



COLORADO WOMEN

FLY FISHERS

A sociable club for women who flyfish

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JANUARY MEETING

DATE:

Tuesday, January 2, 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!

See page 10 for a new and less stressful way to travel to our meetings.

At our January meeting...

NYMPHING TECHNIQUES: A SURE FIRE WAY TO CATCH FISH with Matt Olmstead

Most anglers fish nymphs reluctantly and haphazardly. Fish biologists have proven that trout in rivers and lakes take at least 80 percent of the food they eat from under the surface of the water. Take advantage of this fact and learn how to efficiently and methodically use a subsurface pattern to lure hungry trout out of their unseen holding areas.

Matt Olmstead operated and guided a private sport fishing vessel in Alaska and has guided flyfishing trips in Wyoming, Montana and Colorado. Running counter to the recreation industry, he worked for a private consultant, conducting environmental/fisheries management projects throughout the Rocky Mountains. Recently, he authored the book, "Waders & Wild Life." — *Diane Meyer, Past President and Vice President*

COMING SOON

FEBRUARY MEETING:
"Fishing Warm Places"
with Kay DuShane

CWF Calendar

January 2 CWF Meeting
January 5 - 7 Fly Fishing Show
January 9 CWF Board Meeting
January 14 **CWF was formed in 1997 at the Village Inn in Cherry Creek North**
January 20 CWF Board Retreat
January 25 - 28 . . . Int'l Sportsmen's Expo

Welcome New Members

Courtney Hurst Fort Collins
Sharon Lance Centennial
Deb Nelson Centennial
• 3 New Members Enrolled in 2007.



FOUL HOOKED: We have received some questions regarding our use this past year of the CWF anniversary logo, which stipulates the year 2006 as the anniversary year for the Club. This is not an unusual question since we have previously noted that the Club was officially formed in January 1997. But if you count, using your fingers, starting with 1997, you will be accurate in noting that 2006 was indeed our tenth year (tenth finger). We took advantage of this mathematical anomaly by marketing last year as our 10th anniversary year. Now we are faced with what to do with 2007, our official tenth anniversary. Not to worry, we can use this year's anniversary logo without fear that fingers will be used to calculate the years, since the years 1997-2007 are self explanatory. And, if you are reading this, try to appreciate the creativity of this marketing ploy. — Ed.

BACK CAST



TENTH ANNIVERSARY HOLIDAY PARTY DID YOU MISS IT? AREN'T YOU SORRY? BY ARLYS WARFIELD

In the annals of anniversary parties, none could have been as festive and as much fun as this one. Our hosts, the Special Projects and the Membership committees pulled out all stops in providing a gala with a fabulous CWF ice sculpture, decorated fish mobiles, gold lamé number 10 balloons (to honor the occasion, duh) and clever CWF-logoed lunch bags for our fishing excursions. They even provided a printed program that can be used as a souvenir of the evening.

And what a program it was, complete with not only humorous segments (**Chris Juvan's** classic Bob Awards Ceremony — *see separate article on page 8* — but also **Joanie McCord's** “Top Ten Reasons for Being a CWF member” — *see box on page 3*) and sentimental farewells to outgoing board members, with a special tribute to **Diane Meyer**, our outgoing President/Vice President from **Joanie McCord** the incoming President. Diane also gave special recognition to three charter members of CWF (**Craige Stainton, Nancy Rutherford Turley** and **Sandy Wright**) for their uninterrupted memberships. That's real long-term loyalty to the Club!

The clever backdrop for all this fun was the slide show of the year's activities presented by **Janet Canaan**, our Public Relations chair.

There were also several returning members whose day jobs have kept them either out of city/state or have been too demanding to make it possible for them to attend meetings or Club fishing trips. These, among others, were welcomed back with many hugs: **Kay Willis, Pat Barz, Sally Fant, Janice O'Shea, Nancy Turley, Mary Kuchynka** and **Carol Neville**. The social hour also saw many members who hadn't seen each other since the end of the “fishing season” catching up with the recent details of their lives.

But, of course, the highlight of these evenings — anniversary celebration, or not — is the Raffle and the Silent Auction. And **Jody Yehle** and her inventive crew delivered. The tables were filled with all kinds of gear donated by the Club's many industry supporters. All for a good cause: providing the funds needed to continue the Club's many activities and educational programs.

And the crowd fell quickly to the task at hand. Besides the Grand Prize rod and reel set and some other popular manufactured items, the biggest draws were flies tied by either our own Club members (or those of significant others) and the many float and wade trips donated by guides who are friends of the Club.

A few of the big ticket Raffle winners included the following: Cal Stegink's Fly Box (**Sally Fant**); Pat Nilsson's Fly Box (**Joanie McCord**); Nancy Sherman's Fly Box (**Judy Gagliotti**); Bamboo Rod and Reel Set (**Courtney Hurst**); Dvorak Arkansas Float Trip (**Phyllis Vinson**); Pentax Digital Camera (**Karen Savage**); Brian Kuchynka's Nymph Box (**Lucky Me**); Sage Rod and Ross Reel Set (**Sherry Schrantz**); the CWF Traveling Fly Box (**Nancy Turley**); and the Grand Prize 4 pc, 6 wt Scott Rod and Ross Evo-



PHOTOGRAPH BY CONNIE ROGERS

THE LONG GOODBYE Diane Meyer thanks the current board for their skills and support.



SILENT AUCTION HYSTERIA Sometimes the fun of trying to outbid your sister Club members manifests outrageous behavior!

lution Engraved Reel (Sally Fant).

Members with winning bids in the Silent Auction were Sally and Richard Fant, Julie Church, Mary and Brian Kuchynka, Marion Roper, Diane Kyncl, Sherry Schrantz, Pat Nilsson, Shirley Christian and Connie Rogers.



HARD WORK PAID OFF The evening's proceeds surpassed the 2005 take by over \$1,000! Fundraising Chair Jody Yehle can happily return to her Snowmass job, knowing the Club will continue to be financially sound!

Many people had a hard time saying goodbye, but true to her nature Diane Meyer got the festivities finished before ten o'clock. Probably a new Holiday Party record.

Happy Holidays to all, and to all it was a very good night! ♦



CENTERPIECE OF FUN The 10th Anniversary CWF Ice Sculpture was a big hit with the crowd.

Top Ten Reasons For Being A CWF Member

- NUMBER 10: We all want to retire and fish
- NUMBER 9: Fish stories around the campfire
- NUMBER 8: Long johns are sexy
- NUMBER 7: Flyfishing is the only sport where you can't get caught in a lie because you release the evidence or not!
- NUMBER 6: Mooning in the bushes
- NUMBER 5: Humbling experiences such as: bobbing in the river; hooking something other than a fish; having 10 thumbs and ... are the flies getting smaller, or is it just us?
- NUMBER 4: The ultimate Mother's Day weekend is to hit the Arkansas with 50 of your best buddies.
- NUMBER 3: Where else can women wear rubbers?
- NUMBER 2: On difficult days — suckers and size really don't matter ... and the NUMBER 1 REASON FOR BEING A MEMBER OF CWF is ... 25 dollars to join, getting all your equipment to get on the river — priceless!

JANUARY FISHING SHOWS NEED YOU!

BY SUSAN KELLEY, PUBLIC EVENTS CHAIR

Ladies, we are just around the corner from one of the most important fundraisers of the year. This gives us the opportunity to connect with potential new members, plus sell raffle tickets for our two giveaways. This money goes toward supporting Club activities throughout the year, like the spring clinic, programs, the picnic, etc.

I AM STILL LOOKING FOR volunteers. Please contact me at (303) 366-5723 or email me at ssnkelly@aol.com, for the times still open for both shows.

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

It is a show we look forward to with anticipation. This is the opportunity for us to thank all those shops, guides and manufacturers that have been so generous to CWF over the year. Please visit those vendors and say "hi" and "thank you." Check out 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

Check out www.sportexpos.com for more information. It is a great way to meet 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 THIS YEAR: check out our fellow members who will be demonstrating beginning casting throughout the shows. They would like to have your support. The schedule is still in the works. There will be discount tickets available at the January 2nd meeting. I am also looking for someone to assist me in getting this show put together. If you're interested, please contact me.

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

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

PHOTOGRAPHS BY ARLYS WARFIELD

CWF Thanks These Businesses and Individuals for Their Generous Support of Our 2006 Fundraising Efforts

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INDIVIDUALS

Don Barz
 Dan English
 Brian Kuchynka

Matt Olmstead
 Chuck Prather
 Cal Stegink

CLUB MEMBERS

Pat Barz
 Kay DuShane
 Anita English
 Jane Francen
 Jen Hume
 Chris Juvan
 Susan Kelley
 Pudge Kleinkauf
 Joanie McCord
 Pat Nilsson
 Diana Pahnke
 Ellie Reiser
 Connie Rogers
 Nancy Sherman
 Joanne Sondock
 Willi Tebow
 Arlys Warfield
 Sandy Wright

SPECIAL PROJECTS

A WONDERFUL YEAR OF GREAT EVENTS AND FABULOUS VOLUNTEERS

BY JOANIE MCCORD, CHAIR

November and December have been busy months, trying to get ready for the Holiday Party. The committee has met several times – above and beyond the call of duty – to plan an extra special evening for everyone and make our 10th Anniversary a memorable one. Most of the meetings weren't too bad though, because they were usually held at the Holiday Party Committee's favorite watering hole, The Hornet, or my house (the runner up for watering holes).

This year we went all out with an elegant dining area (the Arvada Center has redone their banquet facilities), an ice sculpture with our logo, wonderful hors d'oeuvres, some fun decorations and a gift for all members that you will undoubtedly see on fishing trips this coming year.

Now it's time to look back at all the Special Projects we have had and the people who have stepped forward to make them all happen for our Club. There are many people I would like to thank and recognize at this time, starting in the spring with our Annual River Clean Up Project, which was made possible by our chair **Marion Roper** and her husband, who were instrumental at helping obtain the place to do the clean up and getting the grills going for the fabulous chicken we had.

Next was our Annual Summer Picnic with **Diane Kyncl** as the chairperson and her helpers: **Jane Francen** working the Gear-

age Sale, **Anita English** getting the decorations organized and **Fran Sturgis** and **Ellie Reiser**, registration table personnel.

Then came the fall with two successful projects. In the beginning of October, we strolled our way through the "Race for the Cure" course with **Jane Francen** as our team captain, the one who organized and put together our CWF team.

Later in October, we worked with the Girl Scouts and this all came together because of the hard work of **Marion Nutt**. She had a team of volunteers to help her teach the Scouts casting techniques: **Chani Buchner**, **Pat Nilsson**, **Alexis Ralston**, **Ellie Reiser**, **Connie Rogers** and **Arlys Warfield**.

Finally, we come to the Special Project premier event, the Annual Holiday Party. I'd like to thank **Jane Francen**, **Diane Kyncl**, **Diana Pahnke**, **Ellie Reiser** and **Karen Savage** for taking the extra time that this event requires.

I would like to say how much I have enjoyed being the Special Projects Chair for the past few years. It has really been a fun and rewarding experience. The people I have worked with have been outstanding, and that has made all the difference. I leave the office to follow a new path — and I am leaving it in excellent hands: **Jane Francen**, the incoming Special Projects Chair, will do a fantastic job, and I am excited that she is the lady who will be at the helm for 2007-8. ♦

CHARTER MEMBER NEWS

2007: THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES

BY NANCY RUTHERFORD TURLEY

2007:
CWF'S
ANNIVERSARY
TENTH
YEAR

On the “eve” of our 10th anniversary celebration of CWF, we are catching up with some of the founding charter members. Where are they now? What have they done since we last had a glimpse of them? With some we have lost communication, but with others we have gratefully been able to keep tabs on them.

Foremost is **Jean Williams**, one of the founders of our Club. Jean continues as the sales rep for Cortland Line Company/House of Hardy. She made a big physical move last autumn to the Jackson, WY area and currently lives in a “garage mahol” outside of Moran—a small, historic community about 45 miles north of Jackson, right near the entrance to Teton Park. “It is a beautiful



Co-founders Flora Jewell and Jean Williams in 1996

area; however, it has proven a little challenging,” Jean writes. Her cell phone only works four miles from home, the television satellite is random, the computer connection is not consistent and she is 45 miles from the nearest gas station and grocery. “Other than that,” she says, “it is remarkably beautiful, and God has so directly provided this affordable housing for me.”

Jean’s sales territory (Idaho, Wyoming and Montana region) is quite expansive, and as a new rep, as well as the first woman sales rep in the fly-fishing industry, she has needed to personally attend to her accounts and dealers. She reports that this calculated to about 220 days on the road last year! Still, in the midst of her work with Cortland, she was able to guide some days for return clients at Elktrout in Colorado last spring, and she guided some also on the Snake River this fall to help out two outfitter friends. She recounted, “I have much to learn here, however, it was good to be back in a boat to guide some ... besides, the Snake is beautiful.” Good luck to you, Jean. We miss you!

Our other co-founder, **Flora Jewell-Stern**, is a fulltime mom of daughter Sheila, who

is now five years old, and younger brother Will (2). Her husband Eric is also an angler and they still enjoy fishing when they have time. Flora is busy with several volunteer agencies as well. She reported that she was able to participate in one of the Casting For Recovery retreats last year, which was an honor.

Former CWF President, **Kris Tita**, has worked for a federal trial judge for the last six years and enjoys it a whole lot more than private practice. She is a happy pet owner of Reilly, an almost three-year-old, flat-coated retriever, whose favorite chew toy is Jordie, the cat Kris retrieved from the Arkansas River Clean-up about seven years ago!

Kris has been deeply involved in the Colorado contingent for Casting for Recovery. She has been head of the planning team since it came into existence in 2003. Being the head of the planning team means Kris heads up the group that plans, puts on and raises the funds to pay for all of CFR’s activities in Colorado, which include three 2-1/2 day retreats for Colorado breast cancer survivors each season, doing outreach at flyfishing and breast cancer events and putting on various fundraising and alumnae events. This past spring at the CFR’s national conference (also celebrating a 10th anniversary!) in Pennsylvania, the Colorado team received two special awards: Kris received the national outstanding leadership award, and the Colorado planning team was honored as the outstanding planning team.

Other current or past CWFers who are currently involved in the Colorado program include Dana Rikimaru (planning team member and retreat leader), Kathy Kanda (planning team member and retreat staff), Patty White (planning team member), Sue Armstrong (retreat staff), Janice O’Shea (retreat guide), Robin (Asher) Nicholson (retreat staff and guide), Paula Fothergill (planning team member and retreat staff) and Marion Nutt (fundraising). Some of you might remember Cindi Oatman, who was our Membership Co-Chair in 1999 with Dee Bond. Cindi was one of the participants at a CFR retreat this past year.

Kathy Kanda, an avid angler, frequent CWF volunteer and panel speaker in the early years of CWF, took a break from much of her life’s activities to change careers. She called them her “lost years” during which she attended law school and, for a semester interned for a federal judge under Kris Tita’s supervision, as well as worked the counter at The Blue Quill one summer under Dana Rikimaru’s supervision. Then she “bobbed up to the surface” and got a job at a small law firm in downtown Denver. Her big fishing adventure about two years ago was to celebrate her 50th birthday with a llama pack trip in Yel-



Sandy Wright in 1997



Elaine Rowe doin’ the fish dance



Kris Tita at a Club Meeting in '99



Marsha Exley and Kathy Kanda

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lowstone to fish Slough Creek with Kris, Dana and Flora Jewell-Stern. (Dana was celebrating her 40th birthday at the same time!) Kathy volunteers with Casting for Recovery and fishes when she can.

Patty White, who acted as our first Funding Chair on the CWF board when it was established in June of 1997, still works for the State Treasurer. She reports, "Some things never change ... and



Patty White in 1999

I'm still trying to give money back to people!" (Patty handles the Unclaimed Property Program where names are in the paper for unclaimed funds.) She hasn't fished much since CWF days, but about seven years ago she decided that she'd like to learn to shoot a shotgun. Most of the time she shoots clay pigeons but also hunts for small game (quail, etc) as well. Word has it that she has become an

expert shot with a shotgun for upland bird hunting where she has put energy the last seven years.

Janice O'Shea reports that her guide service, *Trout Trips*, will also be ten years old in June of 2007! She does clinics for Ladies Let's Go Fishing and Bass/Pro Outdoor World, and she will have a booth at The Fly Fishing Show in Denver in January. (See the article on page 9 of this issue, "Our Guiding Lights.")

Nancy Mangone, renowned for the tale surrounding the genesis of the famous "Bob Awards," (she floated down the Williams Fork River with fly rod in one hand and cigar in the other), has been known to play some golf in Arizona. Nancy acted as our first Treasurer and worked as a lawyer for the EPA. She took a hiatus from her responsibility and even temporarily moved to Washington, D.C. before finishing out her two-year term on the board.

Some of our current members recounted memories of the early years. **Marsha Exley** shared her memory from the early days during the Club's formation: "One of my favorite early memories is the trip we took to the South Platte, when we shared stories of our first fishing experiences. I remember you, Flora and me in the car..." (as was Kathy Kanda). Marsha says she is retired now from Donor Alliance — well, actually she calls it more of a "self-funded sabbatical"! Her son Joseph, born in the early days of our Club, is now nearly 10 and has caught fish with the fly rod they got him when he was 10 months old! One of her older sons, Judd, lives in Australia, is married and his wife is due with Marsha's fifth grand-



Janice O'Shea and Nancy Mangone act up at an early Spring Fling.

child! Marsha served as Vice President of CWF for two years.

Loyal member from the start, **Sandy Wright**, remembers walking into The Flyfisher with **Elaine Rowe** before the Club started. They were looking for some fly tying items and Flora Jewell told them about the Club and when the first meeting was. Sandy said, "I attended that first meeting and ten years later I am still around. I have learned so much through the years and have fished with some really great people and had some great times. So, about 50 years from now, you will still see me at meetings and on the river with my walker and fly rod in hand!" Elaine, although not currently involved in our Club, has been around a long time and served as the first Outreach/PR Chair, as it was originally titled on the board.

The other two initial and long-standing members in the Club are **Craig Stainton** and myself. Craig, after her six-year stint as President, is now in the full-time work world, with its many new challenges. Craig's memories of the early years involved the thrill of being part of forming our Club, getting people involved with her exuberant personality and enjoying the early fishing trips. She enjoyed the challenge of sighting fish, figuring just what to use and how to cast to the fish and then catching it! I watched her do this several times — one time was on the Williams Fork, where she watched

and cast to a fish for about 30 minutes and finally got him! Another time was on Raspberry Creek on the Delaney Buttes Lakes trip. Both times she acted with stealth, getting on her knees and even her belly ... and she caught the trout!



Nancy Rutherford and Craig at the 1996 Women's Flyfishing Festival

I, too, have many favorite memories from the initial years of CWF, the most exciting being the trip to San Francisco with Craig, Flora, Jean and Pam S. for

the Women's Flyfishing Festival in December, 1996. It was a treat to tour San Francisco — Craig drove us up and down those San Francisco hills, visit Fisherman's Wharf and listen to the sea gulls in the early morning as we awoke. The actual Festival gathering itself, of over 200 women eager to create fly fishing clubs just for women, was amazing, as was observing Joan Wulff do a casting demo at the San Francisco casting ponds. And, as you know, this gathering was the impetus for us to put CWF "on the map" in Colorado!

Another special memory for me was participating in the trip to fish the Big Horn River in Montana in September 1998. Thirteen of us traveled up to Big Sky Country and spent three nights in Fort Smith and one night in Absarokee at Marsha Exley's neighbors' home. Grandma Genie had raised 15 kids (so the house was big enough for all of us)! Not only did we get to fish some private water and have a guided trip on the Big Horn, the most memorable event for me was coming back the first evening from fishing the Tongue River in Wyoming and seeing the aurora borealis. We stopped alongside a rural road to get out of our cars to ooh and aah.

That memory reminds me that our CWF trips truly are more than just fishing. The camaraderie we experience as members of CWF has been one of the joyful highlights in the last decade for me.

Long life to CWF! ♦

MEMBER NEWS

FROM OUR EMAIL BOX

BY ARLYS WARFIELD

Sadly, we heard from Nancy Turley that **Carol Neville**, flyfishing guide with ArkArkglers in Salida and freelance website designer, fell ice skating and shattered her right wrist/radial joint. Her surgery went well, but she now has a t-shaped metal plate in her wrist and a rod screwed into her radial arm bone. This was not a good accident to have, especially given Carol's dual occupations. Good wishes for a speedy recovery can be sent to her at these email addresses: cnfinfan@hughes.net or cnevco@websyster.com.

Carol Stegink's Fan Club

A local flyfisherman writes: "Here are the pics I took of that luncker the other day at Deckers. I sure enjoyed watching you catch that fish, Carol! My friends, Brad and Johnny, wanted me to thank you again for your generosity and hospitality on the river. I'm always looking for pointers and advice on how I can

be better and appreciate your tips. Please, please, please — if you go to the river again soon (and I'm sure you will), please drop me an email, as I would sure like to join you again. Thanks again, and I hope to hear from you soon. —*Marty Davis, Denver*

A Son is a Local Hero

Tim Stegink, son of Cal and Carol Stegink, received the Medal for Distinguished Service for his part in the rescue of students in the siege at Platte Canyon High School in September. Stegink was one of 97 Jefferson County law enforcement officers to receive commendations during November's Platte Canyon Recognition Ceremony, held at D'Evelyn High School.

The event was designed to honor those who had gone beyond the call of duty at Platte Canyon High School on Sept. 27, when a lone gunman held seven teenage girls hostage, murdering one student, Emily Keyes. ♦



PHOTOGRAPH FROM THE DENVER POST

John-Michael Keyes, father of slain student Emily Keyes, hugs Deputy Tim Stegink (center) after the Platte Canyon Recognition Ceremony at D'Evelyn High School.

Proper Email Etiquette Revisited

A lot of members are using *cwftalk* to send personal replies to message senders. In these global replies, we have "heard" a lot of personal conversations not deemed necessary for the rest of us to "hear."

Instead, responders need to look up the sender's email address, which is right there at the top of the *Talk* message. The etiquette is to click on the sender's name and a menu will drop down asking if you want to "copy the address." Click on it and copy and paste the address into a NEW MESSAGE from you to the sender, not from you to *cwftalk*.

Global replies should only be used when messages need to be read by the entire *Talk* group; for example, last-minute Club trip information and other Club news, or simply items you want the entire group to read.

We hope this is helpful and will cut down on our In Box digital clutter. — *Emily Post*



PHOTOGRAPH BY MARTY DAVIS

SHE GETS FAN LETTERS This is the "luncker" referred to in Marty Davis' letter to Carol.



PHOTOGRAPH BY ARLYS WARFIELD

DEJÁ VU The same fish that Carol caught earlier in the week (see above) frustrated Chris Juvan, who fought hard but lost it in the rocks.

For those new members, the Bob Awards were founded in 1997. The awards were created on one of the first trips where a member fell in the river with cigar and rod in her hand. She bobbed down the river toward another Club member who couldn't decide what to save first: the member, the rod or the cigar, so she did nothing.

Bob Awards have been used each year at our annual Holiday Party to recognize members who have participated in Club trips that resulted in making us laugh at the time. I have had the honor to be the one retelling these stories — and on many occasions have actually included some facts. No seriousness has been intended.

In honor of our 10th anniversary, I have reviewed the last ten years and would like to share a few of the memorable awards.

THE EARLY YEARS

One of the first awards was the “Damsel in Distress Award” given to **Chris Arthur** for hooking a fish, then putting her rod down and running to a male angler screaming, “I need help, I need help,” which of course scared the living c--p out of him. In 1999, **Marion Nutt** was awarded the “Safe Fish Award” when she was not able to catch any of the fish that were surrounding her on the San Juan River.

Also in 1999, **Carol Neville** was given the “One Step Ahead of Me Award” for being one step ahead of me during a fly tying meeting. I said, “It's easier if you lick your fingers first before picking up the dubbing.” Carol began choking — she already had the dubbing on her fingers.

In 2000, there was **Phyllis Vinson** receiving the “You Want a Piece of Me Award,” after breaking her ankle on the South Platte and continuing to fish. Also in 2000, the “Yippe Ki-yea Award” was given to **Craige Stainton**, when she was seen flying over the head of her horse on the Rocky Mountain Club trip.

In 2001, **Carol Stegink** received the “Cliff Diver Award” after diving off the hot tub and rolling in the mud during the Arkansas River trip.

In 2002, the “Know When to Duck Award” was given to **Pat Nilsson** for sporting a black eye gained from hitting her eye with her own car door. In 2004, on the Eleven Mile Club trip, I hooked a baby fish, and it went flying over my head to the

bank, where **Cathy Poirier** was walking by. I looked behind me to see her looking into the sky, trying to figure out where it came from. For that she was awarded the “Fish Live in the River Award.”

The most impressive award was the “Xena Award” given to **Sandy Wright** for catching a kokanee salmon — in a most unusual fashion.

... WHICH BRINGS US TO 2006.

Our Club has a variety of talented women who are involved in all kinds of activities. And since we fish, many fish characteristics shine through us. In walking up to three

members during the Colorado River trip, I heard them speaking of a shark. This got my attention, so I joined in to see who had been on an elaborate trip to catch sharks. As the conversation continued, it wasn't about fishing, it was about playing pool and how to be very careful when challenging little **Jane Francen** to a pool game because she will play until she sees blood or makes you cry. Until now, there have not been any strings attached to the Bob Awards; however, if Jane accepts this “Itty Bitty Shark Award,” she must promise never to challenge me to play pool, 'cuz she scares me.

AN ACROBAT AMONG US

I would like to take this opportunity to announce that one of our members has an important decision to make. She has been recently wined and dined by both the Arkansas River swim team and the Salida gymnastics team. She proved her talents in March by being one of the first to flip over her pontoon boat in a perfect cartwheel ... looking off-centered and off-balanced but gracefully surviving in a pontoon boat that is rated for its stability and non-flip action. To our athletic **Dawn Dobson**, we give the “Thanks for Making Us Famous in Salida Award.”

A NEW CATCHING TECHNIQUE

Speaking of talent, I was fishing on the Colorado River to a pool of rising fish with **Anita English**. We were both trying every fly in our box to find the one that would work. After numerous attempts Anita said

maybe my technique was wrong. So she turned her back to the rising fish, cast behind her, let the fly drop on the water and sure enough hooked a fish. To Anita, we give “It's Always in the Technique Award.”

MEDICAL MARVEL

During the San Juan trip, **Gayle Civish** made me promise not to share the following story. Problem is there is nothing sacred when it comes to Bob awards. As Gayle, Joanne, Debbie and I were walking to the river, Gayle was saying how her left foot was hurting, which she didn't understand because the boots had always been comfortable. The further we walked the more she complained about the pain. I offered Gayle some Advil which she refused because she had two with her. Joanne, Debbie and I began to get concerned because we were afraid

we would have to stop fishing and help her off the river. After Gayle had hooked a couple of fish, she couldn't take the pain any more, sat down on the bank, took her boot and waders off and found those two Advils in the left foot of her waders. Gayle, next time do not apply the pills to directly to the area. We give you the “Swallow the Damn Things Award.”

A NEW AWARD

Lastly, I would like to announce the creation of a new CWF designation. After lugging around heavy wader bags, driving on the longer trips and walking in those super slippery waters, it dawned on me this year how nice it would be to have a young person tricked, uh, I mean assisting me with these tasks. In order to talk someone into the dirty work, I have come up with the designation of “young buck.” Now my young buck showed great promise in having the heart to fish like I do, was younger, stronger and was eager to help. However, little did I know my young buck would also fish her heart out, which would make her too tired to drive us home, didn't like getting up early in the morning, had her own wader bag to carry and likes to talk ... a lot. However, one of the first statements she said to me that cinched my decision was, “I have no limitations when it comes to fishing.” **Joanne Sondock** is the first to receive the “Young Buck Award.”

May our next ten years be as much fun as our first ten! ♦

THE BOB AWARDS

PRESENTED BY CHRIS JUVAN

OUR GUIDING LIGHTS

GETTING TO KNOW OUR CLUB'S FISHING PROFESSIONALS

AN INTERVIEW WITH JANICE O'SHEA BY NANCY RUTHERFORD TURLEY

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

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

A: I started fishing when I was eight years old in Colorado. I started with a spinning rod and got tired of putting grimy worms on the hook. About 25 years ago I decided to try flyfishing but hated casting. So I stopped flyfishing. Later on I picked up the fly rod again. I caught my first brown trout at Deckers on a fly rod and from that point on I was "hooked."

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

A: I had a lot of different jobs with large corporations and also a teaching degree. I grew very tired of the corporate world ten years ago and decided to try my hand at teaching and guiding flyfishing. It is very difficult to make a flyfishing instruction and guide service go full-time, so I am back teaching elementary school P.E. in the Cherry Creek School District during the off-season.

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

A: Our clients come from all over Colorado and the U.S. Many of these clients come to our website: www.trouttrips.com and then sign up for a trip. Clients also come by word-of-mouth and our strong reputation. We also have information about our guide



PHOTOGRAPH FROM JANICE O'SHEA

GUIDES CATCH AS MANY FISH AS YOU DO . . . only they usually catch 'em much bigger.

service in five fly shops in Colorado.

We thrive on repeat business. We have the finest professional guides in Colorado, and they provide a tremendous marketing/advertising advantage.

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

A: We customize our trips to fit our clients' expectations and skill level(s). That also includes deciding what rivers would best suit their angling needs.

We guide on the Arkansas River, the Colorado; the Williams Fork; the Dream Stream including Spinney and Elevenmile reservoirs; Boxwood Gulch Ranch and Long

Meadow; North Fork Ranch and North Fork Meadows; Farmers Union and Sylvan Dale Ranch in Loveland.

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

A: I think meeting and spending a day with people from all walks of life is extremely fun. I love to take a person with no experience in flyfishing and have them understand, be successful and have FUN in this sport the day they put their hands on a fly rod. I also like to work with experienced anglers so that they come away with more knowledge and more success. To see adults having fun, laughing, catching fish and just being like kids again is a thrill for me. ♦



CWF CONTEST SERIES

Name This Club Trip

Club members are known adventurers and have often strayed from the beaten path when on Club flyfishing trips. Can you identify this national landmark and the Club trip — which took place within the past five years — that caused Diane Kyncl and friends to sightsee in the vicinity?

The first correct answer wins an assortment of flies and fly box. Send entries to "Name this Club Trip," c/o Arlys Warfield, 685 So. Monroe Way, Denver, CO 80209, or email answer to arlys@earthlink.net. May the most observant traveler win!

THE CORRECT ANSWER TO THE PREVIOUS CONTEST, "What's Wrong With This Picture," was submitted by Mary Ellen Freas. For those of you still looking for it, the answer can be found on page 1 of both the November and December 06 newsletters. Special attention should be paid to the Club logo.

The Raffle Corner - January 2007

Karen Williams Sweeps into the New Year

"New Brooms Sweep Clean." That's an old Southern expression, so being an old Southerner, let me interpret it for you. New chairpersons bring new ideas, new vitality, and, hopefully, new dollars to support our educational mission.

One of my fundraising philosophies is that fundraising should be a win – win relationship. The businesses that help us in our fundraising effort hope to win more customers. It may be in our purchases from them or by increasing the number of flyfishers.



Thus, as you see the featured fly shop or a business which has made a donation for our monthly Raffle or to the Holiday Party, please go out of your way to purchase from them. Be sure to tell them you are with CWF and

read about their generosity in our newsletter. That will make it easier the next time the fundraising committee comes knocking to ask for their support.

January Featured Fly Shop: Discount Fishing Tackle, 2645 S. Santa Fe Drive (just south of Evans) in Denver and 6520 Wadsworth Bypass in Arvada. Members unfamiliar with Discount's policies should know that it gives a 10% discount to CWF members on all purchases.

Once again these folks have donated to our monthly Raffle. **Raffle items:** Fly boxes, Dunsmore #8 egg shot, gorgeous stoneware coaster set with flies on them, 3-pack of 9 ft., 6x Rio leader, digital thermometer, hemostat (what DO you call that thing?), hats.

Thanks, Discount, for all you do for us!!

We always look forward to **Pat Dorsey's Fly of the Month Club** donations. Pat is at the Blue Quill Angler at 1532 Bergen Parkway in Evergreen. This month we have Pat's November six flies: Rainbow Warrior Egan Blk #20 and his December six flies: Miracle Nymph # 22. Both come with fishing advice and recipe.

Grand Prize at the Raffle: Gear bag donated by A. Nonymous, a CWF member. Thanks again for your help!

The door prize tickets are for everyone who attends; prizes include lots of tying materials and assorted stuff. Hope to see you there! — *Karen Williams, Fundraising Chair and newest broom.*

A NEW WAY TO GET TO PICCOLO'S

Picture this: You know there's a CWF program meeting, and you'd love to see your friends, and there's going to be a wonderful speaker — but you just can't face I-25 or I-225 traffic between 5:30 and 6:00 p.m. Besides, you wouldn't be able to make it on time anyway because of the traffic . . . and who needs the stress of trying to make the meeting when all the cars are only traveling at 15 mph!! Ugh!

Well, Ladies, there's a new way to get to Piccolo's. Stress free.

The new E & F Light Rail line that runs from Lincoln Ave. (Parker) to downtown and Union Station, and the new H line that runs from Nine Mile (Aurora) to downtown, all stop at Southmoor (Hampden and I-25). From the station, you walk through a very fun tunnel that takes you under I-25. The lights on the side of the tunnel will go on and off and play different tunes when you wave or put your hand in front of the light. When you emerge from the tunnel on the east side, take a left and walk past Chili's and then walk through the parking lot to your right. You'll see Piccolo's (a white lit sign on the side of the building). From tunnel to restaurant is only about a 5 minute walk ... not bad at all! — *Joanie McCord*

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FOUR NEW FACES ARRIVE IN 2007

BY DIANE MEYER, PAST PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT

I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND A HEARTY WELCOME TO THE FOUR NEW WOMEN who are taking positions on the board in 2007.

Ellie Reiser will take the reins as Membership Chair, gracing us with her smiling face at Piccolo's Restaurant every month. Thank you, Ellie, for stepping up to the plate. We appreciate your time and support of CWF.

Jane Francen will put her talents and her previous committee experience to work as our Special Projects Chair. We look forward to having her expertise, and we know she'll do a great job.

"... it is in giving back that you receive, and we at CWF appreciate and thank you for your gifts of time and commitment."

Susan Kelley is taking on our newly-created board position as Public Events Chair. She already works in that field in her day job, and I know she isn't afraid to tackle the calling of that position.

Karen Williams has served on the board in the past as Secretary and is now our incoming Fundraising/Raffle Chair. She is taking on the awesome responsibility of raising funds to help maintain CWF and the educational projects we fund. Thank you, Karen, and we look forward to having you once again on the board.

I am happy to note that returning to the board are **Joanie McCord** as President, **Jody Yehle** as Vice President and **Betty Peterson** as Treasurer.

Ladies, it is in giving back that you receive, and we at CWF appreciate and thank you for your gifts of time and commitment. You have my best wishes for a successful tenure on the board. ♦

LAST CAST

"To capture the fish is not all of the fishing."

ZANE GREY

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: _____

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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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Outreach/PR	Newsletter	Raffles/Funding	Trips	Public Events

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