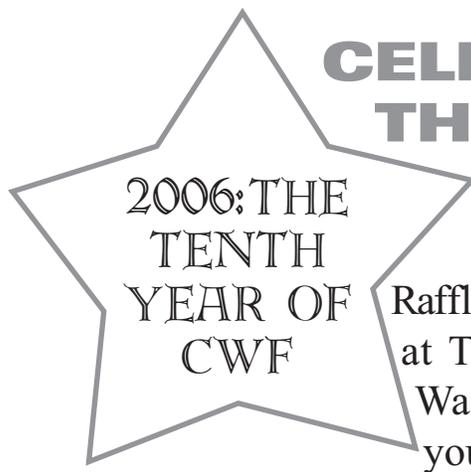




# COLORADO WOMEN FLYFISHERS

*A sociable club for women who flyfish*

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TENTH  
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CWF

## CELEBRATE THE SEASON AT THE CWF ANNIVERSARY HOLIDAY PARTY

The CWF Tenth Annual Holiday Party, Razzle Dazzle Raffle and Silent Auction will be held Sunday, December 17th, at The Arvada Center for the Arts and Humanities, 6901 Wadsworth Blvd. Festivities will begin at 6:00 p.m. with your check-in at the front tables, where you will be greeted, handed your ticket for the meal you ordered and given your Holiday Party gift, which by the way is not a goodie bag this year ... well, there are a *few* goodies: some special things for our tenth anniversary year. Then it's cocktails and hors d'oeuvres to enjoy as you walk around the tables to view all the Raffle and Silent Auction items. I hear there are lots of special trips, several rods and a boat, just to name a few items being offered this year. The social hour lasts until 7:00 p.m., when dinner is served. If you have any questions, please call me at either 303-344-8055 (H) or 303-956-3307 (C).— *Joanie McCord, Special Projects Chair*

**How to Get There** FROM THE BOULDER AREA: South on 36 - exit at Church Ranch Road; go west to the 4-lane main Wadsworth (route 121) and go South on Wadsworth. The Arvada Center is 1.2 miles south of 80th, and it will be the second right after the stoplight at 72nd street. Go .1 of a mile up the drive, keeping the large blue building on your right. FROM THE NORTH: South on I-25 to I-76; West on I-76 to I-70; exit immediately onto Wadsworth - North; travel north on Wadsworth for 2.5 miles to 69th Pl.; the entrance to the Arvada Center will be on your left (west side of Wadsworth) about 2/3 up the hill; go .1 mile to the drive on the right (keep the large blue building on your right). FROM THE SOUTH: North on I-25 to I-70; west on I-70 to Wadsworth - North; travel north on Wadsworth for 2.5 miles to 69th Pl.; the entrance to the Arvada Center will be on your left (west side of Wadsworth) about 2/3 of the way up the hill; go .1 mile to the drive on the right (keep the large blue building on your right). We will be there!

## CBF Calendar

December 6 . . . . .	Deadline for Holiday Party Reservations
December 17 . . . . .	CBF Holiday Party
January 2 . . . . .	CBF Meeting
January 5-7 . . . . .	Fly Fishing Show
January 9 . . . . .	CBF Board Meeting
January 20 . . . . .	CBF Board Retreat
January 25-28 . . . . .	Int'l Sportsmen Expo

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.

**Year-End Total Membership = 226**



**FOUL HOOKED:** The newsletter staff was perplexed to note that nobody submitted the correct answer to last month's contest, "What's Wrong with This Picture." Some members complained that work pressures kept them from reading this issue cover to cover; others submitted entries that were tied to corrections in text and/or pictures. EX: The two trout pictures on page 6 (Cathy) and page 7 (Joanne) are rainbows, not browns. These were good catches but were not correct answers to the contest, which instructed readers to note that ". . . it is not a typographical error, nor is it some accidental error in fact."

Therefore, we will continue to publish this "wrong note" until somebody spends some quality time with the newsletter and comes up with the right answer to win the assortment of flies in a fly box.

Contest results will be announced at the Holiday Party.  
— Ed.

## Preview of 10th Annual Holiday Party and Razzle Dazzle Raffle and Silent Auction

BY JODY YEHLE, FUNDRAISING CHAIR

I hope you plan on coming because we have an excellent assortment of Raffle Prizes and Silent Auction trips this year. But first, we want to thank all you business owners and fly shops for your donations. This event is our biggest fundraiser and without your support we would not be able to subsidize all the activities our members enjoy so much during the year. Most of all, we must thank all of you Club members, families and friends who buy Raffle tickets, bid on Silent Auctions and spend so much more than your \$25 dues to support CWF.

### Here's The Plan

After you enter the ballroom at the Arvada Center, with its beautifully-decorated fish motif, find your seat and then take a tour to check out all the items on the \$1, \$3 and \$5 Raffle tables. Don't forget to stop at the Silent Auction table and start thinking about what you'd like to bid on.

Then, make your way to Ticket Sales and buy your tickets. We have several packages available so you can save some money as you stock up on tickets for those items you just can't live without.

### Purchase Your Raffle Tickets

- Spend \$1 each for the \$1 Table — OR \$5 will buy you 6 tickets and \$10 will buy you 13 tickets;

- Spend \$3 each for the \$3 Table — OR \$5 buys you 2 tickets and \$20 buys you 9 tickets;

- Spend \$5 each for the \$5 Table — OR \$25 will buy you 6 tickets, and \$50 will buy you 13 tickets; OR . . .

- Best yet, save \$25 by spending \$80 to get 13 \$1 tickets, 9 \$3 tickets and 13 \$5 tickets.

Don't forget to put your name on every ticket stub before you drop it in the container.

*(Raffle Ticket Hint: This job is a lot easier if you bring and use address labels, like the goofy ones you receive free in the mail but would be embarrassed to actually use on your mail).*

### The Grand Prize

For our 10th anniversary the Grand Prize is (you guessed it) a fabulous Rod and Reel package. Make sure you stop by and fill the bucket with tickets because you're not going to want to miss this. Guaranteed to catch more fish than anything you've ever used, not to mention all the OOHS and AAHS you'll catch when you show up with it on the river.

### The Raffle Tables

We have a very nice assortment of prizes — from guide trips to gear bags, rods and reels to rainbows and flies to filaments. There will be some very special fly boxes full of flies tied by our own members and lots of other prizes that will appeal to everyone — beginner, intermediate or advanced angler. Just match the number on the prize with the number on the bucket and stuff away!

### Silent Auction Action

Have fun and be the highest bidder for guide trips, gear, artwork and more. There will be a bid sheet for each item. A minimum bid is required, as stated on each sheet.

***"For the first time, out of town members can have a friend buy their Raffle tickets and bid on the Silent Auctions for them. You do not need to be present to win."***

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

There will be plenty of time to bid, and the volunteers staffing the table are not allowed to bid on the items. Start time will be at the beginning of the party and will last until after dinner.

Closing of bidding will be announced with five-minute warnings. No bidding will be allowed after the Raffle begins. The name of the highest bidder at the moment time is up will be announced. Make sure you have your checkbook or cash, as winners will need to pay and collect their prizes at that time.

### A New Idea For Long Distance Friends

Since so many members live out of town or out of state and can't attend the party (even

though winter fishing in Colorado is HOT this year!), we will be allowing members to stay at home and have a friend buy Raffle tickets and bid on Silent Auctions for them. The same rules apply. If you choose to do this, make sure your "proxy" bucket stuffer has your check, can check it twice and is willing to hire the reindeer to drop any winnings down your chimney (or send it UPS). See the list of trips and other items in this newsletter and then have your not-so-silent auction partner's cell phone number handy so they can "do your bidding" at the Holiday Raffle.

Happy Holidays and Happy Winnings to you all. But mainly, have a great time at our 10th Annual Holiday Party! ♦

NOSTALGIA

**First CWF Holiday Party Sets Tone for a Decade of Fishing Fun**

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EXCERPTS FROM THE JANUARY 1998 CWF NEWSLETTER

NEARLY SEVENTY CWF MEMBERS

and friends gathered on the evening of December 14 at the Wazoo Great Room in downtown Denver. They celebrated the holiday season and the Club's first year in existence. There was no doubt it was a fishing party, as partygoers were greeted by a sea of colorful fish, pursued by a pair of phantom float tubers dangling above the dining area.

Guests had time to laugh over CWF trip photos, ogle all the outrageous Raffle prizes, plot their Raffle strategy and catch up with friends and family before sitting down to a sumptuous dinner. Following dinner, hoots of laughter could probably be heard out on the street when the 1997 CWF Awards of "Merit" were handed out with much fanfare by **Chris Juvan**. Then it was on to the serious business of distributing all that Raffle loot.

**Boy, Did You Cash In!**

This could have been said to at least ten people who truly did cash in on some super Raffle prizes. Foremost among them was Ron White, husband of CWF Director and Raffle Chair Patty White, who held the winning ticket for the much-coveted, custom-built Hexagraph rod.

Big Raffle winners included Stacey Brooks, who is still bragging about the Simms neoprene waders she won, and Mike Williams (**Jean's** brother) who, upon hearing his number called for the Springbrook breathable waders, could only thrust his hands



**HAPPY 2-FER** The Club's first Special Projects Chair, **Nadine von Storch**, not only was the successful host of the first Holiday Party but also was the winner of Canyon Marine's Arkansas River float trip.

**THE RAFFLE & SILENT AUCTION CORNER**



Items that will be available on the Raffle tables and the Silent Auction include (but are not limited to):

- Gift certificate for two, two rooms, at the Green Drake Motel in Basalt, with half-day guide trip for 2 on the Frying Pan or Roaring Fork
  - Gift certificate from Dan Wright's Academy of Fly Casting for two one-hour lessons for two people, custom tailored to the caster's capabilities and goals
  - Day for two at Sylvan Dale Ranch, with guided trip (half-day on river plus half day on lakes, or full day on river) with Bob Sheets
  - Fly box with 300 flies
  - Breckenridge Outfitters gift certificate for a two-person full-day guided fly fishing trip
  - \$50 gift certificate from Trapper Rudd's Cutthroat Anglers in Silverthorne
  - Float trip for two on the Green River with Old Moe Guide Service in Dutch John, with lodging and dinner and wine
  - Full-day guide trip for one or two in Rocky Mountain National Park to fish for native cutthroat greenback trout (about a 45-minute hike) donated by Kinsley Outfitters in Boulder. Includes transportation from shop and lunch
  - Bass fishing trip for four on private water from St. Peter's Flyshop in Fort Collins
  - Membership to Pat Dorsey's Fly of the Month. This is a "Holiday Half" (six flies each month and fly box, includes description and pattern). Donated by Blue Quill Anglers in Evergreen
  - Day for two on private water (two spring creeks, lake and part of the Roaring Fork) at Gianinetti Spring Creek
  - Guide trip from Chris Well at the Blue Quill
  - Day trip for two on private water (North Fork of the South Platte River) with guide Kirk Deeter
  - Two anglers on private water (Middle Fork of South Platte River), South Park Tourism (Gary Nichols), Santa Maria Ranch
  - One night of lodging for two at Antlers Hotel in Walden
  - Float Trip for two at Grey Reef, donated by Greg Mueller at the North Platte Fly Shop
  - Custom built 3-piece Sage Rod, 3-weight, 7ft 9 in , case, reel and line from Dan's Fly Shop in Lake City
  - Lodging on the Green River at Dutch John, UT, donated by Denny Breer
  - Full-day on Rocky Mountain Angling Club private waters. Includes half-day guide trip for two with Don Barz
- This is just a sampling of what's in store for us at the CWF Holiday Party. See you there!

## IT'S SHOW TIME!

BY SUSAN KELLEY, PUBLIC EVENTS CHAIR



Ladies, the new year is fast approaching, and we will be doing The Fly Fishing Show and the Denver International Sportsmen's shows in January. However, unlike in the past, we now have a Public Events Chair, which is my new position starting January 1st, and, therefore, I did not have the volunteer sign-up sheets for the November meeting. I'm asking for anyone interested in working either of these shows to contact me at 303-366-5723 or send an email to [ssnkelly@aol.com](mailto:ssnkelly@aol.com). Dates and times of shows are listed below.

As in the past, our main function at these shows is new membership recruitment and PR/Outreach. We will also be raffling two prizes: a pontoon boat and a guided trip with Matt Bennett of the Crystal Lakes Lodge and The Perfect Drift in Pine Grove, CO. That means the fun of selling raffle tickets to other folks attending the shows, so bring your game face. And it's free admission for CWF workers. We expect to see lots of CWF shirts and hats at each show.

### **THE FLY FISHING SHOW, Denver Merchandise Mart, January 5 - 7, 2007**

It is a show we await with anticipation. NEW THIS YEAR: an area devoted to bamboo rods and their makers. It will give you a chance to check out those bamboo rods, or if you already have one, get it appraised for free. This is also the opportunity for us to thank all those shops, guides and manufacturers that have been so generous to CWF through the years. Please visit those vendors and say "hi" and "thank you." Check out [www.flyfishingshow.com](http://www.flyfishingshow.com).

**HOURS:** Friday: 10 am - 6 pm., Saturday: 9 - 5:30., Sunday 9 - 4:30.

**TICKETS:** Adults: One-Day pass \$14, 2-Day pass \$24, 3-Day pass \$32, Children under 12 \$2 per day.

**WHERE:** 451 East 58th Ave, Denver. From I-25, exit east on 58th. Turn left at Logan Street (Taco Johns/Steak Escape) will take you directly to the Pavilion. Parking is free.

### **DENVER INTERNATIONAL SPORTSMEN'S SHOW, Denver Convention Center, January 25 - 28, 2007**

The Denver International Sportsmen's Exposition is the largest fishing, hunting, fly-fishing and outdoor-travel show in the Rocky Mountain region. Check out [www.sport-expos.com](http://www.sport-expos.com) for more information. It is a great way to meet the industry experts and connect with national and international vendors on new equipment, places to fish, lodging and pertinent educational information about fishing and hunting in the Rocky Mountain Region, as well as many national and international locations. NEW SPEAKER THIS YEAR: Kirk Deeter. He has been most generous in donating guided trips and books to give at our Holiday Party Raffle, as well as the trip being raffled during this show. Please give him our support and check out his seminar, "Fly Fishing Beyond the Boundary." He will be there all four days. I am looking for someone to assist me in getting this show put together. If you're interested, please do contact me.

**HOURS:** Friday 12 pm - 9 pm, Saturday 10 - 8, Sunday 10 - 5.

**TICKETS:** \$12 adult; youth 12 and under enter for FREE

PARTY FAVORS

## **Anglers Provide Gifts to Club Members**

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HAVE YOU SPENT  
your holiday budget

before you bought your holiday party ticket? Not to worry. Through the generosity of a couple of anglers, we have a couple of complimentary meals available. So, if you're wishing you could have made that reservation, but just couldn't find enough spare change in the sofa, contact Joanie McCord; please call me at either 303-344-8055 (H) or 303-956-3307 (C) to see what's still available. First come, first served... (a yummy meal and fun evening at the Arvada Center awaits you). ♦

**Buy your CWF Caps and Shirts  
and Vests for the  
January Fishing Shows!  
Contact Chris Juvan  
at 303-480-0985  
to purchase.**

## NOSTALGIA

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high and yell, "Score"!

Other big winners included **Nadine von Storch**, who walked away with the Arkansas River float trip donated by Mike Williams and Canyon Marine, and "Boy-did-I-need-this-after-the-year-I've-had" Nancy Mangone, who not only won the Grand Prize guided trip on the Colorado River with CWF member Cindy Scholl but ALSO the Grand Prize PM-10 Orvis rod AND a half-day trip with guide Chuck Prather!

Many, many thanks to **Nadine von Storch** and Patty White for coordinating the party and Raffle and to their many helpers, including Steph Albano, **Chris Arthur**, **Flora Jewell** and friend Eric, **Chris Juvan**, **Kathy Kanda**, Molly Konkle, Nancy Mangone, Jen McGill, **Nancy Rutherford**, **Craige Stainton**, Kris Tita and Suzy Uchida.

Special thanks also to the many shops and businesses that contributed Raffle prizes, floating fish and other items that helped make the party such a success. Win or lose, a great time was had by all. ♦

*\*Boldface = Current Club Members*

## A FAREWELL MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Each year at this time we have said thank you and farewell to a few Board members whose terms have expired and who have devoted a portion of their time and resources to the operation, development and health of Colorado Women Flyfishers. This year is no exception, but it is a little different since three of these “outgoing Board members” are remaining on the Board. We do want to give a special thanks to the women listed below.*

As President / Vice President of CWF, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to the outgoing Board members.

**Joanie McCord** is leaving us as the Special Projects Chair, only to grace our presence again as the President of CWF. Joanie is a joy to be around. She has brought experience and wisdom to the Board, making her hard work in Special Projects benefit all of our members. I know she'll continue to draw on her gifts as she takes the reins in 2007.

**Betty Peterson** is going out through the “revolving” door as Treasurer, only to come back in as the same. Her expertise as a CPA has helped the officers to better understand and work within our budget. We appreciate all the hard work she does for CWF. Betty has a great sense of humor – a requirement to be on the Board. Betty, you've been a delight to work with and kudos to you for your continuation on the Board.

**Cathy Poirier**, our Membership Chair, has been a faithful figure at the front table of Piccolo's Restaurant. She took over a demanding position and was extremely responsible in recruiting volunteers to staff the flyfishing shows. She was always on

time with the details of her position, although she had never previously owned a computer. But Cathy is tenacious. She quickly purchased one, conquered it and is now a CWF “Techno-Geek.” Cathy, we truly appreciate your hard work and vivaciousness.

**Jody Yehle** is an architect by day and our Fundraising Chair by night – Tuesday nights to be exact. She leaves that position only to join the Board again as Vice President. She's done a great job in securing items for our Raffle, a highlight of the monthly meetings. Thank you, Jody, for all the hard work you've done as Fundraising Chair, despite the ninety-hours a week you spend at your day job. We're blessed to have you on the Board once again.

To Joanie, Betty, Cathy and Jody, it has been both a pleasure and honor to work with you on the Board of CWF. I appreciate your support and commitment to the Club. You're all truly treasures.

Sincerely,  
Diane Meyer,  
President, CWF

## A TRIBUTE TO DIANE MEYER

BY ARLYS WARFIELD

Flashback: Diane Meyer assumes the office of CWF Vice President in 2002. Her job description was to provide informative and entertaining monthly programs for ten months out of each year — and to be the back-up when the President was not available for duty.

Diane has performed both tasks beautifully over the past four years (she had so much fun filling in for Craig occasionally that she re-upped in 2004), and the Club is the better for her involvement. CWF's programs are hailed far and near for their contribution to the flyfishing knowledge of its members — and often a large group of guests.

A professional writer and photographer by trade, Diane has mentioned CWF wherever possible to spread the good word of our organization. She has also contributed both of these talents over the years to our monthly programs, to the newsletter and to a field photo clinic for members. We are especially grateful for her advice on how to take a decent fishing photo. And, of course, you can't mention her writing and photography skills without calling attention to her fishing skills — she is one of the Club's most effective nymphing specialists — and her fishing fun with alter ego, the legendary fishing guide, Don Puterbaugh, of Ark Anglers.

Diane has stepped forward to help out at sports shows and fund raisers, all while juggling the activities of two kids and a husband for these four years. And she has

always followed through on what she said she was going to do. Craig's word: Reliable.

Diane's commitment to the Club was challenged last September. As part of her duties she completed the year as President when Anne Nichting resigned the office. She stepped into those shoes with diplomacy, aplomb and a real talent for creating a businesslike but collegial atmosphere in our Board meetings. Diane, thank you. ♦



PHOTOGRAPH FROM DIANE MEYER

**LADY OF LITTLE LEISURE** Given a day off, Diane usually catches the big ones at Boxwood.

**MEMBER NEWS**  
**FROM THE EMAIL BOX**  
 BY ARLYS WARFIELD

**A Cautionary Tale**

On JULIE CHURCH's annual steelheading trip to Houston, B.C. in October with her father, she had gotten overly excited about casting in a certain section and failed to pay attention to where the fly was relative to the tip of the rod. This incident recalls the article published here last year about removing flies with

PHOTOGRAPHS FROM JULIE CHURCH



**MEDICAL MIRACLE** This is a size 2 green-headed leech that is stuck in Julie's cheek. Unfortunately, it is not a prop, and that is in fact her blood running down her face.

minimal pain (see sidebar on this page). Here is her account of the experience:

"Upon getting stuck with a fly in my cheek, I clipped the leader, and called across the river to my father for help. I have to say he was a little nervous about ripping such a large fly out of my face! But the hook was removed without incident; immediately following the

removal, I was given a personal spey-casting refresher course with a focus on how to avoid these incidents. (Interestingly enough, my dad came to me the following day with a similar fly stuck in the back of his jacket as a result of the same type of casting error.)

I returned to Colorado on Monday, October 23, and did take the precaution of getting a tetanus update the following day! Within four days, the damage had all healed, and all is well. The trip overall was good, resulting in almost 20 steelhead beached over nine days of fishing. Next year I think I will have to track the number of casts per fish."

**Medical Update**

We have heard recently from NANCY RUTHERFORD TURLEY that her husband's back operation (a lumbar decompression surgery/laminectomy) on November 15th was a success. As many of you know, Steve is a former gymnast and a gymnastic instructor in the Fruita Public School system and has suffered back problems from his athletic activities over the past few years. His doctor feels that Steve will get a 50-80% reduction in pain from the pinched nerves, although much of his back still has bulging disks from the "classic gymnast back." Cards and emails would be appreciated during his recovery period.

**News You Can Use**

**Question:** What is the best way to get a snagged fly loose?

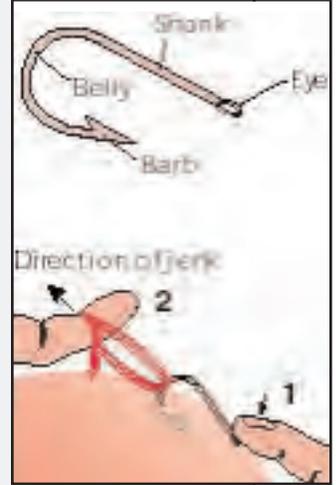
**Answer:** Tighten your line, point your rod tip right at the snag, hold the line tight against the cork handle of the rod and slowly and firmly pull straight back. Be sure not



**JULIE'S PRIZE** She worked hard to corral this big steelhead.

**The Safe Removal of Flies from Your Face, Fingers or Other Body Parts**

A successful technique for removing fishhooks was first described in 1961 by Dr. T. Cooke, a general practitioner from south Australia. He had seen commercial fishermen in New Zealand remove hooks from themselves using only a piece of string. Nobody knows how long they have been using this technique, or



who should be credited for its invention. But as Cooke pointed out, "fishers have long used the string flick technique because it allows them to remove the hook, dip the finger in the sea, and carry on fishing within a minute."

Dr. Cooke published his account in an article titled, "How to remove fish hooks with a bit of string." Since then, it has been described multiple times with a few slight variations; the basic principle is as follows:

- A piece of strong string/suture (or, you could use the fly line) is tied to the bend of the hook.
  - The shank of the hook is depressed to disengage the barb.
  - While the shank is being depressed, the string is given a hard, sharp, decisive jerk in the direction in which the hook entered the skin. This extracts the hook along the path of entry.
  - Clean wound with a bit of antiseptic.
- From the Medical Journals of Harvard College

to bend the rod or yank it up sharply as this will break the rod. Also be sure to turn your head away from the snag so that a fly coming loose will not hit you in the face (see Julie Church above and "Incidental Educational Items" on page 10). ♦

**A HOLIDAY AT  
CHEESMAN  
VETERANS ON THE RIVER**  
BY KAY DUSHANE

Some of us took a holiday on November 11 and went on an impromptu gal fest to Cheesman Canyon. Here are a few photos from a day when everyone caught fish and had a grand time.

I got an honest 22 x 13 inch rainbow, which I believe is the biggest I ever landed there, at least by weight. Linda Kunzwieler landed a large 19" cuttbow, and everyone caught some nice browns, especially our "captain," Sandy Wright, who got a really fat "brown trout." She put her tongue in cheek and insisted that this is the first species of brown trout planted in Cheesman Canyon decades ago and that, yes, it tasted mighty fine when we ate him! ♦



**CAPTAIN COURAGEOUS** Sandy landed her best catch.



**WOMAN AT WORK** Shhh. Carol is concentrating.



**CUTTING IT SHORT** Linda's big cuttbow in extreme close-up.



**THE VETERANS** (left to right) Dog Sophie, Janice O'Shea, Kay DuShane, Linda Kunzwieler, Carol Stegink, Sue Armstrong (visiting from her new home in Nebraska) and Captain Sandy Wright.



PHOTOGRAPHS BY KAY DUSHANE

**A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT** Janice takes the high road to fishing success.



**KAY-OH** The biggest rainbow Kay has ever landed in Cheesman.

**SPECIAL PROJECTS**

**THE CROWD HAD A REEL GOOD TIME AT THE GIRL SCOUT CASTING CLINIC**

BY MARION NUTT, EVENT COORDINATOR

Over 3,300 Girl Scouts and their families and friends ran or walked the 5K and 1K events but, judging from the smiles and laughter, the interactive booths were the highlight of the event. Why not? Your trusty and faithful CWF women were there!! We were awesome!

We received a lovely letter from Girl Scouts Mile Hi Council: "Thank you for attending our ninth annual Girl Scout 5K & 1K event on October 22, 2006. We appreciate your wholehearted support of our Healthy Living Initiative, promoting healthy lifestyles for the whole family."

It started off as a frosty cold morning and



**POPULAR VENUE** Ellie Reiser keeps the crowd under control as they wait their turn at casting.



**OOPS** The Scout is reel-ly happy with her skills, but the instructor spent some time untangling the line!

improved with the sunshine and bright smiles of the Scouts, little brothers and a few fathers! One scout participated for the third year — and next year I want her to teach! It was fun and rewarding for us.

**Alexis Ralston, Pat Nilsson, Arlys Warfield, Connie Rogers, Ellie Reiser, and Chani Buchner** all did a great job helping the Scouts to learn to cast with rods provided by the Colorado Department of Wildlife. Thank you.

We had a delicious lunch at Reivers and got to know each other better and relived the fun of the morning. We are going to have lots of Girl Scouts as members when they grow up. They love casting and they are good. Even the tiny ones amazed us. I am proud CWF participates every year (this is our fourth year), and we are really appreciated. ♦



**THE BIG PICTURE** (l. to r.) Chani Buchner, Marion Nutt and Connie Rogers teach the basics of the sport to eager Scouts.

PHOTOGRAPHS BY ARLYS WARFIELD

## **BACK CAST**

### **ANNUAL CLUB BUSINESS MEETING - NOVEMBER 7**

BY NANCY SHERMAN, SECRETARY

The following Board members were present: Dawn Dobson, Anita English, Joanie McCord, Diane Meyer, Betty Peterson, Cathy Poirier, Nancy Sherman, Phyllis Vinson, Arlys Warfield, Jody Yehle and Craig Stainton. Janet Canaan was absent.

**Election Results.** The nominating committee – Anita English, Connie Rogers and Jody Yehle – announced the election results:

Vice President . . . . Jody Yehle  
Treasurer . . . . . Betty Peterson  
Fundraising . . . . . Karen Williams  
Public Events . . . . . Susan Kelley  
Membership . . . . . Ellie Reiser  
Special Projects . . . Jane Francen.

Joanie McCord will assume the office of president for 2007.

**Announcement.** Our new Public Events Chair, Susan Kelley, will be recruiting volunteers for the Fly Fishing Show, Jan. 5 – 7, and the International Sportsmen's Expo, January 25 – 28.

#### **Annual Committee Reports**

**Trips** — Dawn Dobson. This year we fished some new waters. The day trips averaged about 12 people and the weekend trips (except Delaney Butte and Grey Reef) about 25. The Lake City trip had at least 25 members / guests, the Arkansas River at least 60 and the Frying Pan River 20.

**Special Projects** — Joanie McCord. This year's events were March's river cleanup, July's picnic, October's Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure and October's Girl Scouts Fly Casting. December's Holiday Party is the last event of the year.

**Membership** — Cathy Poirier. We currently have 226 members; 74 are new this year, six more than last year.

**Newsletter** — Arlys Warfield. The newsletters had more pages than last year, due to members' contributions, both in articles and in photographs. Postage increases caused a slight increase in the budget, but the printing costs were reduced. New member Rebecca Pasquariello suggested we save money by not mailing it but rather putting it only on our CWF website. The Board had considered this alternative but rejected it since not all members have access to the website, and some are not able to download the newsletter. Craig pointed out that the newsletter is the only tangible benefit of membership and is a more valuable

asset when it comes as hard copy through the mails.

**Education** — Anita English. This year we had fly tying, an April mini beginner clinic, a full-day education clinic in May at the Farmers Union Education Center in Bailey and casting clinics in June. She confirmed that the clinic will move to the North Fork Guest Ranch and will be held on April 21, 2007.

**Treasurer** — Betty Peterson. We have over \$37,000 in all our accounts, including a reserve of \$16,000 in certificates of deposit. In 2006 our income of about \$28,000 from fundraising and membership has provided for our expenses. The monthly financial reports are open to anyone who would like to see them.

**Fundraising** — Jody Yehle. The raffles in March through August were our best income producers for fundraising dollars.

### **Reminder: CWF Members Can Join Rocky Mountain Angling Club For Reduced Fee**

Last year the Board of Directors approved joining the Rocky Mountain Angling Club at a one-time corporate member fee of \$550. This action allows CWF members in good standing to take advantage of fishing less populated waters in the Rocky Mountain Region for an annual individual membership cost of \$95, a figure substantially less than the customary membership fee for individuals.

Interested members should visit the RMAC website at <http://www.rman-angling.com> for details and a list of private waters available.

Note that each member joining RMAC would receive her own membership number; record keeping would be done by RMAC. Members would be able to take guests; rod fees will apply.

It is clear that not all CWF members could or would take advantage of this great opportunity, but this should not deter CWF from providing this opportunity for a possible lifetime of exploration of special waters that could increase the skill, knowledge and enjoyment of our membership.

## **LAST CAST**

***"Fishing, of course, is faith. You have to focus on each cast as if it were the very one that is going to produce the fish of your dreams."***

IAN FRAZIER  
THE NEW YORKER,  
OCTOBER 30, 2006

The upcoming holiday party will have a number of very good trips available through silent auctions and raffles.

#### **The Raffle**

There were 19 fine prizes available including many fishing expendables (tippets, leaders, indicators and seven groups of flies – two of Pat Dorsey's and five tied by Bass Pro personnel. There were several multiprize winners: **Ellie Reiser** (book, tippets and antenna topper), **Cordie Medina** (strike indicators and flies), **Ann Groshek** (nippers and flies), **Anne Zadrazil** (hat and flies) and **Anita English** (flies and the prized CWF Traveling Fly Box).

#### **Funny Fishing Stories**

Those of you who did not come to the meeting missed a good time. There were some very amusing stories with great jabs and asides from the audience. We had nine members telling their tales and the top three, as judged by the audience, were **Pat Nilsson** (creative float tubing at Spinney Mountain Reservoir); **Cathy Poirier** (entertaining the 14-year-olds on the Frying Pan); and **Dawn Dobson** (Arlys' gymnastics with kokanee on the Gunnison). The stories showed that we are able to poke fun at others and ourselves as well. The prizes were a bag of Tootsie Pops for each of the top three. These were shared with everyone. ♦

## REPRISE

### AT LAST — CUSTOM WADERS FOR ALL SIZES

BY JANET CANAAN

*This very useful article was published last year and bears repeating.— Ed.*

The number one complaint I hear from CWF members (after, “I didn’t catch any fish!”) is about not being able to get waders that fit and are comfortable. Complain no more! Next time you are shopping for waders, go online and check out The Husky Angler at <http://www.thehuskyangler.com/waders.html>. This company manufactures 100% custom waders in both breathable and neoprene styles.

Not re-cut from a standard pattern, each pair of waders is made specifically to your measurements. There is even a measurement form on the website for you to print out and take to your seamstress, tailor or Mom (don’t try measuring yourself; get an experienced buddy).

Custom waders should arrive in about six weeks, depending on time of year. Now is a great time to order waders for next year. Think about a Christmas present for yourself.

If you’re planning to order in the next few months, contact me at 303-985-4479, or email [jcanaan@jcanaan.com](mailto:jcanaan@jcanaan.com). We may be able to arrange to take measurements at an upcoming CWF meeting — the more the merrier!

Note about The Husky Angler: Don’t let the name put you off. Yes, this company specializes in very large sized, outdoor apparel, but the owner of the company promised that their waders can be made large or small, no matter what custom size you are. ♦

### INCIDENTAL EDUCATIONAL ITEMS FROM THE ANSWER LADIES

**Household Tip for Removing Blood from Garments and Carpet** Use a solution of 0.85% to 0.9% sodium chloride in water. To make this dissolve one-half teaspoon table salt (sodium chloride) in 1-1/4 cups tap water. (Do not use salt alternatives, which replace some or all of the sodium with potassium.) Solution can be used at room temperature or lukewarm temp, but not hot. Clothing: Soak in the solution and periodically rub gently until the stain is gone. Carpet: Pour the solution on the area and let it soak briefly, then blot with paper towel. Reapply until the stain is gone. Do not rinse with tap water until the stain is gone. This works well for fresh or dried blood; dried will take longer to remove. Theory: Using tap water causes red blood cells to break (this reaction is known as “lyse”) releasing hemoglobin, which results in a stain, while 0.85% to 0.9% sodium chloride (the major compound in the non-cell portion of blood) approximates the salinity of blood and does not lyse the red blood cells. — Nancy Sherman

**Auto Alert** Cover the VIN number on the dashboard of your car. Thieves can copy it and order duplicate keys made from it. — Diane Meyer

### ANNOUNCING NEW CWF BOARD MEMBERS

BY ANITA ENGLISH, NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIR



The following members were unanimously elected to a two-year term on the Board of Directors: Vice President/Program—Jody Yehle; Treasurer—Betty Peterson; Fundraising/Raffle—

Karen Williams; Membership—Ellie Reiser; Public Events—Susan Kelley and Special Projects—Jane Francen. Terms begin in January 2007.

Thirty-four members cast ballots; 15 by snail mail and 19 by email.

The nominating committee, which included Jody Yehle, Connie Rogers and me, took suggestions offered by the membership and in the nominations process tried to match the requirements of the office to the skills of the possible candidates.

Therefore, we are grateful to these candidates who volunteered to lend their particular expertise — as well as their time and energy — to each of these offices. Congratulations, and on behalf of the entire membership, thank you.

At last!! An election that did not require a recount! ♦

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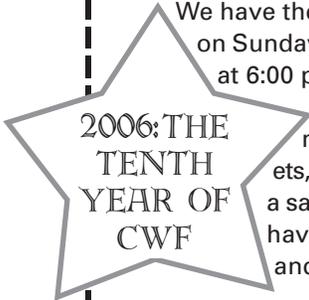
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# 10TH ANNUAL CWF HOLIDAY PARTY RESERVATION FORM



We have the pleasure of having our 10th Annual Holiday Dinner/Raffle/Auction Party at the Arvada Center on Sunday, December 17th. This special event's social hour will begin with a cash bar and hors d'oeuvres at 6:00 p.m. and will continue until 7:00 p.m. While you are strolling around choosing your Raffle and Silent Auction items, you will have a chance to treat yourself to this hors d'oeuvres assortment: mushroom caps stuffed with crab meat, brie with raspberry and pecan in petite puff pastry pockets, prosciutto and melon — and, of course, the old staple, Swedish meatballs. Our dinners will include a salad, vegetables, assorted rolls, coffee/tea and dessert (which will remain a surprise). You will also have the option of ordering wine for the dinner table from the cash bar. Dinner tables will be round and set for 10.

**ENTRÉE CHOICES:** Please mark your choice (and the number of orders) and include this form with your check.

- \_\_\_\_\_ \$41.00 Stuffed **Beef Tenderloin** with Spinach, Roasted Red Pepper and Portabello Mushroom Served with a Cabernet and Roasted Garlic Sauce
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$36.00 Grilled **Salmon** with Teriyaki Sauce
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$34.00 Tender Sliced **Pork Loin** with Apples and Calvados Brandy Sauce
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$28.00 **Vegetarian** Meal

Member Name \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

RESERVATIONS AND CHECKS ARE DUE no later than Wednesday, DECEMBER 6th — this is a FIRM deadline since we have to give the Arvada Center a firm number for each entrée. Sorry, no late reservations will be accepted.

***Earn a Bonus Gift — Renew Your Yearly Membership with Your Party Reservation!!***

## CWF 2007 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL Membership for Calendar Year (January - December)

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

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Rosters are printed quarterly for members' personal use only — they are not to be used for commercial purposes; the Club does not sell or trade or give away members' contact information to outside vendors.

Flyfishing Ability: (circle one)      Professional      Advanced      Intermediate      Beginner

I would like to serve on the following committees: (Circle as many as you like!)    Education    Membership  
Programs    Special Projects    Education    Outreach/PR    Newsletter    Raffles/Funding    Trips

### REMITTANCE

Dinners: No. \_\_\_\_ @ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_      MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO COLORADO WOMEN FLYFISHERS.

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