



COLORADO WOMEN FLY FISHERS[©]

A sociable club for women who flyfish

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AUGUST MEETING

DATE:

Tuesday, August 7, 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 August Meeting...

THE ETHICS OF ANGLING

At this time of year, when we are spending as much time as possible tromping up and down the banks of our favorite fishery, it's a good idea to remember how important it is to take care of our streams, rivers and lakes. Our meeting will focus on how we can fish more responsibly, protect and enjoy Colorado's diverse ecosystem — and be true conservators of our state resources. Oh, and catch lotsa' fish.

Colorado's Division of Wildlife has a variety of educational and volunteer programs that will fill you with knowledge and pride, while helping to maintain the fisheries and habitats that make our state such a great place to live and play. Learn about all the little things we can do as individuals to ensure that our favorite pastime will still be enjoyable for the generations that follow us. — *Jody Yehle, Vice President and Program Chair*

Absolute Angler in Arvada is closing, and Brett Knight has donated hides for fly tying to CWF members. Sandy Wright will be bringing the stash to the August meeting. Free to members. First come, first served.

CWF Calendar

August 7 CWF Meeting
August 11-12 . . . Club Weekend Trip,
Chambers Lake
August 14 CWF Board Meeting
August 18 CWF River Clean Up
August 25 Club Day Trip,
Eleven Mile Canyon

PHOTOS: Send your fishing photos to Janet Canaan for the Club website and CWF Holiday Party. Send newsletter photos to Arlys Warfield.

Welcome New Members

Ellen Bothner Lakewood
Nancy Colby Lakewood
Tricia Curley Arvada
Suzanne Ervin Aurora
Kelly McFall Denver

• 69 New Members Enrolled in 2007.



FOUL HOOKED: Have you wondered where those Club member announcements and trip details on cwfTalk@Topica.com went? They have gone to the new [cwfTalk](#) at Google Groups, which has become our main source of communication between newsletters.

As of July 31, [cwfTalk@Google Groups](mailto:cwfTalk@GoogleGroups) becomes our official list serve. (For those who don't know, [cwfTalk](#) is our listserve for mass emailing of trip information, requests from individual members to share fishing dates, or anything board members need to get out to the membership in a hurry.)

Email invitations to join the Google Group list serve were sent out last month to the entire membership but if for some reason you missed it, or need help in joining, please contact Karen Williams at karenwilliam@comcast.net. — Ed.

BACK CAST

GOOD FUN AT THE JULY CWF ANNUAL PICNIC

BY JANE FRANCFEN, SPECIAL PROJECTS CHAIR

It was a good turnout on a nice night for the annual CWF Picnic in Prospect Park. Fifty CWF members and guests came for the party and games — and stayed to enjoy a Bennett's B-B-Q dinner. There were groups of members discussing the upcoming trip to Creede to fish the Rio Grande River and more members studying the items in the Raffle, Silent Auction and Gearage Sale. I believe everyone had good conversation, good food and good fun.

After dinner we had four teams with four participants each in the Belly Boat Races. There was riotous action during the race, which ended in a dispute over the true 1st and 2nd place winners but, to the delight of all, eight members received prizes of flies suitable for the upcoming Rio Grande River trip. Thanks to **Anita English**, **Chris Juvan** and **Arlys Warfield** for the loan of the belly boats.

The actual cost of each dinner was \$10.15 plus tip; however, CWF picked up all but \$3.00 — one of the many benefits of Club membership. Thanks to the Special Projects Committee, comprised of **Janet Lopez**, **Sherri Shrantz**, **Diane Kyncl**, **Barbara Keller** and **Mary Ellen Freas**, for making this annual event another success. ♦

THE RAFFLE AND SILENT AUCTION

It was an active Raffle with lots of good prizes for the participants. **Fran Sturgis** was the winner of **Phyllis Vinson's** fly box, packed with 93 hand-tied flies; new member **Sabrina Boston** won both the reel combo system and the fishing hat. **Karen Williams** took home the fly box with 25 flies included. But host, **Jane Francen**, ran away with the top prizes of a woolly bugger box and the G. Loomis 8-weight rod and reel set. And, oh yes, **Sandy Wright** won the CWF Traveling Fly Box.

Ann Zadrzil won the two-for-one certificate on the trip to Alaska with Alaska Adventures (see "The Raffle Corner" for more details). — *Arlys Warfield*

RIVER CLEAN UP

CWF ANNUAL EVENT SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 18

BY MARION ROPER, SPECIAL PROJECTS COORDINATOR

Our CWF Annual River Clean Up this year will be held on August 18th. We will meet at Windy Point (Dam) parking lot of Gross Reservoir at 8:30 am. Parking at the Boulder Creek trailhead is limited, so we will need to carpool to our start area. It is a 1-1/4 mile walk along the trailhead to South Boulder Creek. We will divide into groups and assign sections of the creek to clean. We will bag trash until 12:30 and return to Windy Point for a complimentary picnic lunch provided by CWF. The remainder of the day will be devoted to fishing.

Directions

To reach Gross Reservoir, take Highway 93 from south from Boulder or north from Golden. Turn onto Highway 72 to the turn-off to Gross Reservoir. Follow signs to Windy Point. A complete map and directions will be provided at our August program meeting.

Gear to Bring

Bring old ski poles for picking up trash from bottom of river; waders and thick waterproof gloves to protect hands and fishing gear for the afternoon.

Contact Marion Roper for additional information at marion.roper@comcast.net, or telephone home (303) 948-7919, or work (303) 839-1650. ♦



FROM THE 2006 CWF ARCHIVES

TRASH BAG QUEENS Last year's Clean Up Crew at play.

GO FISH CHAMBERS LAKE AND THE POUDBRE RIVER

AUGUST 11-12 CLUB WEEKEND TRIP

BY DAWN DOBSON, TRIPS CO-CHAIR

Join us as we base our fishing expeditions at Chambers Lake Campground, 63 miles west of Fort Collins near Cameron Pass. If you weren't able to reserve a site at Chambers Lake, your best bet is to check for sites at Big South Campground, which is on Highway 14 about four miles before

"Join us Saturday evening for a campfire at Site 39, Loop C."

DAWN DOBSON

sites that you may also be able to get into.

I will be staying in Loop C, site 39 throughout the week and welcome you all to join us Saturday evening for a campfire. Although I won't be fishing (due to a neck injury), I'd be happy to point you in the right direction and help you catch up with others so stop by and check in, if you'd like.

Although it takes almost three hours to get to Chambers from Denver, the drive up the Canyon along the "Wild and Scenic" Poudre River is quite spectacular. The Poudre contains a wild, self-sustaining population of brown

trout. Many of us have enjoyed the gold medal waters near the fish hatchery about 10 miles back down the canyon, and there are several other public access areas throughout the canyon. It is generally best to fish in the upper river catch-and-release sections. If you like to belly boat, you can catch trout in Chambers Lake or nearby Lost Lake. If you really want a different experience, take your belly boat to Joe Wright Reservoir, where you can catch grayling. The water at Chambers has been reported as low, but there wasn't a report of the boat ramp being closed.

Directions

Take I-25 to Fort Collins Exit 269B (Mulberry St.), the third exit in Fort Collins. Go west on Mulberry about 5-6 miles to the Highway 14 bypass. Go right on Highway 14 and travel diagonally to 287 (College Avenue). You will continue north on College Avenue/287 as it bypasses the cities of Fort Collins and La Porte. Go west on Highway 14, which goes up the canyon. Travel about 53 miles to Forest Road 216 – Chambers Lake Turnoff. Turn right on this road and go one mile to the campground area. For those camping elsewhere, there is parking at the end of Loop C and by the boat dock for visiting anglers.

Flies and Equipment

Because of all the opportunities, you will want to bring both your still water arsenal and the usual late summer river fare and a 4-5 weight rod, using 4x leaders, 4x, 5x tippet. For the lakes, I've had success this time of year using midge clusters, gnats, Zug bugs, Barr's emergers, red quills, Parachute Adams, caddis, ants, beetles, and woolly buggers.

At Chambers Lake you can use belly boats, canoes, and small motorized/wakeless boats. Many anglers also fish from shore and along the river inlets. On the Poudre, caddis, red quill and pale-morning dun mayflies are hatching, along with an occasional green drake. A hopper-dropper rig, using heavy hackled caddis, stimulator, or hopper with a pheasant tail or small Copper John as the trailing fly is generally your best bet, especially in faster water. When nymphing, try stone fly imitations like Prince nymphs and Copper Johns trailed by smaller mayfly nymphs and biot midges.

If you have any questions or want to sign up, please contact Dawn Dobson at 303-777-8642 or email at dobsond@earthlink.net. Note: I will be out of town from July 24 to August 3, then up at Chambers Lake from August 7 to 11, so I will not be reachable after August 6. ♦

GO FISH ELEVEN MILE CANYON

AUGUST 28 CLUB DAY TRIP

BY DAWN DOBSON, TRIPS CO-CHAIR

Come along as we venture through Eleven Mile Canyon on yet another section of the South Platte River. This is a beautiful stretch of the river, running nine miles between Eleven Mile Reservoir and the town of Lake George. It has a very diverse and prolific insect population. At the mouth of the canyon anglers pay a \$4.00 use fee (state parks pass is not valid nor is the one for the reservoir) and then are afforded easy access to the river along an improved dirt road. Note: One of our Club members mentioned that the fee may have been increased to \$5.00 – confirmation was not available at press time.

Directions & Carpooling

We will meet to carpool in the N.E. corner of King Soopers Parking Lot by Piccolo's (East of I-25 on Hampden). We will convene at 6:30 a.m. and depart promptly at 6:45. Carol Stegink and Nancy Sherman will be coordinating this trip for us, so look for them. It takes about 2-1/2 hours to get there (this includes a stop at McDonalds in Woodland Park for the hungry). After traveling west on US 24 from Colorado Springs, we will turn left onto County Road 96 at Lake George and proceed to the fee station. From there we will head to the upper stretches, where catch-and-release regulations exist. Look for

our vehicles with CWF stickers, or bandanas tied to our antenna.

What to Bring

Because of the variety of insect life, you will want to bring your full summer arsenal, including a caddis collection, along with your attractors like Royal Wulff, Humpies, and stimulators. Hoppers, beetles, ants, worms, and scuds are also effective. Additionally, pack those PMDs, Adams, pheasant tails, midge dry, nymph and emerger patterns. Occasionally, a trico hatch occurs and the fish will key on them later in the season, so you might throw a few dries and spinners in your box as well. A 4 or 5 wt. rod with 4x leaders 5x, 6x tippets will work fine. You'll also want to pack water, hat, sunscreen, snacks, and lunch.

River Conservation

This section of the South Platte has a confirmed population of New Zealand mud snails. As most of you know, these non-indigenous critters threaten trout habitats. Thus it is critical that you thoroughly wash all your equipment after this trip. Directions for cleaning equipment and information on the snails are posted throughout the canyon. If you have questions, please contact Nancy Sherman at 303-233-1167, or Dawn Dobson at 303-777-8642. Special thanks to Nancy and Carol for volunteering to coordinate this trip! ♦

DAWN DOBSON'S SNEAK PEEKS

ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK,

Day Trip: SEPTEMBER 15

As the summer winds down, so do the crowds in popular Rocky Mountain National Park. Come with us as we explore some of the smaller streams in the park. In addition to being surrounded by beautiful peaks and wilderness, these streams are home to very energetic brook trout, brown trout, rainbows and the legendary native greenback cutthroats.

We will make connections at Kirk's Fly Shop and follow his recommendations on areas to fish. There are numerous opportunities to fish many small lakes, as well as smaller streams. It is great fun to bring along that little-used 3-weight (though a 4 or 5 will do just fine) and get into some lively light weight action.

Help Your Club: Be A Trip Coordinator

We are looking for a volunteer to help coordinate the trip. This would involve coordinating the carpool departure and rendezvous at the fly shop, plus writing up a short report for our newsletter about the highlights and number of members who attended the trip. We really need some help with this trip and would love to have someone who is pretty familiar with the park come forward and show us some of her favorite spots. If you can help the Club in this way, please contact Dawn Dobson at 303-777-8642 or Phyllis Vinson at 303-690-6737.

EAST RIVER Near Almont, CO

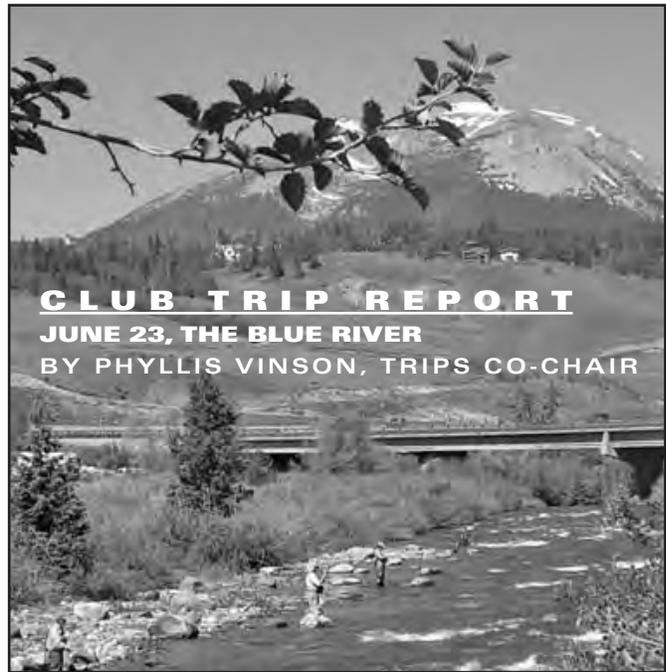
Weekend Trip: SEPTEMBER 29-30

Many of you are aware that fall fishing brings on some unique angling opportunities. Join us on our trip as we travel over Cottonwood Pass, through Taylor Park and set up "fish camp" at Three River Outfitters & Resort in Almont. You are guaranteed beautiful scenery and lots of water to explore. We are hoping that the kokanee salmon are doing their dutiful run up the Gunnison and into the East River for their annual spawning run, ending at the Roaring Judy Fish Hatchery.

If your arm gets tired of hauling in these big guys, you can easily take a break and head down the Gunnison or up the gorgeous Taylor River for beautiful trout opportunities; don't go too far up, though, or you may get into one of those big hogs below the reservoir.

Book Your Reservations Now

This is usually a very popular trip and is our final weekend event for the season, so book your reservations now by contacting 3 Rivers Outfitters at 970-641-1303. They have campsites, RV hook-ups, cabins, and modular homes available at fairly reasonable rates. Camping is also available in Taylor Canyon – no reservations needed. For questions, contact Dawn Dobson.



CLUB TRIP REPORT

JUNE 23, THE BLUE RIVER

BY PHYLLIS VINSON, TRIPS CO-CHAIR

Fourteen ladies braved the intimidating 1400 cfs. flows to fish the Blue River in Silverthorne. While fishing amidst the outlet mall shoppers was not the most rustic outing the Club has had, it provided us with an opportunity to fish moving water during the height of run-off. And moving it was.

The beauty of the river in town was the availability of many soft spots where wading was safe and fish could be taken. While the sound of the river was sometimes masked by the roar of the cars on the freeway, the sight of one of the Blue River's famous giant rainbows was enough to make one forget that you were in town. Unfortunately, the sight of a fly made the behemoth swim out of the shallows and disappear into the fast, deep water.

Throughout the day fish were taken by every technique of flyfishing. Streamers were stripped, dries were cast and nymphs were tossed, yielding fish to most of the women anglers. ♦



PHOTOGRAPHS BY PHYLLIS VINSON

BACK COUNTRY, IT AIN'T Club members fish "The Blue" to the sounds of the I-70 traffic rolling by.

OUR GUIDING LIGHTS

GETTING TO KNOW OUR CLUB'S FISHING PROFESSIONALS

AN INTERVIEW WITH JEAN WILLIAMS BY NANCY RUTHERFORD TURLEY

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

Q: Jean, we know you used to guide professionally but have now moved into a different arena in the flyfishing business. Would you describe for us what you do and what your life is like, working as the first woman Cortland sales representative?

A: Yes, I am the first woman sales representative in the flyfishing industry, and this has been a great honor but also a great, great responsibility. I guided for about 14 years in both Colorado and Alaska and, as you know, this remains a great passion of mine, so I do still take guided trips now and then in Wyoming, when I can schedule them around my responsibilities with Cortland and Hardy.

The sales rep position requires a great deal of travel time (I completed over 230 days on the road last year alone). Typical of the western part of the United States, broad distances between dealers must be covered, so I have to make a very deliberate and organized “loop” when I travel. Working in Idaho, Wyoming and Montana has been a real treat. I have been fortunate to have a good relationship with my dealers, many of whom I have known for years, just as friends in the industry or through my associations with both Patagonia and Orvis.

Most work with dealers includes the typical showing of new product, which might prove complementary to a dealers’ shop, helping with inventory and, frequently, merchandise sections in the store. Then, I will clinic the staff and employees on our product— in particular, the fly lines, reels and rods. I have been doing several one-day flyfishing clinics for the shops’ customers, and these have gone over quite well and are great fun. I have done several for kids, mixed adults and for ladies, a nice variety.

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

A: Prior to working for Cortland and Hardy, I was working for Patagonia in the Denver retail store in the winters. I worked with the product and grant support for environmental programs in Colorado, as well as being a point person for product design and testing, particularly with the water sports lines. I also ran their flyfishing booths for six consumer and



one dealer show each year. I remain a participant with Patagonia as a Point Pro for them. In the summer, I also took time to guide and do some acting and directing in theatre—another great passion of mine.

I began flyfishing as a young adult, having spin fished as a kid with the family. I really began taking flyfishing more seriously about 20 years ago and eventually worked my way into guiding— and with teaching the Orvis Rocky Mountain Schools at the Blue Quill. I guided for them, as well as for Elktrout Lodge since 1995, and guided a few seasons prior to that in the Dillon area.

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

A: Clients are typically booked through one of the outfitters I work with here in Jackson right now. I do have some return clientele and have been able to book some repeats out here already. I work out of South Fork Fly Fishing Float Trips with Paul Bruun, (307-733-5173) as well as with Crescent H Ranch, (Jason at 307-732-0784). Anyone interested may either contact these folks, or email me at jeanmwilliams7@aol.com, directly.

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

A: Primary guiding is on the Snake River, full of those wonderful, fine-spotted Snake River cutthroats. This is a particularly special fish, famous for coming up for dries—big, ugly dries! So, the fly tying heritage here between Double Humpys, Tarantulas, Shroeder’s Hopper, and the innovation of tying with foam, i.e. the Club Sandwich, to name a few, is quite well earned! I can also guide in Yellowstone Park;

however, we are carefully monitoring the hot temperatures this year, so we are voluntarily not fishing several waters right now. Back country rivers in the Teton Park include the Gros Ventre, as well as three other very sweet streams, all requiring a lengthy day of hiking through some spectacularly beautiful scenery.

Beginning in August through October 1st, I can guide on Flat Creek. This challenging spring creek which flows through the elk refuge, holds cutthroat up to 10+ pounds. Big snotty fish are there—definitely “earned” hook-ups and very challenging.

Q: What makes guiding flyfishers or “wannabees” fun for you?

A: My work is fun. Although I work seven days per week and have to manage a great number of accounts, I continue to remain challenged in supporting some of our great “heritage” shops and dealers. We have a great history with flyfishing in the west, and it has been wonderful to share this time and continue to support these businesses. I have remained very active with several environmental groups, and my position continues to permit me time and sometimes product donations for this support. Also, I continue to love guiding, as it remains a great privilege to share water with someone — to be held by a river, to find oneself so embraced by God’s remarkable creation. Then to have the intimacy of sharing this time, this hunt, this moment when everything comes together—the stalking, the reading, the fly selection, the presentation, the hook-up, then the gentle release. Incredible.

Q: As one of the co-founders of CWF, what do you think of the Club now, after ten years in existence? Did you have any thoughts how big and how wonderful this Club would be?

A: I remain very proud to have been a small part of CWF. As the group dynamic and formats have changed over the years, I still like to think that the original mission of the Club remains to make accessible the art and sport of flyfishing for anyone of any age and ability—and to share this with a group committed to support and growth. I never thought of this as needing to be a “huge” club, just a supportive core of women anglers who enjoyed fishing and sharing together.

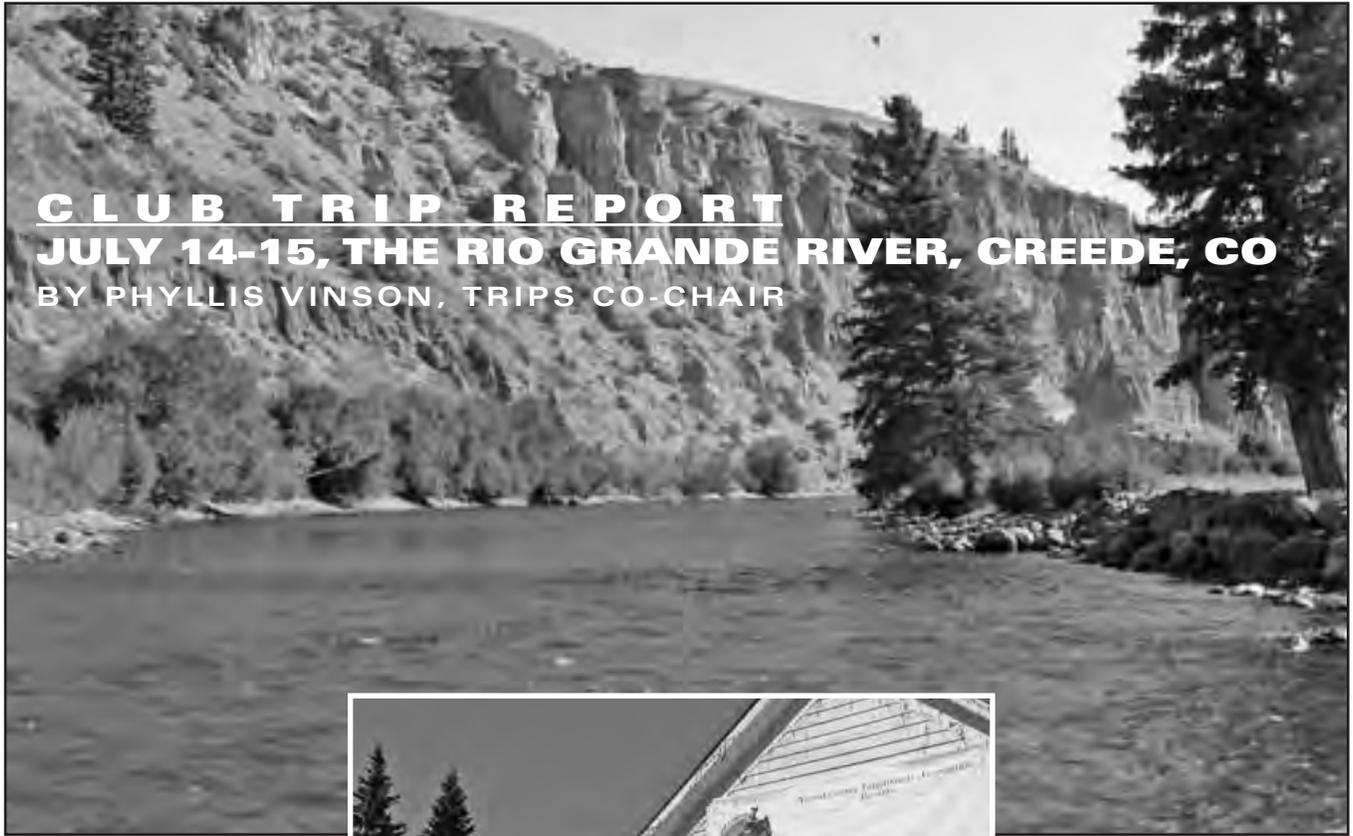
Bravo to the members and to the continued leadership towards the pursuit of reaching out to others with such a generous gift as flyfishing! ♦

CLUB TRIP REPORT

JULY 14-15, THE RIO GRANDE RIVER, CREEDE, CO

BY PHYLLIS VINSON, TRIPS CO-CHAIR

PHOTOGRAPH BY ARLYS WARFIELD



The legend of the Colorado Women Flyfishers has spread from South Fork to Rio Grande Reservoir. About two dozen of our number displayed their fishing skills on the Rio Grande River. There were amazing hatches throughout the weekend bringing mostly brown trout to the top and to many nets.

The crew at 30 Mile Campground was rumored to have spent long days fishing below the dam and long nights in front of the campfire creating marshmallow delicacies.

Closer to Creede, the team at Marshall Park campground took a break from catching on Friday evening to raise a screen tent over their picnic table. This tent provided welcome shelter from the afternoon thunderstorms and midday sun. Auggie doggie volunteered to hold down one corner of the tent while Sandy and Janet tried to explain the strategy needed to complete the erection to their helpers. Jane and Linda watched with amusement, while Nancy continued to fish.

PHOTOGRAPH BY ARLYS WARFIELD



PHOTOGRAPH BY PHYLLIS VINSON



THE AUTHOR'S CATCH Phyllis takes a long look at her Rio Grande brown trout, caught just outside the town of Creede.

The water accessible to the ladies staying at the Antler Ranch was reported to have fish so willing to take the fly that Arlys and Diane were forced to make daily trips to the Orvis store in town to refill their fly boxes.

The Antlers Ranch contingent also took cultural breaks from fishing with fine dining excursions and a trip to the Creede Repertory Theater with Connie, Lisa, Debbie and DianeD.

The Collier SWA offered miles of public water to entertain Carol, Cal, Fran and Anne. After taking advantage of the morning hatch an afternoon siesta was taken to fortify our number for the evening hatch. Fortunately, the heavy clouds were more bark than bite and fishing was not interrupted for long.

Last names have been withheld to protect the innocent.—Ed.

Our first trip to the Rio Grande saw great dry fly fishing in a scenic and uncrowded section of southern Colorado, with many promises to return. ♦

SEE ALSO PHOTOS ON NEXT PAGE



PHOTOGRAPHS FROM ARLYS WARFIELD

FUN WITH BROWNS Diane Brians (top) chases her Rio Grande 17" brown for the photo op but he gets away (middle). Arlys Warfield demonstrates her less-than-classic photo op form with her 17-incher.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

MAKE PLANS FOR THE ANNUAL CWF HOLIDAY PARTY NOW

BY JANE FRANCEN, SPECIAL PROJECTS CHAIR

It is 95 degrees outside, but now is the time to turn our thoughts to the annual CWF Holiday Party. Saturday night, December 8, is the date. The Denver Merchandise Mart (58th and I-25) is the location. Notice the new weekend night — Saturday night! Now those who must travel long distances to attend can enjoy the evening without worry.

And we have an added bonus: Connected to the Merchandise Mart is the Comfort Inn, which is offering a special rate to CWF of \$72.99 for a room with a queen-sized bed with a continental breakfast on Sunday morning. I have reserved a block of 10 rooms (we can get more, if necessary) under our CWF Group name. Call the main reservation desk at (303) 297-1717, if you wish to spend Saturday night at the Comfort Inn.

Look for more information on the party itself in future newsletters. ◆

A FISH STORY



A guy who lives at Lake Conroe (50 miles north of Houston) saw a ball bouncing around kind of strangely in the lake and went to investigate. It turned out that a flathead catfish had obviously tried to swallow a basketball, which had become stuck in its mouth! The fish was totally exhausted from trying to dive, but was unable to because the ball would always bring him back up to the surface. The guy tried numerous times to get the ball out, but was unsuccessful. Thankfully, the guy's wife cut the ball in order to deflate it and release the hungry catfish. ON THE INTERNET

THE ANSWER LADIES

Question How do I know what an appropriate tip would be for a guided day trip for one or two anglers?

Answer from Trout Trips Guide Service

Kay Dushane: "Start at 20% and work from there. If the guide stinks, tip less but know that even the best guide cannot make a fish eat! When I am a client of a guide, e.g., when I go for a float somewhere, I usually tip per trip, NOT per angler. I don't think that, as a guide, there's much of a difference between one or two anglers, though when the guide has two, I may kick up another twenty bucks in addition to the usual \$75-100 for a \$400 guide trip. If you're fishing with someone and splitting the tip, discuss it between yourselves before you tip."

Janice O'Shea: "Most seasoned anglers know to tip and will tip on the high end if they think you are working hard, and they have had an enjoyable day. In my classes, I sure stress tipping the guides at least 20%."

From the Presidential Suite

WOW! Is it really August already? 'fraid so. This means back on a schedule (more or less) and hopefully you've had four months of great fishing. Yeah ... another three ahead of us before the cold begins to set in.

For those of you who are not able to come to the monthly meetings, I thought you might like to know that besides having social hour, the Raffle, dinner, Club meeting and a program speaker, we also have some CWF items for sale. There are still coffee mugs, soft sided sixpack coolers and car window decals. If you would like any of these items, you should be sure to contact Jane Francen at fisher.jane@hotmail.com to see how you might be able to acquire them.

Whether you're fishing with CWF friends or other friends, I hope you're making the most of the time because a lot of fishing days are left.

May you all have tight lines and catch healthy fish!

Joanie McCord, President

COLUMBIA SHIRT SAMPLERS If you sampled one of the Columbia shirts on the Arkansas River trip, please return it so the CWF logo can be applied. Bring it to the August meeting, or mail it to Ellie Reiser, 617 S Quentin St, Aurora, CO 80012. Questions? Call Ellie at 303-367-8847.

WATER FIGHT

PHELPS DODGE SEEKS TO DIRECT WATER TO ITS MOLYBDENUM MINE

BY ARLYS WARFIELD

The mining giant has gone to court to affirm its right to ensure that its Climax Mine receives the water its needs, even in periods of drought. If allowed, the change in water rights would make it more difficult to fill Lake Dillon in dry years. As reported by Jerd Smith in the July 21st issue of the *Rocky Mountain News*, "... at stake is a watershed whose streams are critical to the Front Range, the Western Slope and a superheated international molybdenum market."

History

Water is delivered in Colorado from streams and rivers based on the date it was claimed. Water is sent first to those with the oldest rights — in this case, Climax Mine's rights date to the 1930s, while Denver Water's date to the 1940s. But in 1955 a legal settlement, known as the Blue River Decrees, between the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and the state of Colorado (which includes cities and water districts) gave Denver Water and Green Mountain the ability to divert water ahead of the mining company.

At Issue

Phelps Dodge was not included in the Blue River Decrees and now it wants the courts to reaffirm its rights. The molybdenum market is skyrocketing and tentative plans to re-open the mine are set for 2009. Although the amount of water involved in the dispute is not large — about enough to service 10,000 homes [!] — it "comes at a time when growth on the Front Range, and mining and gas operations on the Western Slope, have sharply increased pressure on high country water supplies."

"This is a potentially big dispute because of where this water is located. It's vital and that means it's controversial," said Peter Fleming, general counsel for the Colorado River Water Conservation District in Glenwood Springs, a party in the case. ◆

A NEW CWF CHAPTER

PIKES PEAK CHAPTER ON HORIZON

BY SHERRI MOORE

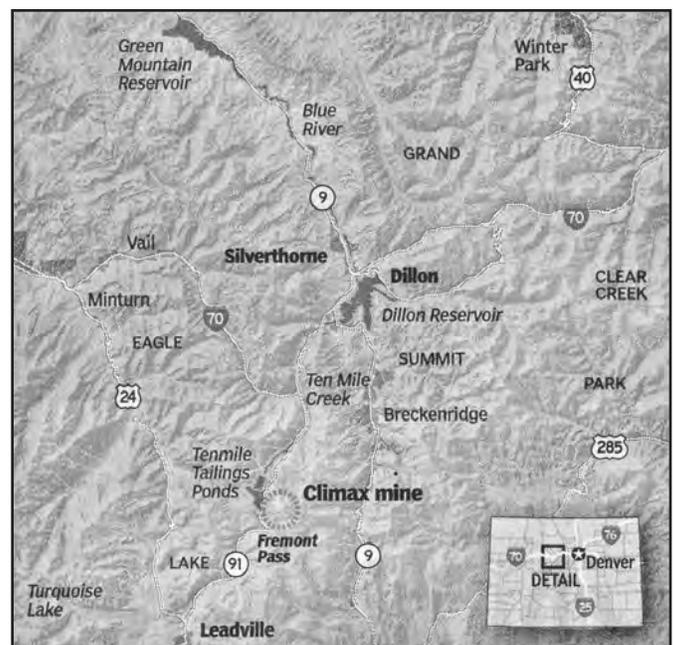
Vision: Create a Chapter of CWF to provide an additional opportunity for our members in the southern part of the Front Range to actively participate in the Club through social, educational and conservation events, as well as any event supporting the CWF mission.

Sometimes it is difficult for Colorado Springs members to attend the monthly Tuesday meetings in Denver; therefore, we would like to know the level of interest in developing a Pikes Peak Chapter (PPC) to supplement CWF events and activities!

I would like to get together as a group to meet some new friends, discuss activities and a regular meeting schedule for PPC, while increasing the value of our CWF membership. More good news: Our yearly dues for CWF membership will not change as a result of this new offering! Below are some of the ideas that would be beneficial to Colorado Springs chapter members:

- Local fly tying nights
- Carpool to the CWF Picnic, River Clean Up and Holiday Party
- Local Speakers — once we have a good group going
- Local River Clean ups
- Host one CWF monthly meeting a year.
- Eleven Mile Canyon Summer Weekend: CS members host Club members for a weekend of fishing in the area.

Please call me at 719-686-7471 if you are interested in being a charter member of this new CWF chapter! I am looking forward to our very FIRST Pikes Peak Chapter meeting! ◆





TWO ADVENTURERS IN ALASKA

KAY DUSHANE AND
JANICE O'SHEA
FIND MORE THAN
SALMON ON THE
AMERICAN RIVER

Kay took off in June to visit Janice, who spends the better part of the summer guiding on the Brooks and American Rivers outside of King Salmon, AK.

Despite an unplanned overnight, stranded on the American River, they remain alive and well and fishy! We heard they got into some grand sockeye action and the rainbows were unbelievable! So strong! We heard it took a minimum five-minute fight on 3x leaders for any fish over 19 inches, which is most of them. ♦



COMBAT FISHING The grizzlies were the anglers' constant companions — some cute, some not so much. With a fish on a line, one was unsure whether or not to reel it in or give it to her furry neighbor.



SITE OF THE STRANDED PARTY Kay and Janice got stuck out in the tundra for one night with no camping gear — the fog came in and their plane couldn't get down to pick them up. B-r-r-r-r.



TROUT TROMPE L'OEIL Janice (l.) lifts her 29-inch sockeye salmon while Kay tricks the eye, making her 25-inch rainbow look larger than Janice's salmon!

The Raffle Corner - August 2007

The July picnic was a lot of fun but did not have a lot of Silent Auction action. Ann Zadrzil won the two-for-one certificate on the trip to Alaska with Alaska Adventures with a winning bid of \$20. No one bid on the 4 wt, 7 ft. 2-piece bamboo rod donated by Doug Borer of D' Borer Rods. Doug asked that we not give it away, so it had a minimum bid of \$400. It has a retail value of \$675; therefore we'll hold it until the Holiday Party. See "Back Cast" for the winners of the Raffle items.

The August Raffle

Listen up, beginner anglers: At the August monthly meeting we will raffle a 9 ft, 5 wt 2-piece rod with case. The rod was donated by Dan Hall of Dan's Fly Shop in Lake City and will be a good beginner rod. For the more advanced members, the Raffle will include a Fishpond Fishing Journal, and the June and July Fly of the Month items from Pat Dorsey at Blue Quill Angler. June is the Purple Prince #16 and July is the Red Mercury Pheasant Tail.

Door Prizes

Door prizes will be a Fish Tales lanyard by Char Bloom, a fish wind chime, a book of Incredible Fishing Stories by Shaun Morey, fly floatant holder, a bottle of Gink (dry fly dressant), a tippet holder, and a reel pouch.

See you soon and good luck to all! — Karen Williams, Fundraising Chair

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DAN HALL DONATES RODS TO CWF

Our thanks to Dan Hall, owner of Dan's Fly Shop in Lake City, CO, for donating nine rods to CWF. Dan wanted us to be able to raffle these rods but also said we could keep some for our educational mission. We will raffle off one each month for four months and keep five rods to use with the Girl Scout Clinic, the CWF Spring Clinic or any opportunity that may arise. They will also be available for short-term loans to beginners. These rods are 2-piece, 5 wt rods and are good beginner rods.

If anyone has a reel, with or without line, who would like to donate it, contact Anita English or bring it to the Club program meeting. With the Board's approval, hopefully we will finish equipping the rods with proceeds from your Raffle monies. The rods will reside with the Education Chair, currently Anita. — KW

OFFSTREAM

SECOND ANNUAL IWFF KEYSTONE RENDEVOUS CONVENES IN SEPTEMBER

IWFF PRESS RELEASE

International Women Fly Fishers have held Rendezvous around the country to allow a week-end of fun, fishing and connecting with other women fly fishers. September 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th and the second annual IWFF Keystone Colorado Rendezvous gets closer and closer everyday. We still have space available and would love to have you join us for some fun and fishing during the third weekend in September.

Fishing

Come prepared for mild days and very cool evenings; dress in layers. You will need a Colorado State fishing license. Bring your 5 wt rod and reel setup, floating to intermediate line, 5 to 6 lbs tippet, waders and boots, and whatever else you typically use for wade fishing. As for flies, here are some suggestions: #22 BWO, #16-20 pheasant tails, #22-24 Black Beauties, #12 San Juan Worms (brown, red, orange, and pink), Barr's emergers, and woolly buggers.

Lodging

The Char Bloom lodge (her house) has been reserved for us. Pricing per person is \$55 a night, double occupancy. If you would like to take a look at the lodge online, go to: <http://www.char-bloom.com/other/lodge.htm>. Checks for the lodging should be written to Char Bloom LLD. Char can be reached via cell at 970-412-1616.

Posting for the registration can be found online at <http://www.intlwomenflyfishers.org/keystonerendezvous07/keystonerendezvous2007.htm>. Let us know if you have questions. ♦

CWF CASTING CLINIC APPLICATION

Dan Wright will be offering casting lessons again this summer. Dan is a Master Certified Federation of Fly Fishers Casting Instructor and has taught casting for over 15 years. His style of teaching makes the learning fun, and the size of the classes (4-6) makes it possible for him to give each student personal attention.

The last session will be held in August at Highlands Heritage Park, near C-470 and Quebec, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The cost will be \$30 per class, and a minimum of four participants will be needed to hold a class.

You will receive a phone call or an email to confirm your registration, and be given directions to the location. Get your spot reserved today!

Complete form and mail registration and check to: CWF Casting Clinic:
 c/o Anita English, 16234 W 71st Pl., Arvada, CO 80007.
 Questions? Contact Anita at 303-424-2354 or email: sb33mvp@aol.com

Name: _____ Eve Phone: _____

Address: _____ Other Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Schedule for Clinic to be held at Highlands Heritage Park

___ Aug. 16 Thu. Double Haul: Principles/fundamentals — Reg. Deadline Aug. 9

___ Sign me up! (\$30 each session)

CHECK Enclosed: \$ _____ (payable to CWF)

Please note: Classes will fill on first come, first served basis. Registration will be confirmed via email and/or telephone. Directions will be given at that time.

LAST CAST

“I continue to love guiding, as it remains a great privilege to share water with someone, to be held by a river, to find oneself so embraced by God’s remarkable creation. Then to have the intimacy of sharing this time, this hunt, this moment when everything comes together — the stalking, the reading, the fly selection, the presentation, the hook-up, then the gentle release. Incredible.”

JEAN WILLIAMS, JULY 2007

CWF 2007 MEMBERSHIP

Membership for Calendar Year (January - December)

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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!)

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