

COLORADO

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A sociable club for women who flyfish

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APRIL MEETING

DATE:

Tuesday, April 3, 2007

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!

Take light rail for a new and less stressful trip to the meeting.

At our April Meeting...

THE MOTHER'S DAY CADDIS HATCH FISH FRENZY

with Greg Felt

Come to the April meeting to hear Greg Felt of ArkAnglers in Salida discuss all things Arkansas River fishing so you can be prepared for our annual foray to the Mother's Day Caddis Hatch (or "Woman's Hatch," as we like to call it).

You won't want to miss this timely program! — *Jody Yehle, Vice President and Program Chair*

COMING SOON

May Meeting:

"Cool Nymphing Techniques and Hot Places to Use Them" with Janice O'Shea

CFW Calendar

April 3 CWF Meeting
April 10 CWF Board Meeting
April 21 CWF Clinic
April 28 Club Weekend Trip,
Arkansas River

Reminder

The Members-Only password for the CWF website (www.colowomenflyfishers.org) changes April 1st. See the enclosed roster for the new password. And be sure to check the CWF website for updates on meetings and other activities.

Welcome New Members

Sheila Asher Austin TX
Jeanette Bourdon Englewood
Arlene Clawson Denver
Nancy Cloos-Nettell Denver
Cathy Germann Westminster
Codi Kaji Littleton
Denise Patton Evergreen
Marcia Scofield Denver
Kathy Selles Aurora
Amiee Stevenson Denver
Kathleen Wishart Monument

• 39 New Members Enrolled in 2007.



FOUL HOOKED: Colorado Trout Unlimited reports that the upper Colorado River from Granby to Kremmling was plagued by low flows this past fall and would have run dry had local ranchers fully used their senior water rights. Trout Unlimited and Grand County are pushing the Bureau of Reclamation, Denver Water and the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District to fix this situation — and to ensure that new proposals for expanded water projects at Windy Gap and the Moffat Tunnel do not worsen the situation. CTU supports Grand County in its efforts to develop a management plan to get a better handle on what the water needs for the county and its rivers are, a vital first step in protecting these areas. — Ed.

BACK CAST

MARCH PROGRAM: FISHING RMNP

BY ARLYS WARFIELD

We need more chairs for these kinds of programs. Another packed house heard Chris Conway of Wild Basin Outfitters describe the numerous fishing opportunities in Rocky Mountain National Park — complete with a slide show of maps, which helped the audience place the various rivers and creeks and lakes that Chris discussed. (I would suggest that his next business venture be that of producing RMNP flyfishing maps for the flyfishing public!)

The happiest members of the audience were Marion Roper and her husband, recipients of the CWF Holiday Party Silent Auction wade trips with Chris and his wife Belle. They and Marion Nutt will be able to use the Conways' expertise first-hand this coming fishing season! The rest of us might consider using their guide services, since the park is vast and their flyfishing knowledge is quite specific to it.

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Background

Rocky Mountain National Park encompasses 266,714 acres and was created in 1915 as our 10th national park. There are 361 acres of waters with fish in 50 lakes (out of a total of 147 lakes) and in 144 miles of streams and rivers (out of 473 miles). It is home to the headwaters of the Colorado, the North Fork of the St. Vrain River, the Big Thompson and the Cache la Poudre rivers.

Currently there is a mandate from Congress to return the park to its natural state with its original fish species. That translates to the proposed eradication of brookies, browns and rainbows, with the subsequent concentration to increase the number of greenback cutthroat — designated as Colorado's state fish. The fragility of this fish population requires anglers to use extreme caution when releasing them back to the water.

Chris focused his presentation on main drainages in the upper, middle, southeastern and western sections of the park, detailing the fish population, the terrain and the accessibility for anglers.

Upper Section

In the Poudre River drainage, one can catch brookies, browns, rainbows and cutthroats in Cow Creek and greenbacks and brookies with very technical fishing in West Creek. In the Fall River drainage, one must fish carefully below Fan Lake for spooky brookies, browns and greenbacks holding in deep undercut banks. Roaring River is, in Chris's opinion, the number one fishing destination in the park. All greenbacks swim above the falls, brookies and green-

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RMNP FISHING FACTS

Summer Weather

40-45 degrees at sunrise; 55-75 degrees at mid-day; thunderstorms daily; hail possible; check skies above Continental Divide for weather changes.

Hatch Chart

April-October: blue wing olive midges
May-October: stoneflies
June-August: black ants
Summer: caddis
July-August: pale morning duns

Flyfishing Gear

Fish are small (few above 14") so rods can range from 2 to 5 weight; use 4-piece rods for horseback pack trips into the park; 7-1/2 foot leaders with three feet of fly

line; hippers are recommended.

Flies to Use

Traditional Dries: size 16 Adams, Royal Wulffs, blue wing olives, pale morning duns, caddis, stimulators, midges, ants and mosquitoes

Nymphs: pheasant tails, Princes

Dates to Remember

April to mid-June: rainbows and cutthroats spawn;
Memorial Day to mid-June: runoff;
4th of July: snow gone from high alpine lakes;
4th of July through August: best fishing;
September through October: brookies, browns spawn

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backs below the falls. The trail from the Lawn Lake Trailhead is a mile and a half to the best section of the river and gains 800 feet in the hike. This high country small stream rife with pocket water is best fished with dries.

Middle Section

In the Moraine Park drainage, the Big Thompson is a small stream holding 6-12" brookies, browns, rainbows and cutthroats. It is one of the few good rivers to fish during runoff. In the Fern Lake drainage, green-back cutthroat wash out of the lake into Fern Creek pools, great for dry fly action in tight quarters. The Bear Lake and Glacier Gorge drainage has Dream Lake (easy to reach) for greenbacks, Emerald Lake and the dangerous Haryaka Lake (very deep dropoff from shore).

Southeastern Section

For the fit and the fittest, Thunder Lake is a healthy hike with an elevation gain of 2,074 feet in 6.8 miles. Weather forecasts are necessary before embarking on the trip up, as the hike takes 5-6 hours on a good day. A back-country permit is required for overnight stays.

Ouzel Lake is a less demanding hike up, but remember its elevation is 10,000 feet. It is a great place to sightfish for cruising greenbacks, using dries.

Other lakes to fish in the area are Pear Lake (hard to reach), Finch Lake (very pretty at 10,582 feet), Hutcheson Lake and Cony Lake.

Western Section

Trout fishing is practiced predominantly on the Eastern Slope. Go to the Western Slope for more solitude and to fish for brookies in the Tonshutu River — or to view moose, which are not in the east.

Wild Basin Outfitters (www.wildbasinoutfitters.com) is an all inclusive guide service (one price includes guides, flies, meals and drinks), which specializes in guiding in the entire park and in providing horseback packing trips into the more remote areas.

The Raffle

The Great Western Fly Shop in Loveland provided two happy members with really good prizes: **Kay DuShane** won the fly tying material and **Chris Juvan** took the flies and fly box. The Pat Dorsey Fly-of-the-Month was won by **Janet Lopez**. **Sharon von Broembsen** took home the CWF Traveling Fly Box. Everybody else settled for some new and interesting door prizes. ♦

GO FISH THE ARKANSAS RIVER
THE APRIL 28-29 MOTHER'S DAY CADDIS HATCH TRIP
BY DAWN DOBSON, TRIPS CO-CHAIR

The mother of Mother's Day Hatches is almost upon us. If you haven't yet booked your lodging or guided trip, time has gotten the best of you! For those new to the Club, or who have yet to experience our Arkansas Adventure, you really need to join us! It is quite spectacular to drive through the valley of the Arkansas River to see it peppered with women anglers and caddis raining down upon them. One of the reasons this trip is so wonderful is all the miles of public access, so those who fret over combat fishing need not worry — there's plenty of room for everyone.

Another highlight of this trip is the wild brown trout, who can get quite giddy over emerging caddis flies which have been known to imitate a version of a Colorado blizzard. Of course, we've also had the real blizzard thing happen during our weekend, too!

Lodging

Most of us will be staying at the Salida Super 8 (719-539-6689) where they offer a discounted room price to Club members. Other accommodations can be found at the Comfort Inn. Greg Felt of the ArkAnglers is providing discounted guide trips (*see below*).

Saturday Night

We will have a group potluck supper Saturday evening at the Salida Senior Center, where we will feature our second annual CWF Chili Cook-Off. In order to accommodate those die-hard evening hatch anglers, we will start our apres fishing chili chow down at 7 p.m. The Senior Center is located across the street from the Super 8, behind the swimming pool.

We still need a few people to enter their featured chili recipes. We will have a tasting contest and several prizes will be awarded.

Participants can cook their chili in their rooms using a slow cooker (we recommend you set it on a trivet to avoid furniture damage). If you want to bring chili, please contact me at (303) 777-8642 as soon as possible. Otherwise, please bring the menu item that corresponds with your last name as listed below:

- A-H Appetizers
- I-P Chili condiments (crackers, bread, cheese, onions)
- Q-Z Dessert

We would love a few volunteers to help with arrangements for the party on Saturday night.

Gear to Bring

Finally, you'll want to bring clothing for all types of weather. Most of us will pack a cooler and eat lunch at our cars. A 5-7 weight rod comes in handy as we tend to get some of the spring winds during this time of year. You will want to have 4x and 5x tippet and all life-cycles of caddis. If the caddis aren't hatching, the blue wing olives usually are, although many of us have also had success with Yellow Sallies.

For nymphing you will want to bring beaded flies including Copper Johns (red, copper, blue, chartreuse), pheasant tails, and tungston biot midges. Fly shops will also have recommended flies, if you check with them before you go out in the morning.

Stay Tuned

Make sure you keep up with news on *cwfTalk* and with information provided during our April meeting, in case anything changes. If you want to volunteer or have questions, contact Dawn Dobson, (303-777-8642), dobsond@earthlink.net or Phyllis Vinson (303-690-6737), PHYLV@compuserve.com. See you in Salida! ♦

CWF RATES FOR ARKANGLERS TRIPS	
Wade Fishing Half Day	2:1 Client/Guide Ratio \$105/person
	1:1 Client/Guide Ratio \$165/person
Wade Fishing Full Day	2:1 Client/Guide Ratio \$150/person
	1:1 Client/Guide Ratio \$250/person
Float Fishing Half Day	2:1 Client/Guide Ratio \$125/person
	1:1 Client/Guide Ratio \$225/person
Float Fishing Full Day	2:1 Client/Guide Ratio \$180/person
	1:1 Client/Guide Ratio \$315/person

Trips meet at 8:00 a.m. for morning half days and full days, 1:00 for pm half day trips. All trips run rain or shine. Please reserve directly with ArkAnglers by calling (719) 539-4223 or emailing Greg Felt at greg@arkanglers.com.

DAWN DOBSON'S SNEAK PEEKS

WATERTON CANYON, Denver Day Trip: May 5

This trip will be at a convenient location to enjoy both fish and wildlife.

We will meet at the parking lot below Waterton Canyon across from Denver Water's Kassler Center south of Hwy C-470 off Wadsworth. Anglers of all abilities will enjoy success on this lower section of the South Platte River.

There is a hiking trail that goes seven miles up the canyon allowing access to this entire stretch of river. Beginners can have a blast hooking up with the eager juvenile fish, while those experienced anglers who enjoy the hunt can seek out the bigger dudes hanging under those cut banks and in the deeper holes.

Members can choose to hike in as far as they like, or even to bring a bike and light tackle so that they can access the upper stretches more efficiently. There are several big horn sheep who reside in the rocks and put on quite a show.

Warning to Dog Lovers

This is not the trip to bring along your canine companions — they are not allowed in the canyon due to efforts to protect the wildlife. Mark your calendars and plan to join us on this wonderful excursion!

Club Trip Questions!

If you have any questions, contact either Dawn Dobson dobsond@earthlink.net, (303-777-8642) or Phyllis Vinson PHYLV@compuserve.com, (303-690-6737).

PELLA PONDS, Boulder County Day Trip: May 19

Join us as we try to dodge the annual spring run-off on our streams.

We will again venture out fairly close to the place those in the metro area call home. Pella Ponds are located in Boulder County's Pella Open Space, near the town of Hygiene (off of N. 75 Street.). There are several ponds that are open to fishing, and another that is a bird refuge. These ponds are stocked with largemouth and smallmouth bass, as well as bluegill, crappie, catfish and perch. Catching pan fish in still water can be a challenge and a lot of fun. Anglers can fish from the shoreline and from non-motorized belly boats, and a couple of the ponds allow other portable non-motorized boats, such as canoes.

Share Your Extra Gear

We are planning to make this an educational experience as well. Thus, we are requesting that those of us who are gear collectors (like Chris Juvan), bring their extra equipment and allow others to experience belly boat fishing. If you are willing to bring extra equipment to share, please email or call Dawn at the contact information below. Pack your picnic and join us for some fun with flippers!

HEADLINES AND BY-LINES

BY ARLYS WARFIELD

Fish Win in Water-Quality Review

The Colorado Water Quality Control Commission adopted a new set of temperature standards to protect aquatic life in the state's rivers, streams and lakes, according to an article written by Jeremy P. Meyer in the January 9th *Denver Post*. He reports:

"The standards, which still must be finalized, will protect about 85 percent of stream miles in cold-water streams," said Nicole Vieira, water-quality specialist for the Colorado Division of Wildlife.

Fish cannot self-regulate their body temperature and are vulnerable to excessive or rapid changes in the water temperature. Temperature standards have been on the books for more than 25 years, but they were rarely, if ever, applied. For several years, environmental and sportsmen's groups have been urging the state to adopt a new set of rules.

The state's water-quality division worked on a proposal for more than two years, in collaboration with environmental groups, cities and industries. The governor-appointed commission heard two days of highly technical testimony from environmentalists, industry representatives and state water-quality division staffers, as well as the federal Environmental Protection Agency.

The nine-member commission unanimously approved two sets of standards. An interim standard set for gold-medal fisheries and rivers with cutthroat and brook trout will go into effect in 2007. Another set will be used by river-basin commissions, whose meetings may be as long as six years away.

"We cannot let trout streams go without for potentially five to six years," Vieira said.

Under the long-term standards, rivers and streams that have cutthroat and/or brook trout must meet an average temperature of 63 degrees Fahrenheit and no more than 75 degrees Fahrenheit.

In the interim, rivers and streams with cutthroat or brook trout that are above 7,000 feet must meet an average temperature of 63 degrees Fahrenheit. Gold-medal fisheries must meet an average temperature of 65 degrees Fahrenheit. Water dischargers must now adhere to the rules or prove no cutthroat trout are in the streams or rivers."

Diane Meyer: A Writer's Life

We have missed seeing former CWF vice president and program chair Diane Meyer, who has been too busy writing. But we have kept up with her by reading the Jan - Feb issue of *Colorado Outdoors* and her article "Colorado's St. Vrain Creek" with her photographs. The Mar - Apr issue features "Back Packs to Chest Packs: Get Your Kids on the River," the re-worked article she wrote for *Women in the Outdoors*. Next, she is working on an article about the East River for the September issue of *Colorado Outdoors*. In mid-April, she plans a float trip with ArkAnglers' Greg Felt for another article tentatively called, "Floating for Trout," due at the end of the year. Also, she must have a book proposal and the first three chapters of her novel to the editor of West Bow Press by the end of June. The full manuscript needs to be done by September. Whew. When will she fish?!? ♦

OUR GUIDING LIGHTS

GETTING TO KNOW OUR CLUB'S FISHING PROFESSIONALS

AN INTERVIEW WITH JUDY NORMAN BY NANCY RUTHERFORD TURLEY

PHOTOGRAPH BY CAROL NEVILLE



JUDY NORMAN catches a big brown on the Gunnison below the Three Rivers.

This is the fourth in a series of interviews with Club members who serve as professionals in the industry.

Q: Judy, we know you are a guide in the Aspen area, but what is your flyfishing background?

A: I started fishing with my dad at about age three and was hooked for the rest of my life. Fishing has always been in my blood, and I have never lost my passion for it. I'm a real outdoor lover — anytime I can be out in nature I'm a happy camper! I also grew up hunting with my dad and friends. I have hunted small game all the way up to deer and elk, which my dad taught me to dress and skin by myself! I decided to give up hunting when I stopped eating so much red meat about twenty years ago.

At age ten my dad (Noel) bought me my first fly rod—you know the ones that had the electric rewind! I thought that was so much fun, but back then I didn't know what flies were, so we used good ole' worms. Eventu-

ally my dad took flyfishing and tying lessons, and then he taught me!

My dad (78 yrs. young) and I are still fishing together. We spent two weeks fishing around southern Colorado and Northern New Mexico last fall. We camped in my RV the whole time and did not want to come back.

Q: What was your previous occupation and how and why did you start your flyfishing career?

A: I grew up in Lakewood, Colorado but have been a massage therapist here in Aspen since the early seventies. I came to Aspen straight from CSU where I studied to be an art teacher. I wanted to take a break. This is a great place to play in the outdoors! I loved it here so much because the skiing and fishing were fantastic. I never left!

While fishing on the rivers I would run into my friends who were guides. They saw me on the rivers so much that one of the owners of Aspen Trout, asked me to guide for them. That was 15 years ago and I am still guiding!

It has been a great job because I can guide in the morning and still do massage in the evening. This is where my email address "fishandmassage" comes from! Strange combination of work, but it works for me!

In the winter I don't guide, so I cross country or downhill ski in the mornings!

Q: Where do your clients come from (as in, how do they find out about you)?

A: I am on call to take folks fishing from several fishing stores here in Aspen. A lot of my massage clients also fish with me!

Q: On what rivers do you guide, and do you specialize in a particular style of guide trips?

A: I like to guide on the small creeks around Aspen, namely Castle Creek, Maroon Creek and Hunter Creek. They are tributaries of the Roaring Fork River. I also like to guide on Roaring Fork near town and up Independence Pass. I specialize in teaching folks how to fish small streams and pocket water.

In the summer I love to teach the dry/dropper set up. The fish in these small streams are very opportunistic and, to the delight of my clients, they will jump out of the water for a dry for a good portion of the summer! These small creeks have wild cutthroat, wild rainbows, browns and brookies.

Q: What is it that makes guiding anglers, or wannabe anglers, fun for you?

A: I really enjoy sharing not only my passion for fishing but my love of the outdoors—it is so beautiful up here and the rivers are gin clear most of the time, which means my clients can see the fish and watch them as they rise to take a dry!

I still let out a hoot every time a client catches a fish, as I am so thrilled for them! A little girl fishing once looked over at me and calmly said, "You don't have to scream every time you catch a fish!" I replied, "Sorry, I can't help it."! ♦

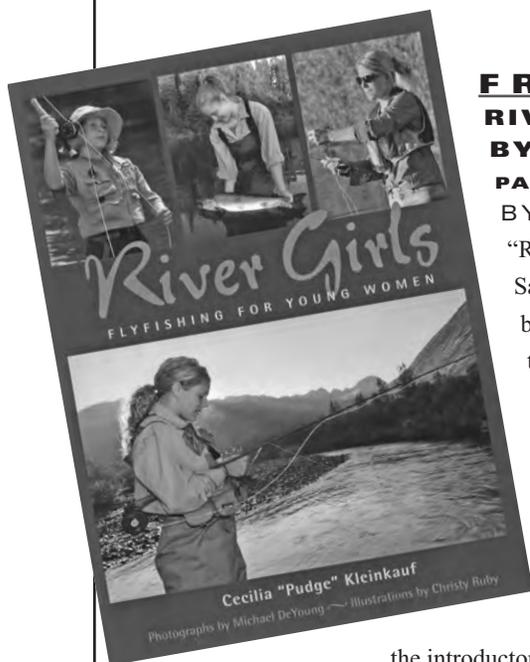
CWF CONTEST SERIES

How Many Club Trips?

The Contest Editor is embarrassed to reveal that she has been perpetuating the myth of Chris Juvan attending each and every CWF Club trip since its founding. This is obviously a complete fabrication, especially since Chris did not even join the Club until its second year and also was known to have missed a few early weekend trips. Therefore, we are re-running this contest in hopes that those of you who plan to enter it will be more able to come up with the right total, knowing that you will need to deduct 12 trips from the total number of Club trips from 1997 through December, 2006.

As always, the first correct answer wins an assortment of flies in a fly box. Send entries to "How Many Club Trips?" c/o Arlys Warfield, 685 So. Monroe Way, Denver, CO 80209 or email answer to arlys@earthlink.net. And may the best mathematician win.

FLYFISHING MANUALS FOR GIRLS AND WOMEN



FROM MY BOOKSHELF

RIVER GIRLS (FLYFISHING FOR YOUNG WOMEN) BY CECILIA "PUDGE" KLEINKAUF

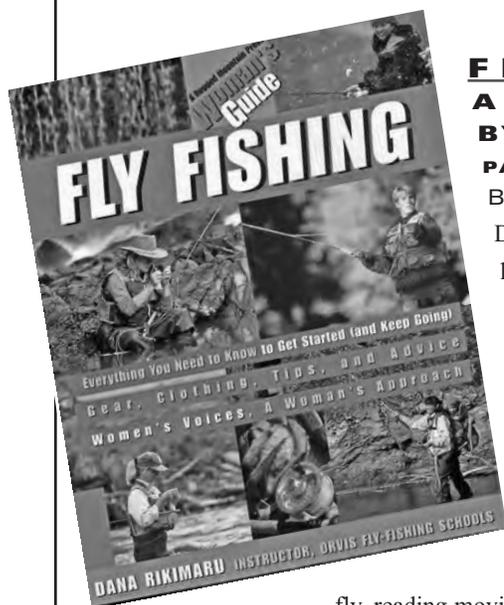
**PAPERBACK, 146 PAGES, \$20.00 — JOHNSON BOOKS
BY MARION NUTT**

"River Girls" is lovingly written by Pudge Kleinkauf, who introduces us to Alyssa, Samantha, Alex and Blair and lets us watch them in photographs of breathtaking color become experienced River Girls. The book is easy, educational reading — plus it contains pages of the River Girls (with dogs and moms) fishing glorious Alaskan waters. It answers their questions and provides instruction and resources from "Whatever Will I Wear" to fly casting, knots, flies, and matching up fish, gear and water.

A long-time Club member, Pudge's philosophy goes hand in hand with that of CWF, from catch-and-release to acknowledging that these young women are the future of flyfishing. I would definitely recommend "River Girls" as a handbook for Girl Scouts and other girls learning to fish — and for all of us wanting to mentor or teach our daughters and their friends. Kids will also like the stories. In

the introductory chapter, Pudge writes, "Once a upon a time, a very lucky girl went out to the rivers with a special magic wand in her hand." We know the magic — let us share it, as Pudge does, and preserve our fishing environment.

If you can't find it in your local bookstore or fly shop, go on line to www.rivergirlsflyfishing.com to purchase it.



FROM MY BOOKSHELF

A WOMAN'S GUIDE TO FLY FISHING BY DANA RIKIMARU

**PAPERBACK, 146 PAGES, \$14.95 — RAGGED MOUNTAIN PRESS
BY ARLYS WARFIELD**

Dana Rikimaru wrote this manual for women flyfishers during her career as an licensed Orvis instructor. Her skill as a teacher shows. She covers every aspect of the sport, from acquiring the necessary gear to reading the water and aquatic entomology. Her lessons are accompanied by useful photographs and illustrations by Elyne Sears (at last I can understand the differences in slow action, medium action and fast action rods by reading pages 94 and 95!). Published in 2000, "A Woman's Guide to Fly Fishing" continues to be one of the primary books in Club members' fishing libraries for its technical expertise, its lengthy bibliography, lists of flyfishing resources and detailed index. Chapter 5 (Advanced Techniques) alone is a book in itself for it covers everything from fly line to the

fly, reading moving water, reading lakes and fishing techniques. This is a true encyclopedia of fly-fishing. If you can't find it locally, go on line to www.raggedmountainpress.com to purchase it.

Do you have a favorite flyfishing book you would like to recommend to Club members? If so, please submit the title, author, hardbound or paperback, number of pages, price and publisher with a 150-175 word review. If you have a scanner and can send a digitized photograph of the cover, this would also be helpful but not mandatory. Email to arlys@earthlink.net.

SIZE MATTERS

BY KAY DUSHANE

The Winter, 2007 issue of a free flyfishing ad-riddled magazine, which is frequently distributed to fly shops in Colorado, has a “16-pound brown trout” as its cover subject. In my opinion, the fish *might* approach nine or ten pounds, but there is no way on earth that the fish weighs 16 pounds. There are at least three other photos in the magazine that exaggerate the weight of trout by at least a third. This is ridiculous and certainly doesn’t make me want to run out and purchase the Editors Choice picks for boots, waders or anything else. All credibility has been lost.

I love catching big fish whether it’s trout, bonefish, tarpon, or jacks. But my love and respect for flyfishing does not grow from or depend on the size of fish. And lately, size seems to be too much of the focus in magazines, on television, and worst of all, within the guiding business.

The Ethical Guide

As guides, we do a huge disservice to our clients by focusing on the size of fish. I know one guide who starts his measuring tape at around the two-inch mark when he measures clients’ catches. This is a wrong-headed way to introduce others to the ethos of flyfishing. If a client asks, I tell her or him what my best guess is for the fish at the end of the line. I will then point out the beauty of the fish and how wonderfully the client played the fish to net, along with commenting on the beautiful surroundings.

On some big corporate trips, I know the pressure is on, especially since other guides sometimes exaggerate the size of fish that their clients catch. When the digital cameras come



PHOTOGRAPH BY KAY DUSHANE

FINE ART No four-pounder is more beautiful than this jewel. (Note the size of the fly!)

out, it can get awkward. After seeing another angler’s fish, my client then says, “if his fish is four pounds, mine must have been eight.” No, his guide prevaricates.

Unfortunately, chest pounding has gained popularity in many aspects of society. Maybe this bad habit has influenced flyfishing devotees to grow more and more enamored with fish size. Make it stop!

Let’s start people off right by being realistic with them. When they do actually catch a 20-inch trout, they appreciate what an accomplishment that is in Colorado. I’m calling for anglers and guides, at the very least, to pledge a little more honesty and a little less ego when identifying their fish. The results would be good for fish, good for fishing, and good for people who fish — the latter being brought down off their competitive pedestals and reminded of the beauty inherent in the

experience of flyfishing.

Post Script

Just a day or two with an accurate Boga scale (hook it to the net basket, not the fish’s jaw), one can learn to guess about what a fish weighs from looking at it. With trout, you don’t need a scale, just a measuring tape.

The following formula is fairly accurate for estimating the weight of trout, and I encourage anglers to use it a few times to build up their estimating accuracy (using inches):

$$[(\text{girth} \times \text{girth}) \times \text{length}] \div 800 = \text{weight in pounds.}$$

For example, a fish is 21 inches long and its girth is 13 inches.

$$13 \times 13 \times 21 \div 800 = 4.4 \text{ pounds} \quad \blacklozenge$$

Kay DuShane guides with Trout Trips here in Denver and Angling Destinations out of Sheridan, WY.

WINTER, 2007 IN CHEESMAN CANYON

JANICE O’ SHEA AND KAY DUSHANE SNOWSHOE IN TO CATCH BIG FISH



The steep trail into the canyon.



Janice snowshoes in the river . . .



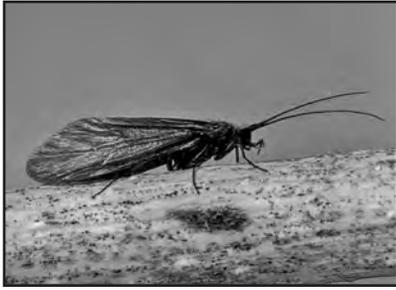
. . . and catches a nice brown.



Kay got one, too.

The Raffle Corner - April 2007

Arkansas Angling



The Mother's Day Brachycentrus Caddis



The Deer Hair Caddis Fly

We are all looking forward to the BIG Club trip to the Arkansas River for the Mother's Day Caddis Hatch later this month. In support/celebration/anticipation of the trip, our **Featured Fly Shop is the ArkAnglers in Salida**, which is giving us discounts on our guide trips.

Raffle items generously donated by ArkAnglers are a fly box with flies specifically designed for fishing the Arkansas River (\$75 value) and a Fishpond wading staff (\$75 value).

Featured Fly Shop for April

ArkAnglers, 7500 W. Hwy 50, Salida, CO 81201 (719) 539-4223. Greg Felt, partner in ArkAnglers, will be our speaker at the April program meeting. Be sure to thank

Greg for the generous discounts ArkAnglers gave us for our Raffle items to raise money to support our Club's educational mission.

Other Raffle Items

- Pat Dorsey's Fly-of-the-Month donations (January and April);
- A lanyard with hat clip, tippet holder etc. donated by Char Bloom (\$39 value);
- Felt hat by Eddy Bros. (small) donated by a Club member (\$40 value).

Door Prizes

The door prizes this month include a CD with fishing songs, fly tying material, caps, t-shirt, 4x tippet and Top Ride dessicant from Loon.

Good luck to all! — Karen Williams, Fundraising Chair

MISCELLANY

Lee (Royal) Wulff Classic Videos

We have **Lisa Rattenni** to thank for directing us to this website, where we can watch two very interesting short videos of the legendary Lee Wulff fishing for salmon, probably in the early 50s:

http://moldychum.typepad.com/moldy_chum/legends_of_fly_fishing/index.html

Scroll down the page and you will see the videos entitled, "Classic Lee Wulff Short - Salar the Leaper Part One" and "Salar the Leaper Part Deux." They truly demonstrate why Wulff is a legend in the flyfishing world.

Did You Know . . .

. . . that fishing line is a high-density plastic that requires a special recycling process? It should not go into regular household recycling bins. Take it to a local recycling program or to a tackle shop that participates in a collection program.

. . . that the bull trout finally gained species status in 1978? That before it gained species status the bull trout was considered to be a Dolly Varden char? That the world record bull trout (32 pounds caught in 1949 in Lake Pend Oreille, ID) was for many years listed as the world record Dolly Varden char? (*IFFA newsletter*) — from **Pudge Kleinkauf's** March *Women's Flyfishing Newsletter*. ♦

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PUBLIC EVENTS

BASS PRO WEEKENDS DRAW ANGLERS TO CWF

BY DAWN BLOM, CHAIR

We recently participated in the Bass Pro Shop Fly Fishing Weekend event. Several of our highly-dedicated members volunteered to recruit new members and to tie flies at our table. Unlike the International Sportsmen's Expo, this event spotlighted only the sport of flyfishing. The women with whom we spoke were excited about either getting started or honing their skills — and all were anxious to get out on the water on our upcoming trips.

Janice O'Shea showed off her nymphing skills at the fish tank and gave an informative lecture about nymphing, highlighting several different rigs. Other lecture topics included fishing the South Platte River and fishing in Montana.

Club members who worked the table were treated to lunch or dinner, and they received a nice discount on any purchase they made that day. (**Sherry Shrantz** has replaced her bed with her new camp cot, and you can look for **Pat Nilsson** modeling her new personal flotation device on future Club trips.)

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Upcoming Event Needs Volunteers

Bass Pro has a Women's Outdoor event coming up on the April 14-15 weekend, during which CWF will have a membership table. Since it is likely that we will be the only flyfishing club present, we'd like to spotlight our sport with fly tyers at the table, a few casting demonstrations and a CWF presentation, too.

Please email me at dawnblom@comcast.net to get involved in this event. Let me know whether you'd like to tie, present, cast or recruit members. Also let me know which day and time you are available to help at this event. Your continuing help with these important outreach events is greatly appreciated. ♦

LAST CAST

"Today it's not the fish I'm after ... it's the fishing."

SOUTHERN ZEN RIDDLE

CWF 2007 MEMBERSHIP

Membership for Calendar Year (January - December)

___ RENEWAL

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

___ NEW MEMBER (over 18? yes___ no ___)

Name: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Email: _____ Cell Phone: _____

The Club does not sell or trade or give away members' contact information to outside vendors; however, rosters are printed quarterly for members' personal use only.

Flyfishing Ability: (circle one) Professional Advanced Intermediate Beginner

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

Programs	Membership	Special Projects	Education	
Outreach/PR	Newsletter	Raffles/Funding	Trips	Public Events

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