork may still have green drakes during our visit.

Recommended Flies

I know, I know, not all of us have fished this valley year after year, so let’s go back to hatches and flies!

As mentioned, the green drakes will be on the ’Pan and upper stretches of the Fork. It’s a predictable, daily hatch, just before dark on the Fork and at about noon on the ’Pan. Try using sz. 12 sparkle dun and cripples. PMDs are also evident, two different species; Taylor Creek suggested pink and yellow sparkle duns and no hackle pink in sz. 16s. A double rig will help you figure which one they’re feeding on. Nymphing with Barr Emergers and poxyback green drakes was also recommended for non-hatch times.

Frying Pan Anglers told us to expect hopper and terrestrial action as well; if you’re into streamer action, hit the Colorado.

Rusty spinners, after some hot, passionate sex, fall exhausted to the surface of the water in the slower, flatter pools of the Frying Pan. Dusk, from eight-ish to dark, is the time to try and catch sippers feeding on these spent spinners. They’re hard to see (I’ve never seen them), so just go for it at dusk.

For those of you that prefer after hours anyway, Frying Pan Anglers really hyped up night time angling. A mouse-rat thrown across the river and stripped back splash splash style will trigger nocturnal browns. Taylor Creek also recommends night fishing for a less crowded shot at the Toilet Bowl lunkers. Fishing with headlamps and lanterns is helpful for spotting. Will’s take on mouse patterns is to present them upstream in slow water, downstream in fast water, close in tight to the bank.

Lodging and Camping

As you know, the Frying Pan is pretty hot, so call NOW to secure accommodations! For lodging in the Basalt area, try contacting Aspenalt Lodge Best Western, (877) 379-6476 or The Green Drake, (970) 927-4747. Further up the Frying Pan is Taylor Creek Cabins, (970) 927-9927.

At Highways 82 and 133 in Carbondale are Days Inn, (970) 963-9111; Comfort Inn (970) 963-8880 and the Thunder River Lodge, (970) 963-2543.

We get to choose from tailwater fishing, seemingly remote and exotic canyon stretches with aqua pools and silvery runs, and riffly waters . . .

Where can you tent it or pull up an R.V.? For a back-to-nature experience, camp at Reudi Reservoir. Try to reserve, (877) 444-6777, at the Mollie B Campground, which has water, toilet and sinks but no hook-ups; Little Mattie (\$8/night) or Little Maude (\$14) — all are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

The Aspen-Basalt Campground (970) 927-9405 is on Highway 82 and Two Rivers Road in Basalt for those fishing the Frying Pan or Roaring Fork. There also happens to be the BRB Crystal River Resort (800) 963-2341) on the Crystal River, a few miles past Carbondale on Highway 133.

Guide Opportunities

As for guiding? Two shops base themselves out of Basalt. Frying Pan Anglers, (970) 927-3444, and Taylor Creek Fly Shop (970) 927-4374. Guided wading lends itself to an intimate experience on river, checking out different types of water, more shots at holes and fish, as well as trying more flies. A float is the cat’s meow, covering miles of river in a hypnotic setting. If I had my way, a float trip with Kirk would make me purr. Every time I go to Taylor Creek for flies or info, he’s courteous, helpful and enthusiastic for the angler. He remembers CWF and laughed like an inside joker when I mentioned this trip. The women I spoke with concerning our CWF trip at the Frying Pan Anglers were also very helpful.

Alpine Angling, located across the street from Carbondale’s Days Inn, is another fly shop to visit for those of you focusing on lower stretches of the Roaring Fork. They’re warm and helpful, with so much experience on the Fork, one fellow even pointed me to a specific hole, a specific hatch at a specific time. I knew he was on it because, just as specifically, I had fished it the day before. Very good fellas there.

Very good water everywhere. This will be a fantastic trip for everyone. We get to choose from tailwater fishing, seemingly remote and exotic canyon stretches with aqua pools and silvery runs, and riffly waters shallow enough in which to stand mid-river and “wave a stick.”

Villamizar Open House

I live in Carbondale and would be interested in hosting a barbecue one night. We have two acres to pitch tents on (why drink and drive!?) a single RV hook up with electric; parking for truck campers; three bathrooms, as well as a peaceful forested yard, patios, a burbling “stream,” firepit area and a brand new grill! Bring your meat and favorite spirits, a side dish if you want. I’ll have salads and sides as well!

RSVP to me at (970) 963-7055 so I know what to plan for. Call also if you want recommendations on fabulous breakfast places (BIA in El Jebel, Village Smithy in Carbondale) or the perfect place for après fishing cocktails (Riverside Grill in Basalt, of course!) 🍷

GO FISH SOUTH ST. VRAIN CREEK

DAY TRIP TO CLASSIC HEADWATERS' CREEK NEAR WARD, COLORADO

BY CONNIE ROGERS, TRIP COORDINATOR

South St. Vrain Creek begins on the east side of the Continental Divide, with its headwaters at Isabelle Glacier in the Indian Peaks Wilderness Area, and flows through the town of Lyons to the confluence with the North St. Vrain, eventually joining the South Platte River. We will be fishing the smaller headwaters of this lovely creek, in the wilderness area between and around Long Lake and Brainard Lake.

Long Lake is an easy quarter mile from the Long Lake trailhead at Brainard Lake. Belly boats are effective on Long Lake. If you are interested in a hike and getting away from fishing crowds, there is also good fishing in the creek above Long Lake.

For the truly ambitious backcountry angler, pack your hiking boots for the 4.2 mile hike to Lake Isabelle, framed by three of the majestic Indian Peaks. Both lakes and the creek contain brook, rainbow and Colorado

greenback cutthroat trout.

If hiking in to fish does not suit your fancy, there is also easy roadside access to South St. Vrain Creek along Hwy 7, southwest of Lyons. The creek along Hwy 7 holds browns and rainbows.

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the approximately one hour drive to the Brainard Lake Recreation Area (BLRA). **Parking at the BLRA is very limited, and this is a very popular area; therefore carpools are a necessity.** There is a day-use fee to enter the BLRA (\$7 for a five-day pass per vehicle, \$25 for a season pass). Golden Eagle, Golden Age and Golden Access passports are also accepted.

Driving Directions

From Lyons: Take Hwy 7 West, then go South on Hwy 72 to Brainard Lake Road. Turn west onto the Brainard Lake Road. Travel approximately five miles on the paved road to Brainard Lake. The Long Lake Trailhead is a half mile up the left fork of a side road that turns off at the west end of Brainard Lake.

From Boulder: Take Hwy 119 to Nederland and turn north on Hwy 72 through Ward. From Ward go north 1/4 mile on Hwy 72 to Brainard Lake Road. Turn west onto the Brainard Lake Road. Travel approximately five miles on the paved road to Brainard Lake. The Long Lake Trailhead is a half mile up the left fork of a side road that turns off at the west end of Brainard Lake.

From Denver: Follow Hwy 6 west to 119 and travel north to Nederland, OR take Hwy 36 to Boulder and follow the above directions from Boulder.

Camping Possibilities

Although this is a day trip, camping is available at the Pawnee campground located within the Brainard Lake Recreation Area at an elevation of 10,400 feet. There are 55 sites in the campground and all are suitable for RV camping. The maximum vehi-

cle length that can be accommodated is 45 feet. Check with the Forest Service, telephone (970) 498-2770, for the current fees. Other accommodations are available in Lyons, Ward and Nederland. Check with local chambers of commerce.

What to Bring

Gear: Bring an 8-foot (or shorter) 4- or 3- wt rod and a 5-wt rod (or your favorite length for belly boating). The 5-wt will come in handy with afternoon wind on the lakes. Otherwise a short 4- or 3- wt rod will be just perfect for the creek itself.

The creek is brushy in most places (including many of the public stretches along Hwy 7) so start practicing your bow-and-arrow cast! Two Guys Fly Shop recommends 6x leader and tippet. See <http://www.twoguysflyshop.com/article.php?op=Print&sid=16> for more information on the South St. Vrain.

Special Equipment: Long Lake is a great place to belly boat.

Flies: Just about any attractor dry fly or nymph will be sufficient on the South St. Vrain. Favorites flies of folks who frequent the area include midges, baetis, caddis, and Adams, pheasant tails, hare's ears and copper Johns and midge larva. Since it is late summer, don't forget the hoppers and ants! You might also tuck in a few small woolly buggers. Most of the area is at 11,000 feet or above, so the water is cold and waders are recommended.

Personal: Bring your lunch and plenty of water and sunscreen. Afternoon thunderstorms are likely, so bring raingear and be prepared to seek cover. Since this is the high country, it is also prudent to bring a fleece jacket and long pants.

Questions?

Contact Connie Rogers at (303) 868-7319 -cell, or (303) 892-7480-home, or connie.rogers@comcast.net with any questions, or to sign up for this trip. 🚗

Websites of Interest

We hear from . . . Diane Meyer that this is a great site to get information about fishing gear, etc.: <http://www.FlyFishingInsider.com> . . . Lisa Rattenni that this guy really likes his bugs!: <http://www.troutnut.com> also, check out www.askaboutflyfishing.com.

CHILI

IT'S WHAT'S FOR DINNER (APRÉS FISHING)

The Saturday night Chili Cook-off at the Club Trip on the Arkansas River generated many requests for the chefs to publish their award-winning entrées. Here is this month's entry.

Brandy Lancaster's White Chili

Serves 6 to 8.

SAUTE:

- 1 large yellow onion, diced
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 T. olive oil

ADD:

- 6 cups chicken broth
- 2 - 4 oz. cans diced green chilies
- 4 chicken breasts, cooked, shredded or cubed
- 2 cans white cannelloni beans
- 2 T. cajun seasoning
- 1 T. cumin
- Black pepper to taste

SIMMER for 1 hour. Serve.

SNEAK PEEKS

THE DREAM STREAM South Platte River Below Spinney Reservoir Day Trip: Saturday, September 9

The section of the South Platte between Spinney and Eleven-mile Reservoirs is called the "Dream Stream." These three miles or so of meandering meadow stream in South Park offer the opportunity to chase rainbows, browns, and cutthroats from 12 to 20 inches.

This is a very popular stretch of river and can be crowded, but there is plenty of river, and there are loads of fish. On this stretch of the South Platte, there are no trees to eat your fly. This means that there are also no trees to block the South Park winds, which can be fierce.

What to Bring

Our September trip should offer some technical dry fly fishing during the morning trico hatch. Later in the day caddis may lure fish that are still looking up. Other options may be BWOs, hoppers, scuds and the ever present midge.

Come on out and test your mettle against these wily trout.
— *Phyllis Vinson*



SAN JUAN WHOPPER Maggie Lane and her guide display her nice rainbow, caught in the fall of 2002.

THE SAN JUAN RIVER San Juan, New Mexico Weekend Trip: September 23-24

The San Juan River below Navajo Dam in northwestern New Mexico offers 10 miles of good water. The first 3.75 miles are New Mexico "Quality Water" and contain mostly rainbows that average 14" - 20," but even larger fish can be caught. The remaining water contains some browns. The river is about 400 miles from Denver and 45 miles from Durango.

The river is a classic tailwater with prolific insect life. Water temperatures remain stable, never rising above the mid-40's. The San Juan can either be waded or floated. Anglers can wade much of the river, especially the upper part, but crossing can be dangerous due to the strong flow and dropoffs. Also, the rocks are covered in moss and are very slippery.

Lodging

Abe's Motel & Fly Shop: www.sanjuanriver.com
(505) 632- 2194

Rizuto's Fly Shop: www.rizutos.net (505) 632-3893

Rainbow Lodge: www.sanjuanfishing.com 1-888-328-1858

Camping

El Rio RV Park, 683 Hwy 511, Blanco New Mexico
87412, (505) 632-7783 www.elriorvpark.com

Cottonwood Campground, Navajo Lake State Park
1-877-664-7787 www.newmexico.reserveworld.com

What to Bring

Long, thin leaders (5x to 7x) and long, drag-free drifts are the ticket for both dry and nymphs. When there are hatches, the angler must match the hatch, and the insect to match is usually small. When in doubt, bring midges.
— *Phyllis Vinson*



DREAM STREAMING Linda Price holds her brown trout, caught on the 2005 Club Trip.

Scott Fly Rod for Sale

8 ft, 3 wt Model: A2 Used once, mint condition. \$225.00 case included. (Retail \$285.00) Will support manufacturer's guarantee.

— *Diane Meyer at diane@dianemeyephoto.com, or telephone 303-988-0546*

CLUB TRIP REPORT

LAKE FORK OF THE GUNNISON PROVES SCENIC AND PRODUCTIVE

BY DAWN DOBSON, TRIPS CO-CHAIR

PHOTOGRAPH BY DAWN DOBSON



The CWF maiden voyage on the North Fork of the Gunnison River was an awesome adventure. None of the fifteen members or their guests had fished this area and, thus, we all got to explore it with curiosity and much excitement. Nestled in among expansive green ranches, the North Fork meanders its way through the San Cristobal Valley. The river sparkled with clear, cold water in its upper stretches near Mill Creek and Williams Creek Campgrounds in the San Cristobal Recreation Area. Then after leaving Lake San Cristobal below the Wupperman Campground, it picked up steam

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and rumbled through beautiful canyons, creating huge pocket water and at times treacherous wading. (After having her feet swept out from under herself and taking a cold plunge, Sherry Shrantz was able to remember to place her feet downstream, bounce off the rocks and use her arms to pull safely to shore. Her waders and tight wading belt helped to keep her afloat.)

Fishing Success

Although at times difficult to find, and as Nancy Sherman stated, "not always willing," the fish were magnificent. When hooked, the fish exploded with tenacity and made educated runs for nearby stumps, logs, and rocks. Using 3-weight rods on the upper sections was particularly exhilarating. Even with jet lag from an adventure with the Flying Flyfishing Laplanders in Sweden, Arlys

Warfield's gleeful whoops could be heard throughout the campground as she hauled in a beautiful 10-inch brook trout just below our campsite. Later she landed a fabulous 18-inch cuttbow downstream.

In the lower sections, my 3-weight rod and I were humbled by a very large rainbow, which was later secured using my 5-weight. We were able to catch 8-10 inch brook trout, 8-14 inch browns, and even larger rainbows and cuttbows. These fish were quite peculiar in their feeding habits. Interestingly enough, the fishing reports that instructed us to fish between 10 and 2 were dead on. At about 2 o'clock the fish seemed to go down and only the foolish ones could be enticed with a fly.

Green Drake Heaven

However, between those times, the hatches of PMDs and green drakes were prolific. Fran Sturgis had a wonderful time swinging her green drake emerger through deep holes and tossing her green drake adult at the risers. Her efforts were not in vain as she was able to land several beautiful fish at her "honey hole." At the Saturday afternoon patio gathering, Diane Kyncl's eyes lit up as she described the hogs she caught on the lower, heavier stretches in the Gold Medal Waters below town.

Exploring Cebolla Creek

After working the North Fork, many of us followed Phyllis Vinson's advice and explored the Cebolla Creek area. This creek was smaller, but wound through beautiful and somewhat unbelievable (up to 10 feet high) beaver dams. Fish were caught by some of us, but again they seemed to follow the same finicky feeding patterns.

Everyone Found Lodging in Lake City Environs

Even though the “No Reservations” and high “No Vacancy” rate challenged our planning, everyone was able to connect with others from the Club, and we merrily bounced up and down the road between campgrounds, sharing our conquests and woes. **Chris Juvan, Debbie Seiden, Joanie McCord, Pat Nilsson**, as well as **Nancy and Steve Turley**, all stayed high above the lake at Wupperman Campground and hosted the cocktail gatherings with a scenic view of the river. Several other members, including **Nancy Sherman, Jane Francen, Anita English, Sherry Shrantz** and **Diane Kynel** (and family) stayed in town in small “resorts.” Further down the road **Cal and Carol Stegink** secured a site at the popular Williams Creek Campground. Although unable to get into Williams Creek, Arlys, Fran Sturgis, and I found beautiful sites at the Mill Creek Campground, 9 miles from Wupperman. Phyllis Vinson dutifully (and always with a smile) made the trek from **Brandy Lancaster’s** condo in Gunnison. Time went by extremely quickly, leaving all of us with a strong desire to return and further our education of these beautiful and, at times, challenging waters. ◆



PHOTOGRAPH BY STEVE TURLEY

SHE NETS A GOOD 'UN Good form, Nancy.



PHOTOGRAPH BY STEVE TURLEY

PARTY ANIMALS Joanie Mccord, Pat Nilsson, Sherry Schrantz, Anita English, Chris Juvan, Debbie Seiden and Nancy Turley never sleep.



PHOTOGRAPH BY DAWN DOBSON

SHOW 'N TELL Fran and her big brown.



PHOTOGRAPH BY NANCY TURLEY

ON THE HUNT Debbie Seiden cruises for rainbows and browns on the Lake Fork of the Gunnison.



PHOTOGRAPH BY FRAN STURGIS

DAWN'S RULE Green drake emergers nail fish.



PHOTOGRAPH BY DEBBIE SEIDEN

THE EXPLORING ANGLER Phyllis Vinson hunted fish from Gunnison through the Alpine Loop.

JODY YEHLE COULD, AND DID, GO HOME AGAIN

SHE TOURED AND FISHED HER ANCESTRAL LANDS — PLUS RIVERS AND LAKES AND FJORDS — IN NORWAY AND SWEDEN

BY ARLYS WARFIELD

Last January, CWF member and Alaska guide Pudge Kleinkauf invited American women to join her and the Swedish Women's Flyfishing Team for a week of flyfishing in the lakes and rivers of Sweden. An added incentive was that this group would take part in the 2006 Lapland Flyfishing Festival in Dorotea, Sweden — participating with men from Sweden, England, Italy, the Czech Republic and Latvia. Jody Yehle jumped at the chance to re-visit the homelands of her Swedish paternal grandparents and her Norwegian maternal grandparents. She then invited me to tour and fish with her for one week in Norway and one week in Sweden. This is a short synopsis of our travels together from charming Oslo to the lakes and rivers of midland Sweden.

First Stop: Oslo

We left on a Saturday and arrived in sunny Oslo the next morning. Tours of the city produced an interesting visit to the Edvard Munch Museum (where we screamed) and a ferry ride to the Bygdoy Peninsula, home to the Viking Museum (Jody's personal favorite) and the open-air collection of Norwegian rural architecture, complete with a fine stave church. Later a hot dog and soda energized us for a walking tour of the Akershus Slott Castle (circa 1300), overlooking the harbor, and the Norwegian WWII Resistance Museum (circa 1950). It wasn't easy getting used to sleeping in the land of the midnight sun.

Somewhere along the way I bought a ceramic cow, a wire sculpture of an iguana and found Cuban cigars and a nice woman owner of the Hag (a complete misnomer) Cigar Store (circa 1935) on Stortingsgate Road. The cow and the iguana were frivolous purchases for my Denver home, but the Cubans paid dividends later in Sweden by cementing international relationships among the guides and foreign participants of the Lapland Flyfishing Festival.

An additional perk of visiting the store was that we learned from the owner that the Scandinavian equivalent of our "good luck," is the very amusing "skitt fiske," especially since the sk is pronounced as a sh. This



PHOTOGRAPHS FROM THE CAMERA OF ARLYS WARFIELD

FISHING THE SOGNEFJORD Catching and eating pollock and herring beats a good day at work.

proved to be another bonding term at the fly-fishing festival.

To the Fjords

We took the train up the mountains to Myrdal and then hopped the celebrated Flamsbana Railway down a 20 km, 900 m

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plummet to the Sognefjord below. It was an exciting entry to Jody's much-anticipated, three-hour boat trip to Balestrand (and our hotel in neighboring Dragsvik) on the fjord.

Jody had previously researched fishing on the fjord, no mean trick in this very uncommercial part of Norway. Our hotel owner found a retired gentleman who kindly took us herring and pollock fishing in his own boat (for a price). Even though Jody kept shouting, "Hey, Arlys, we are fishing in a fjord!" this was not fishing. This was gaffing herring on a multiple rig and then cutting some up as bait on a rig to catch pollock. But was it fun, or what? Yes, indeed — and the real bonus was in the eating. We cleaned the fish and the hotel owner's mother cooked them for our dinner and breakfast! Served with a mustard sauce, boiled potatoes and a nice wine, delicious.

A bus ride to Bergen took us to our next adventure on the M/S Finnmarken, a coastal

steamer which took us on a leisurely float up the "Arctic Highway" to Trondheim. On board, we photographed, read, slept and wine and dined on reindeer and other Scandinavian delicacies. In Trondheim we had but one day to visit the Museum of Decorative Arts, the old town bridge Gamle Bybro and the impressive 11th century cathedral, Nidaros Domkirke — dedicated to King Olav. A pricey dinner of Kamchatka crab, whale with peach marmalade and poached arctic char at the Havfruen Fiskerestaurant on the banks of the River Nid made it possible for us to face the next day's (and night's) train and bus trips to the coastal city of Umeo, Sweden.

Sweden and the 2006 Lapland Flyfishing Festival

Umeo brought us together with Pudge, two Anchorage women, the festival's coordinator Greger Jonsson and the four members of the Swedish Flyfishing Team. The plan was to fish for three days together and then journey to Dorotea to meet with the other participants in the festival.

The first day was spent buying flies appropriate for Swedish waters containing grayling and other trout, then learning the rudiments of underhand (not spey) casting. Fun. Especially with Jody shouting, "Hey, Arlys, we are underhand casting on a river in Sweden!"



MR. DEMILLE, I AM READY FOR MY CLOSE UP Jody poses with her catch for the Swedish press photographer (far right). **Movie offers predicted.**

We then traveled to Lycksele in the middle of Sweden to fish a river for trout and also to a lake where we used bellyboats — interestingly, the Swedish women had never fished from a bellyboat. Again I heard, “Hey, Arlys, we are bellyboating on a lake in Sweden!”

Jody flew in the face of convention (and the guide’s advice), catching several grayling by stripping a Colorado woolly bugger instead of trolling with a Swedish gold bead nymph. She was the big producer of the day.

But the Swedish women are amazing anglers — and wonderful companions. They were gracious in practicing their English with us and were always very helpful when we needed assistance (we would still be somewhere in Sweden if Inger Lindstrom didn’t call the railroad office to

arrange for us to find a way to Stockholm in less than two days!).

The festival brought together all participants under one roof — the Dorotea Hotel. We checked in on a Friday morning and by 4 p.m. we were on the lake of the first venue. A thunderstorm delayed the boats from starting on time, but soon we were off on our three-hour stint. And then I heard across the lake, “Hey, Arlys, we are in a flyfishing tournament in Sweden!”

This was a good battle cry as I scored with a big 25-inch brown on Don Puterbaugh’s Blackfoam Caddis, while the other women were skunked. The second day brought clouds but no rain to the river venue, where we had another three hours to catch grayling and browns. This day Jody reaped the rewards with big fish, while I staggered in with a few

smaller graylings. I couldn’t get my controller to score me any higher, even though I gave him one of my last Cubans as a bribe.

The festival and our time together with new friends ended with the Saturday night banquet and the Sunday morning goodbyes. We promised to email and to provide room and board to the Swedish women when they came to Colorado to fish the Rockies.

Two train rides took us on to Stockholm where we walked the cobblestones of the old town Gamla Stan, bought presents for family and toured the harbor on our way to the Fjaderhomarnas archipelago to imbibe in Aquavit and dine on oysters, pickled herring and poached cod in a sunny restaurant overlooking the sailboats and cruise ships in the harbor — a fine end to a fine trip. ♦



FLYSHOP FAVORITES Swedish team members Sabine Bjork and My Dahlstrom help the Americans select Swedish flies for the tournament.



THE TROUT THAT SCORED This large brown enabled Arlys to tie Jody for second place in the tournament’s Women’s Division.

MEMBER NEWS

A SUMMER FULL OF GOOD WORKS AND FUN

BY NANCY RUTHERFORD TURLEY AND ARLYS WARFIELD

Many of you know that **DIANE KYNCL** donates some of her free time to volunteering, be it giving blood, helping out at her church or working with the Special Projects Committee to coordinate the CWF summer picnic and other events. For two of the past three years, Diane also has worked a week during the summer at the Royal Family Kids Camp for foster and abused kids. After her experience there two years ago, Diane wrote a speech within 24 hours of her return home to express to her church what a dynamic effect this had on her life. The speech ended up "making the rounds" to the church's corporate office, and now they want to publish it! Good work, Diane!

Speaking of good works, **CAROL STEGINK** returned recently from her annual June three-week visit to Peru to provide volunteer medical care to patients with cleft palates.

The Wanderlust Circuit

Club members have taken off for destinations far and wide in search of summer fun and/or education. We hear **JOANIE MCCORD** spent a few enlightening weeks in Ireland in June; **JODY YEHLE** and **ARLYS WARFIELD** flew to Norway and Sweden (*see story elsewhere in this issue*) to fish rivers, lakes and fjords; **NANCY SHERMAN** and **JANE FRANCCEN** went to Northern California to enjoy the city and to tour the wine country routes. **DAWN DOBSON** was vacationing up by Cameron Pass and saw an Audi that met up with a large moose; it was a pretty nasty accident. The young guy was so upset Dawn didn't have the nerve to ask she could take a tuft of moosehair that was imbedded in his hood for flies! ♦



PHOTOGRAPH BY PHYLLIS VINSON



PHOTOGRAPH BY JODY YEHLE

This is not the moose in question.

This is Jody's first grayling.



PHOTOGRAPHS FROM KAY DUSHANE



Kay Dushane and Carol Stegink went to Cheesman Canyon in July to catch these beauties on Kay's extremely secret "The Donald" dry fly. It may take very large bribes to get the recipe away from Kay.

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OFFSTREAM

LADIES, LET'S GO FISHING! CLINIC RETURNS TO DENVER

BY ROBIN KNOX, FORMERLY OF CDOW

Want to learn to fly fish—or pick up some new skills? Then sign-up today for the weekend Ladies, Let's Go Fishing! seminar and clinic at the Kassler Environmental Education Center and Lake Lehow in Littleton. Set for September 8-10, Ladies, Let's Go Fishing! is sponsored by the Colorado Division of Wildlife and Eagle Claw.

A reception on Friday evening at Seagull's Restaurant kicks off the weekend. Classroom sessions and hands-on instruction follow on Saturday. Sunday ends the weekend with a half-day, guided fishing adventure to put your new or improved skills to the test as you fish for rainbow trout, brown trout, and largemouth bass!

Volunteers are being sought for help with the following skill stations: Casting Practice, Knot-tying, and Sunday Fishing.

And there's more: raffles, door prizes, a silent auction, friends-you-haven't-yet-met, 'goody bags, and a t-shirt to commemorate the experience. All equipment is provided (except

for waders, if you elect the intermediate class or Sunday stream fishing), as well as daytime meals. All this for a modest \$95. The experience, though, is priceless!

Reserve your spot early, as registration is limited to 75 participants (minimum age of 18). For details and instructions, please contact Robin Knox at (303) 236-4402 — and to register online, go to the Ladies, Let's Go Fishing! website: <http://www.ladiesletsgofishing.com/> Volunteers are being sought for help with the following skill stations: Casting Practice, Knot-tying, and Sunday Fishing. Email Betty Bauman at billfishbetty@hotmail.com, if you can volunteer for any of these positions. ♦

LAST CAST



PHOTOGRAPH BY DEBBIE SEIDEN

SAGE WORDS: "Ladies, please remember to debarb your hooks, so when your dog gets caught on one, she does not suffer needlessly."

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