

# COLORADO WOMEN FLY FISHERS

*A sociable club for women who flyfish*

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## MARCH MEETING

**DATE:**

Tuesday, March 6, 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 March Meeting...*

**FISHING ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK with Chris Conway**

Chris Conway of Wild Basin Outfitters will speak about fishing in Rocky Mountain National Park. And as an added bonus he will also discuss fishing private "trophy trout" water in northern Colorado.

Rocky Mountain National Park is home to myriad lakes and small streams that feed the headwaters of the Colorado River, the Big Thompson, the Cache La Poudre and the St. Vrain. Chris and his wife Belle specialize in backcountry fishing trips — on foot and on horseback — into these remote sections of the Park that are seldom fished.

You won't want to miss this program about one of Colorado's greatest natural (fishing) resources. — *Jody Yehle, Vice President and Program Chair*

**COMING SOON**

April 1: 2007 Member Rosters, printed with the new password to the CWF web site

April 3: "Mother's Day Caddis Hatch" with Greg Felt of ArkAnglers

## CWF Calendar

March 6 . . . . . CWF Meeting  
March 13 . . . . . CWF Board Meeting  
March 24 . . . . . Club Trip,  
Big Thompson River

## Good News

The December holidays are a long way off, but we have already reserved space at the Denver Merchandise Mart for our 2007 HOLIDAY PARTY. Mark your calendar for SATURDAY evening, December 8th.

## Welcome New Members

Marcy Becker . . . . . Boulder  
Luisa Bernal . . . . . Denver  
Becky Brosh . . . . . Granby  
Kitty Davidson . . . . . Longmont  
Joan Grant . . . . . Denver  
Gloria Gudmundsen . . . . . Lakewood  
Jane Henderson . . . . . Craig  
Jan Humphreys . . . . . Broomfield  
Julie Main . . . . . Englewood  
Eve Murphy . . . . . Longmont  
Manda Palmertree . . . . . Greeley  
Sandra Thornton . . . . . Denver

• 28 New Members Enrolled in 2007.



**FOUL HOOKED:** *The way of all flesh has finally come to the little mountain town of Minturn. A proposed development of 1,700 trophy homes, hotel and golf course threatens to destroy habitat for peregrine falcons, elk, and Canadian lynx — and will interrupt the movement of other wildlife. Environmentalists argue that a key review from U. S. Fish and Wildlife is necessary before the project can go forward. There is mixed feeling on the part of local residents, some of whom feel the project is inevitable. Others expressed concern that wildlife protections will be violated and hope for changes in the proposal. By comparison, this makes the future, short-term Cristo art project in Salida look environmentally safe.— Ed.*

## BACK CAST

### FEBRUARY PROGRAM: WARM WATER FISHING

BY ARLYS WARFIELD

It was a packed house at the February meeting, probably not due to members' cabin fever but rather the interest shown in Kay Dushane's "Let's Go Fishing Warm Waters" program, which consisted of an annotated slide show with a question-answer audience participation component.

Kay is very interested in getting Club members who have never flyfished in warm saltwater to consider this wonderful opportunity to escape winter's harsh reality. Her associates at Angling Destinations in Sheridan, WY ([anglingdestinations.com](http://anglingdestinations.com)) provided enticing pictures of Kay fishing in the crystal clear waters of the Bahamas — especially in the outer islands, which are remote and barren of competing anglers.



PHOTOGRAPH FROM ANGLING DESTINATIONS

She paid particular attention to these islands: Crooked, Acklins, Long, South Andros and Great Inagua (her personal favorite, given the variety of fish to hunt, including permit, bonefish, tarpon, snook and jacks; however, Crooked Island may be the best for beginners' bonefishing).

These areas are inhabited by small, English-speaking populations, with very basic fishing lodges housing from four to eight anglers a week. Typical lodge charges, which include double-occupancy, meals and guide service, run about \$2,250 for 6/7 days. Air fares are not included in the price of the trip, and usually include flights from Denver to an airport in south Florida, then a flight to Nassau, followed by another flight to the small island of your choice. Kay advises to allow from four to five hours between flights in Nassau; otherwise, be prepared to book a hotel overnight.

### **SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER** Kay catches big bonefish in the warm water flats of the Bahamas.

Optimal months for this trip are March, April, October, sometimes September, November, December and January.

Kay recommends for first timers to stay at one location for the full week in order to fish as much as possible. Traveling from place to place cuts into your fishing time.

### **The Gear**

An 8-weight, 9-foot rod, with good tropical weight forward fly line and 200 yards of gel-spun (not Dacron) backing is required. Use 10, 12, 14 and 20 pound fluorocarbon tippet. Buy good flats boots (flats' bottoms can be rough or marly — marly is rough and crumbly) and polarized sunglasses. Sun protection is a must (even long pants are necessary sometimes) and bugs are not generally a problem. Kay recommends just a few flies in the 4, 6, 8 sizes: Bunny Gotcha, Mini Clousers, Shrimpy patterns, Gotcha and Puffs. Recipes are available from Kay on request. Knots required are as follows: tippet to leader (the quadruple surgeon's knot) and flies to tippet (the nonslip mono loop, or perfection loop or the uni-knot).

### **The Fishing**

Bonefish are the great favorite with flyfishers — Angling Destinations describes them as the perfect fish for the fly rod — who like the thrill of the hunt, the speed and force of the take and the beauty of the places they live in. The fascination also lies in their strength (equal to that of four trout of the same size) and their carnivorous eating habits — when they go for the fly, they go full bore. Typically, they have about two runs in them and are then taken easily (there is no need for a net; in fact, if you stroke their heads, they will stay docile and not move away). Another plus is that they have no teeth or dangerous fins or gill plates.

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Use the streamer stripping technique for fishing to bonefish: cast in front of sight cruising or tailing fish and strip in the fly with your body bent and rod horizontal over the water. Strip strike when the fish hits, then lift your rod to fight the fish.

**The Cast**

Many anglers are worried about their lack of ability to cast long distances, but Kay advises that an accurate cast of 40 feet is adequate for catching bonefish. The ability to place the fly where you want it is the most critical, and experience with saltwater fishing will improve your casting.

**Club Trip?**

Kay would like to schedule a Club trip to one of these outer islands and is meeting with our Trip Coordinators to see the possibilities. If you are interested in pursuing this idea (or are pursuing an individual flats trip

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and just have some questions), please call or email Kay at (303) 838-0115 or [kj@totalspeed.net](mailto:kj@totalspeed.net). Her hope is to meet with first-timers a few times before the trip to share some casting tips, check the adequacy of gear, and

practice some of the skills — such as rigging and knots — that are necessary to success on the flats. She believes that flats fishing should be demystified, and that when most women who flyfish try it, they’ll really learn to love it.

**The Raffle**

**Charlie’s Fly Box in Arvada** provided two happy members with really good prizes: **Kitty Davidson** won the Simms wind-stopper gloves and **Carol** (“I Never Win Anything, Ever”) **Stegink** took the Whiting Farm dry fly hackle, bronze rooster cape and grizzly/brown comb. Carol (“I Never Win Anything, Ever”) also won flies and a fly box donated by **Joanne Sondock**, but saw the sad look on **Jane** (“Can You Give Me Some Flies; I Don’t Have Any”) **Franzen**’s face and gave her the fly box. **Joanie McCord** found the answer to her CWF Traveling Fly Box problem by winning the 93 flies and fly box donated by **Phyllis Vinson**. Everybody else settled for some new and interesting door prizes. ♦

**GO FISH THE BIG THOMPSON**

**FIRST CLUB TRIP OF 2007 — MARCH 24**

BY PHYLLIS VINSON, TRIPS CO-CHAIR

**T**he first trip of the year will be on the Big Thompson. Although this is still early in the year, late March should see more open water appearing below Estes Park, with flows increasing.

This is a nice time to fish the Big T because the tourist traffic on Highway 34 between Rocky Mountain National Park and Loveland is minimal, and the trout are responding to the promise of spring. We will have to survey the

upper canyon for open water with the water below Olympus Dam providing a back-up.

The Big T has not been stocked in a while so the trout are all wild. Most Big T trout run around 12 inches, but 18-inchers can be caught. Whatever the size, we can expect beautifully colored, wild trout in a scenic canyon.

**Flies and Such**

It’ll be mostly midge fishing, but the small black stone flies will start to appear at this time, which means the nymph fishing can be fantastic where the water is open.

We’ll be a little early for BWO’s but be prepared because if these bugs are hatching,

the fish will be all over them.

A small black nymph pattern such as the A. P. or a dark GRHE or even a dark pheasant tail will imitate the stone fly.

RS2s, Black Beauties, brassies, red midge larvae and Flashback PTs in smaller sizes will generate most of the action, although Griffith’s Gnats, and size 20 to 22 BWO dry fly patterns or parachute Adams will take fish on top in the early afternoon when the water warms up.

In addition, a Glo Bug can make an effective indicator to follow the midge patterns, and more than enough fish will eat the Glo Bug, making it a good choice for a point fly.

**Equipment**

Any rod between 3- and 5-weight will work on the Big T. You’ll rarely make long casts there or use overly large flies and, while it can be windy, the stream in the canyon is relatively protected.

**Meeting Time**

Meet us at 9:30 a.m. at the Great Western Flyfishing Co., 2707 W. Eisenhower Blvd # 7, Loveland (Tel: 970-461-0701), or on the river in the upper canyon.

Since this is an early spring adventure, keep an eye on *cwftalk* for any changes. If you have any questions or need further details, contact Phyllis Vinson. ♦

**Get Your Gear and Volunteer!**

We Trips Co-Chairs really need the support of all our Club members to make this another memorable year of fishing. We need two kinds of volunteers:

- Volunteers to participate in our “2nd Annual Chili Cook-off” that takes place on Saturday evening around 7 p.m. during the Arkansas Trip (yes, you can even fish the afternoon hatch). We will have a pot-luck featuring all our unique recipes. All you need to do is a bit of recipe research and submit the name and type of chili you are bringing. We ask that you try to make enough to feed about 8 persons, and we need at least 10 volunteers. There will be prizes, judges, and good eats. Everyone else will be asked to bring a side or dessert to share.
- Volunteers to be a Trip Coordinators. No, you do not need to be a professional flyfisher for this job. All you need is to be willing to coordinate carpooling and email/call persons who sign up if any significant changes occur. The Trip Chair will supply you with all the information about fly shops, directions, equipment, et al. Then, we ask that you fish and write about it in the following newsletter. It is a lot of fun and a great way to expand your knowledge of an area.

Please consider volunteering for one or both of the above; the Club really depends upon active members like YOU! Please email or call Dawn at [dobsond@earthlink.net](mailto:dobsond@earthlink.net) or (303)777-8642 to add your name to our growing list of volunteers.

## **DAWN DOBSON'S SNEAK PEEKS**

### **ARKANSAS RIVER, Salida Weekend Trip: April 28-29**

After our "warm-up" trip to the Big Thompson, we will use the skills attained at the April CWF Clinic to entice the wild brown trout of the Arkansas. We hope our timing is right to hit the renowned "Mother's Day Caddis Hatch." This is an annual event that draws the biggest turnout, as over 50 members and guests flood the Salida area in search of these beautiful, voracious browns and occasional rainbow trout.

#### **Accommodations**

Most of us stay at the Super 8 Motel in Salida, which has again provided us with a nice CWF-discounted rate of \$59.88/room. Call (719) 539-6689 and let them know you are a CWF member to get this benefit.

#### **What to Bring**

You will want to bring a 4-, 5-, 6-weight rod (it can get quite windy and the heavier rod can save the day) with 3 - 5x tippet. Dress in layers, as the weather can change, and you won't want to leave if the Blue Wing Olives start hatching. Greg will brief us on fly selection when he visits our monthly meeting before the trip.

#### **Saturday Night Chili Cook-Off**

Last year's event was a great success, and we are expecting more stiff and spicy competition this year. Volunteer to bring your famous recipes. We need 8 - 10 entries to adequately feed everyone. Other members are asked to contribute by bringing appetizers, sides, and desserts. Contact me at [dobsond@earthlink.net](mailto:dobsond@earthlink.net) or (303) 777-8642.

#### **Guided Trips**

Guided trips are being offered at a discount by Greg Felt of ArkAnglers Fly Shop. See the information below and contact him immediately, as float and wade trips can fill quickly. Remind him that you are with CWF when booking.

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

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

### **GREEN RIVER, DUTCH JOHN, UT Weekend Trip: June 9-10**

Do not, I repeat do not, delay in booking your lodging and guided trips. It is peak season and float trips are filling quickly. Contact Trout Creek Flies and Outfitters at (435) 885-3355 or Old Moe Guide Service at (435) 885-3342 for trips. Many members are staying at Dear Run Campground, which has flush toilets and showers. Reservations can be booked at [www.reserveusa.com](http://www.reserveusa.com). If you're not into camping, book a condo by calling Flaming Gorge Lodge at (435) 889-3773.

## **From the Presidential Suite**

*I'd like to welcome all of you who are new to CWF — it was great that so many of you came to the February meeting. That is one of the best ways to find out what is going on, meet other members and become active, especially for those of you who came alone. Besides ... it's just plain fun!*

*Now we're finally out of that time of the year that brings us gray skies, snow and bitter cold — a time when most of us sit by our fires dreaming of warmer days and the sound, sights and smells of the fresh water mountain streams. Well, even though we may still get more snow, the days are turning warmer, and there does seem to be a trout at the end of that winter tunnel.*

*That "trout at the end of the tunnel" is our kick-off fishing trip on March 24th. This one will be the first of many, so to all the new members and beginner flyfishers, be sure to take part. The more trips you can go on the more people you'll meet, the more fishing friends you will encounter — and the more you will learn and feel a part of the Club.*

*I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at our different projects, events and fishing trips. New members, and those of us who have been around awhile, know that the more you can help and volunteer for projects, the stronger the Club will be because of you.*

**Joanie McCord, President**

## CHILI

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

*The Saturday night Chili Cook-off at the April 2006 Club trip on the Arkansas River generated many requests for the chefs to publish their award-winning entrées. This month's entry from Marion Roper took First Prize.*

#### Marion Roper's White Chili

(from Timothy's Bar & Restaurant, Louisville, KY)

1 pound dried Great Northern white beans, rinsed and picked over

2 pounds boneless chicken breasts

1 tablespoon olive oil

2 medium onions, chopped

4 garlic cloves, minced

2 - 4-oz cans chopped mild green chilies

2 teaspoons ground cumin

1- 1/2 teaspoons dried oregano, crumbled

1/4 teaspoon ground cloves

1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper

6 cups chicken stock or canned broth

3 cups grated Monterey Jack cheese (about 12 ounces)

Sour cream

Salsa

Chopped fresh cilantro

Place beans in heavy, large pot. Add enough cold water to cover by at least 3 inches and soak overnight.

Place chicken in heavy large saucepan. Add cold water to cover and bring to simmer. Cook until just tender, about 15 minutes. Drain and cool. Remove skin. Cut chicken into cubes.

Drain beans. Heat oil in same pot over medium high heat. Add onions and saute until translucent, about 10 minutes. Stir in garlic, then chilies, cumin, oregano, cloves and cayenne and saute 2 minutes. Add beans and stock and bring to boil. Reduce heat and simmer until beans are very tender, stirring occasionally, about 2 hours. (Can be prepared 1 day ahead. Cover and refrigerate. Bring to simmer before continuing).

Add chicken and 1 cup cheese to chili and stir until cheese melts. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Serve in a large bowl topped with remaining cheese, sour cream, salsa and cilantro. Ladle chili into bowls.

Serves Many.

## FLYFISHING SHOWS

### ISE SHOW WAS ANOTHER CLUB SUCCESS

BY DAWN BLOM, PUBLIC EVENTS CHAIR

CWF PARTICIPATED IN THE INTERNATIONAL SPORTSMEN'S Exposition at the Convention Center in January. This was the first year we have had our own booth, not tagged on to the Division of Wildlife. Considering this and the complete inexperience of the new Club public events coordinator, the event was a success.

By selling tickets for the two raffle items — a Pentax waterproof camera and a guided trip donated by Kirk Deeter — we more than covered the cost of the camera. And, had the trip not been donated — with

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so many of our own members vying for that juicy trip — it too would have been covered, even before opening it up to the public!

The casting crew — Kay Dushane, Sandy Roberts, Jen Hume and Julie Church — deserve a loud round of applause for taking the stand. Without their willingness to be a part of the show demonstrations, the booth would not have been given to us.

Our appreciation also goes out to all of our members who came down to the show to help. I'm hoping to take some private lessons from Pat Nilsson, who could sell ice to an Eskimo. Little does she know my goal is to outsell her next year!

I owe a special thank you to Susan Kelley. Only because of her time and effort to get everything for the ISE lined up was I able to easily step in to this position. There is a lot I could learn from you, Susan!

CWF participates in many shows throughout the year. I am looking for some members who would like to help organize and coordinate our upcoming shows. This is a great way to meet other members and find new friends to fish with. Let me know if you'd like to be a part of these events. ♦

### CWF CONTEST SERIES

#### How Many Club Trips?



*At left, Elaine Rowe and Chris do the fish dance on the Williams Fork Club Trip in March, 2001.*

Chris Juvan celebrated her 50th birthday in January, and it is a fact that she has gone on each CWF Club Trip since its founding. Can you tell us how many Club trips she has gone on through February, 2007? 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](mailto:arlys@earthlink.net). Do not despair, Chris is not eligible for this contest.

## A WINTER FISHING DAY

### WERE THE FISHING GODS/GODDESSES WITH ME OR AGAINST ME?

BY NANCY SHERMAN

I woke up late in spite of the noisy efforts of my hungry, cranky cat. I leisurely had coffee and read the paper, while sometimes listening to the TV news and weather. About 8:30 the day's forecast finally penetrated: clear skies, mid to upper 40s, and nothing like it in the next seven days. "Halleluyah," a fishing day! But wait, I haven't tied up any size 14 olive scuds like the one that fell out of my gravel guard three days ago, and I haven't tied up any more leather San Juan worms! I quickly whipped out two olive scuds and three San Juan worms and stuck them in a container in my purse. (I've been known to tie flies for a trip and leave them sitting on the table.)

A little after 9:00 I'm frantically getting dressed, kicking myself for not having paid attention to the forecast earlier. I should have been on the road by 8:30. My hair won't cooperate, so I slap my hat on. I throw the waders/boots/socks into the front seat (they'll be toasty from the car heater by the time I put them on), and my gear bag and strung fly rod into the car. I quickly gather lunch, coffee and brandy, and I'm out of the garage at 9:28.

I push the speed limits when possible (not often with an older four-cylinder car). I'm slowed by a semi south of Conifer and a road work crew southeast of Buffalo Creek. At 10:45 I'm at Deckers and

notice Flies and Lies is not open. As I drive up the YMCA Camp road (still snowpacked and lots of snow along the river), I see six anglers and decide to go over the hill. Aha, only one angler.

#### Uh, oh

I quickly put on my warm socks, waders and boots. I open the back of the car, take out my rod and reach for my jackets. There are NONE! Not only that, NO VEST! No warm coats, no gloves, no flies, no net, no wading staff, no nippers, no fishing license, no ... you mental midget! Where was your brain? (Give me a break, I was in a hurry.) Okay, I made a mistake. I'll do better next time.

I looked at the options. Roundtrip home is at least two and a half hours – this is not an option. Roundtrip to the Hatch Fly Shop is ninety plus minutes – possible. I'll take an inventory first. I'm waded up, wearing my hat, sunglasses, heavy long underwear, a turtleneck, a heavy fleece vest and a chamois shirt. It's sunny, warm and there's no wind. I should be okay if I stand in the sun most of the time and the wind doesn't blow. In my purse I have the five flies I tied this morning, a special indicator and nail clippers. My rod is already rigged with a San Juan worm and Rojo midge. I delve into my gear bag and find hand warmers, fleece hat, indicators, weights, floatant for the new indicator and two spools of tippet: 3x and three-year-old 6x. This is looking better; I shouldn't have to go to the Hatch.

#### The Day's Goals

In addition to wanting a quick cure for cabin fever and avoiding a lengthy To Do list, I had a mission today: try a new style yarn indicator (one I made), use a different rigging for nymph fishing and see if an olive scud will work. At 11:00 I'm starting to fish. I had replaced the midge with an olive scud and put on my new indicator. About 1:00 I return to my car for hot coffee with a nip of brandy. The angler was still fishing the run that he was in at 10:45. But he left before I finished my coffee, allowing me to fish not only a favorite run but it was also in the sun.

It's 3:00 and time to quit. I've been in the shade for the last half-hour and my upper body and fingers are getting cold. (I didn't have enough hand warmers to plaster my upper body, so I didn't use them.) I should have retied my original San Juan worm before I started to fish as I broke off my rig about noon. I'd like to think it was an enormous fish, not a rock. I cut my 5x tippet off my tapered leader, replaced it with a piece of 3x to a San Juan worm, then used the 5x between the worm and my last scud.

#### An Answer to An Angler's Eternal Question

So were the gods/goddess for or against me? Happily, they shone their light on me like the day's sun on my body. The trout wanted the olive scud as I do dark chocolate – no resistance. I landed at least twenty fish and missed/lost at least twelve more. Although only four to six fish hit the worm, I figure it works as an attractor. My new indicator worked like a charm. It's adjustable; the leader goes through it and is held in position with a piece of toothpick. And how did I rig? From the tapered leader: tippet, San Juan worm, about 10" of tippet off the worm to the scud and weight at the end of about 8" of 6x tippet tied to the bend of the scud hook. The more subtle strikes seem to be more obvious, as a fish taking one of the nymphs does not have to move the weight to give a change in the motion of the indicator.

*Bonuses for the day were the dipper serenades and the two does and two fawns that crossed the river about forty yards below me to reach snow-free areas to feed.* ♦

## FLY TYERS CORNER

### Nancy Sherman's Scud

Her proven winner is the size 14 Olive Scud, matched with a leather San Juan worm.

#### Recipe

Hook: Tiemco 2457, size 12 - 18

Thread: Color of the dubbing

"Tail": Yarn color of the dubbing

Body: Dubbing; gray, olive, orange or tan

Legs: Palmered large hackle, color of the dubbing

Shellback: Scud back, colorless plastic or plastic the color of the dubbing

Shellback Ribbing: Thread

*Options: you can also use a bead head or flashback*



#### Tying Instructions

Attach the thread and wrap it to the rear leaving about a three inch thread tag. At the hook bend attach: a small piece of yarn for the "tail," a strip of scud back and then the hackle by its tip. Dub the body. Palmer the hackle through the body, secure it and trim off the butt. Cut off the hackle fibers from the top and near side of the fly body. Pull the scud back over the top and secure at the front with a single thread wrap. Counter palmer the thread tag through the body to rib, position and secure the scud back being careful to go between the hackle fibers. Secure the thread ribbing; trim it and the scud back off. Form a head and whip finish. Trim the "tail" so it is very short and tapered. Cut the bottom of hackle fibers parallel to the hook, a little longer than the point. Cut off additional hackle fibers if it appears too leggy. — NS

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## FIRST-YEAR MEMBER MEMORIES

### STORIES OF MAKING NEW FRIENDS, FITTING WADERS AND LEARNING TO FLYFISH TOGETHER

BY NANCY RUTHERFORD TURLEY

*This is the final part of our series, as we continue to walk down*

*memory lane with Nancy Turley. She visited with members who joined CWF in the first one or two years of its founding and reminisced with her about their early experiences.*

— Ed.

**Marion Nutt** was full of fond memories and was thrilled to join CWF. “I had been struggling to learn to fish with Doug for two years. He put me in men’s large leaky neoprene waders with a stick in my underarm and left me in the river. I immediately broke the fly rod. It was a bad start. If I hadn’t joined CWF, I would hate fishing! The clinics were a lifesaver. They are the format for our Girl Scout clinics today, and I am proud that CWF mentors Girl Scouts and does community service (river cleanups).

“The all-around education made me understand the full spectrum of fishing. The CWF clinics are the BEST value and education tool ever! Doug never threw and stripped wooly buggers (thank you, **Jean Williams**), nor nymph-fished (bless **Paula Fothergill**, who also rescued me bobbing the Roaring Fork).”

Marion’s first fish was caught on a Williams Fork trip: “I drove a car full of us, and **Carol Stegink** got so impatient. ‘Will you step on it?’ Carol always wants to be the first on the water! It was bitter cold and snowy. We had ice globs on the boots getting down to the river and, of course, I waited for



**DANA RIKIMARU and CAROL STEGINK** shiver on the Williams Fork in March, 2000.

**Nancy (slowpoke) Rutherford** to get herself together. Nancy and I poked our timid way here and there, and I finally set my hook and screamed (yes, I still do lots of that on the river) and Nancy came over to coach me and my first fish in. When Nancy picked up her fly rod tip, she had her first fish of the trip!! We both were so proud!

“I enjoyed many trips with **Dee Bond** and **Sue Armstrong** in the RV—I think they put up with me because they liked my cooking. I would sit on the bank most of the time with my line in knots, cutting and retying...as they pulled in fish after fish. The friends I have made fishing are so awesome. Here I was the impossible rookie (safe fish award in 1998)! I was accepted by the pros and made lasting friendships with other rookies. I look forward to fishing much more with old friends and making more fishing buddies.

“The Club has had so many wonderful trips and expanded my river preferences! **Nancy Rutherford Turley** deserves a special tribute—she is part of the glue that has held this Club together as our historian as well as founding secretary. She gave her heart and soul in the beginning, and ten years later she is paying tribute to CWF’s founding members and memories. How fortunate we are to have her devotion. Thank you, Nancy, for honoring the Club with your articles, hard work and communication. You are the best!!!”

**Carol Stegink** found out about CWF while shopping at a Cherry Creek sporting store for women, which had CWF business cards at their checkout stand. She went to her first meeting at the Twin Dragon, sat through the meeting and bought some raffle tickets but didn’t win anything “as usual.” But **Dana Rikimaru** was there and had won a flyfishing calendar, which she gave to Carol! Carol’s first Club trip was on the Williams Fork, and she was worried about not catching any fish and looking like a dummy, but she ended up probably catching the most fish! On that same trip at the Beaver Hole, Chris Juvan was fishing between Carol and **Carol Neville**. The two Carols kept catching fish, and Chris then swiped Carol Stegink’s rod to try for a fish!

Carol summarized her tales, saying that, “My flyfishing friends are my best friends.”

Some of you may know that Carol was instrumental when we switched from having our monthly meetings at the Twin Dragon. Carol (and her husband Cal) often frequented Piccolo’s and suggested it as our next meeting place. Several of us went for a “taste test,” liked it and the rest is history!

**Dana Rikimaru** remembers teaching a casting clinic early on when the (pre-CWF) group used to meet at The Flyfisher after hours. She says, “I really got involved with CWF when **Kris Tita** asked me to write the education column for the newslet-



**MARION NUTT** poses on the San Juan River.

PHOTOGRAPHS FROM NANCY RUTHERFORD TURLEY

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ter, which I was happy to do for, I think, two or three years.

Recently, Dana chose to leave her job at The Blue Quill after working there for 12 years, since the Orvis Schools were no longer being taught there! She is now working at the Belmar Whole Foods Market in Lakewood as an associate team leader for the customer service department.

“The people are great, and it’s been fun to get involved with a completely different world. I love seeing flyfishers shopping in the store and enjoy seeing their faces when they see me there, completely out of context!” She added, however, “I could never leave my passion for teaching and guiding completely, and I still guide part-time, teach women’s classes, lead retreats for Casting For Recovery and am a member of the Colorado CFR planning team. I also find time to give casting lessons!

“I, of course, still love to go fishing both on major rivers or smaller waters whenever I can.” Dana authored the book “Fly Fishing,” (a Ragged Mountain Press Woman’s Guide) published in 2000. *Please see more on Dana in the “Our Guiding Lights” article on page 10.*

**Gail Turner** sent an email from her new home in Phoenix and reported, “CWF came into my life at JUST the right moment! I had experienced one of life’s bumps and had told myself, ‘This year, I want to learn how to flyfish.’” Then **Marsha Exley** walked into my ICU wearing a shirt with designs of flies on it. We talked, and she invited me to the February 1997 meeting. I attended and joined that night and have loved every aspect of membership since then.

“I have told numerous people that this is the most wonderful group of women I have ever been associated with — they are there

because of their love of flyfishing. They unselfishly give to the others, and don’t dabble in inane conversations, rhetoric or gossip. I have been with some of these women for several years without knowing what their occupation or personal life entailed, because those identifiers were not the conversation openers; rather, it was, ‘Have you been fishing? Where? How was it? What’d you use?’

“In 2004, I made a change in my life and started on a 3+ year adventure to do ‘Trav-

On reading these stories and memories, I am struck by two things:

1) There have been so many budding and intertwining friendships that have grown from sharing the joy of meeting together for monthly programs and fishing together on trips — be it CWF-sponsored ones, or spontaneous ones outside the Club’s schedule; and

2) The sustaining life force of CWF is due to members like these who have given of themselves over nine to 10 years to continue to make CWF a club of meaningful purpose and relationships — all surrounding our initial slogan of “a sociable club for women who flyfish.”

As Marion Nutt summarized: “It is great to be accepted for who you are ... not by what you do, make or how well you fish. We are an equal opportunity Club of ladies with a common interest.”

As newer members have continued to join and meld their talents and energies with the longtime members, we can be proud that our slogan stands, and we are creating a mosaic of unique friendships as we all unite to celebrate WOMEN who flyfish!  
— NRT

el Nursing.’ Before I left my beloved Colorado, I said farewell to it by revisiting some spectacular waters that I’d been introduced to through CWF. These trips included the South Platte, Arkansas, Roaring Fork, Taylor, Blue, the Dream Stream, (and some other) rivers plus a couple of favorite reservoirs.

“My professional travels have taken me to Reno, Minneapolis, Phoenix and Santa Fe, so I have expanded my flyfishing experiences. I have been to Pyramid Lake, northeast of Reno, where they really do fish from stepladders! My MOST flyfishing fun was catching smallmouth bass on a popper in the Boundary Waters of Min-



**CORDIE MEDINA** gears up for the day’s fishing activities.

nesota-Canada while on a canoe camping trip. Flyfishing in the desert Southwest is a fun challenge, although the autumn water of the Thompson Canyon at Sedona was very lovely!! Also, I have surf flyfished in the Sea of Cortez at Puerto Penasco (Rocky Point) in Mexico, just south of Arizona.

“Keep up the great work, fun, and outreach programs. I have bragged about all of those at other flyfishing clubs and stores at all of my assignment venues! Everyone is envious — with good reason!!”

**Cordie Medina** remembers that **Nancy Rutherford** gave her a first year membership to the Club for Christmas, just in time to attend the second annual CWF party held at the Warwick Hotel downtown. Another memory was going to the Twin Dragon Chinese restaurant and our being served spaghetti! (This was the beginning of the end, said **Carol Stegink** — part of the impetus to move to Piccolo’s.) Carol, who also worked at Denver Medical Health Cen-



**GAIL TURNER** at the 1997 Holiday Party.



**SHERRY SCHRANTZ** at the 1997 Holiday Party.

PHOTOGRAPHS FROM NANCY RUTHERFORD TURLEY



**DEBBIE SEIDEN and her pal Sage are happy on the river.**

ter with Cordie, was the one who told Cordie that she really could get waders that would fit her. Cordie called the Orvis store in Park Meadows, questioned if there was a woman on staff and working right then. When the answer was yes, Cordie went over at that moment and was able to find and try on waders that fit!

She doesn't remember the exact time she caught her first fish on a fly rod, but does remember that when several of us went to the Dream Stream she caught three or four trout by herself, without any help, and thought, "Hey, I can do this!" Another funny fact about that trip on which Cordie reminisced: "As we drove up we saw 8-10 men dressed in orange jumpsuits. We learned later they were prisoners who were helping the DOW that day to count fish (after a shock treatment in the water)!"

A last memorable story in the annals of Colorado history (and also in our CWF history) happened "on Nancy Rutherford's birthday when we went to fish the South Platte River at Deckers. **Kay Willis** and **Arllys** joined us to fish — and later **Janice O'Shea**, who at one point took our picture with some booming 'clouds' behind us."

Soon after lunch Cordie reflected, "I saw a bunch of floating things and asked, 'What kind of hatch is this?'" That 'hatch' ended up being ash from the Hayman Fire, which became full-blown that day! Kay and Arlys took out of there, but Cordie and Nancy stayed to find **Craige**, who was fishing with others but had brought her French press coffee maker to make lattes to commemorate Nancy's birthday...all the while the fire was

getting worse. After leaving the South Platte, they stopped at the Salida Country Store. The TV was on, describing the encroaching fire just miles away. Cordie yells, "Oh, my gosh, we were in that?!"

**Sherry Schrantz**, one of the earliest members in the Club, shared this: "I heard about CWF when I was trying on a pair of waders in a fly shop. Just ten short years ago, there wasn't anything like women's clothing in stores. I needed waders to make this flyfishing experience happen, and gosh, the experience of going into a fly shop staffed by mostly men to try on waders was a dreaded experience. Anyhow, the changing room was a storage room at Front Range Angler. Thank Goodness **B.J. Lester** was in the shop, so I didn't have to feel so awkward trying on those old neoprene waders. They looked awful, but I wanted to fish!! I asked BJ where on earth I could find women who did this sport. She referred me to CWF. I think that was almost ten years ago, and lots of memories and gained experience have been created. Look how our Club has grown, and yikes, so has the size of my waders!! But, I'm still having fun, and love being with a bunch of women who can create a 'Women's Hatch' when on the rivers."

Sherry can't make it to a lot of CWF meetings since her job as Sorority House Director for Chi Omega at CU Boulder keeps her up north. She has 80 live-in young women and about 40 who live out-of-house. Her job is pretty busy in August, just at the good fishing times!

"When things are running smoothly — that is, I have a good staff — I can sneak away to fish. I try to take at least one day during the week when it is less crowded to go on the water. I trust this is going to be a good year when I can get away more often," she said.

**Debbie Seiden** recounts first hearing about the Club at The Flyfisher and meeting **Flora Jewell** when she went to buy a vest. Soon after that her Mom saw a newspaper blurb about CWF, and Debbie attended her first meeting at Twin Dragon. The first trip she remembers going on was to the Frying Pan. It was a rather intense first impression, as she was used to fishing private water with her Dad, so to see so many people on the river in a small stretch was horrifying!

That same trip she played photographer as **Craige** hauled in a monster fish below the dam, which she played for a long time but

got in. Debbie's new job with DCP Midstream (the old Duke Energy Field Services) is keeping her more than busy, but she is a happier camper with this job, and looking forward to physical outings with her dog Sage to keep her sane!

**Anita English**, currently our Education Chair, has become more and more involved through the years. Anita said in the early years that, "I just liked the idea of getting the newsletter about other women fishing. I used to fish with men a lot—my son, his friends, and my nephews. I learned a lot, but I have really sharpened my skills since I have fished with other women. A couple of years ago, I was with a group on the Colorado by Parshall, and **Nancy Sherman** was fishing to a spot that all others including myself had overlooked. She took eight fish out of a small 'divot' about three feet wide and maybe 15 feet long. That changed my outlook completely! I now look for those places and, of course, I still watch other members fish to pick up tips."

Two other members who have been involved with CWF since its beginning year are **Pat Barz** (who was our Vice President, 2001-2002) and gave her heart and energy to the Club for many years, and **Carol Oglesby**, who has been a member from afar. She lives in Grand Junction but has participated as a casting instructor in earlier CWF Education Clinics. When Carol attended the First Annual Women's Flyfishing Festival in San Francisco in December, 1996 she met many of the founders there before the formation of our Club and thus has been aware of its activities through the years. ♦

*Editor's note: Bolded names are past and/or present CWF members.*



**ANITA ENGLISH catches on the Blue.**

## OUR GUIDING LIGHTS

### GETTING TO KNOW OUR CLUB'S FISHING PROFESSIONALS

AN INTERVIEW WITH DANA RIKIMARU BY NANCY RUTHERFORD TURLEY



PHOTOGRAPH BY AL NORAKER

DANA RIKIMARU loves to fish.

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

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

**A:** I initially started flyfishing when I was in the fourth grade. It was my

dad's idea, and I owe my love of the sport to him. He passed away last year, and it makes my time on the rivers even more special, knowing that he is with me in spirit. We would spend family vacations camping and fishing in the Sierras and in Northern California.

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

**A:** I had been managing a tennis and health club in California and, while re-evaluating my career path, came out to visit a college friend who lives in Evergreen. I walked into the Blue Quill and had a life-changing opportunity in 1994 to come to Colorado to teach and guide flyfishing for a living.

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

**A:** I still guide clients that I met from my days working at the Blue Quill, who have kept in touch with me. I also meet new clients through Janice O'Shea's company Trout Trips, where I work part-time, and through Anglers Covey, where I teach women's classes with fellow CWF members and instructors Becky Lineweber and Joan Byers (and where we always include a plug for CWF in our teaching packet). I also meet

new clients through Casting For Recovery, at flyfishing shows, CWF clinics or through referrals.

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

**A:** I guide on waters that have permits from the outfitters I work for, which includes Deckers, Cheesman, Eleven Mile Canyon, Blue, Colorado, Farmer's Union and other private waters.

I like to put a trip together based on what my client wants — such as dry fly fishing, nymph fishing, casting/mending or perhaps just becoming more comfortable with fly selection and reading water. Or, if they just want a fun day on the water, I'm game, too!

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

**A:** I love sharing my passion and knowledge of flyfishing with those who would like to learn. Every day on the water is different, and I enjoy working together with my clients to try to figure out the fishing mystery: "Where are the fish and what are they eating?" The joys and smiles from sharing time on the river are what keep me going! ♦

## THE NATIONAL FLY FISHING CHAMPIONSHIPS

BY JANET CANAAN, PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR

The National Fly Fishing Championships, to be held in Boulder from October 2-6, 2007, constitutes the final round of the regional competitions held across the United States. As many as 90 individuals will be competing in this event. A team will be chosen from among these contestants to represent the United States in an Olympic style event which is held annually. This program is sponsored by Colorado Trout Unlimited and the associated Trout Unlimited Chapters in the State of Colorado.

***"... but we also need all those of you who simply have a love for flyfishing and would like to lend a hand."***

Membership in Team USA demands more than being a skillful angler. All aspects of one's character, motivation and commitment are part of the expectations of the coaching staff and Board of Directors.

Those who have what it takes will join an elite group of men and women who consistently represent the United States

with passion, grace and strength.

As we strive to produce this Championship each year, we must look to volunteers who can help with the many jobs necessary to put on a competition as comprehensive a production as the National Championships. As NFFC 2007 Volunteer Coordinator, I try to get as many TU Chapter members as possible involved, but we also need all those of you who simply have a love for flyfishing and would like to lend a hand.

We have openings for drivers, controllers (competition judges), coordinators, equipment managers, lunch distributors, traffic guards . . . even cleanup crews. If you are remotely interested in helping with the National Championships, go to [www.nationalflyfishingchampionship.co](http://www.nationalflyfishingchampionship.co). There you can volunteer, find out more about becoming a NFFC sponsor or to compete in the regional trials.

You can also contact me at [jcanaan@jcanaan.com](mailto:jcanaan@jcanaan.com) with questions or to volunteer to help with the championships or sponsor some aspect of the competition. ♦

### REMINDER

**APRIL 21  
CWF CLINIC  
Registration Form  
IS DUE  
MARCH 10**

**CWF MEMBERS ONLY  
No Guests**

**(SEE INSERT)**

# MY FIVE-STAR MIDWINTER VACATION

## GOING IT ALONE AND FINDING NEW FRIENDS AND FINE FISH IN PATAGONIA

BY ARLYS WARFIELD

**Y**ou say your casts are a bit weak and your mends are sloppy. Go to Patagonia. You say you are an avid angler but your fish count is low. Go to Patagonia. You say you are tired of stepping through ice floes to wade the South Platte. Go to Patagonia — and especially go in January with the Patagonia River Guides.

My opportunity came as a surprise: Fly-fishing friends from Southern California called me in December and said they were setting up a group to fly to Argentina, tango in Buenos Aires, then move on down to Esquel, in the middle state of Patagonia (Chubut), to fish with guides they knew from Montana. My brain swirled with visions of the snow-capped Andes, gauchos riding the pampas, clear green rivers loaded with healthy trout and, of course, prime red beef and local Malbec wine. I said yes I will go and booked passage. Then my friend contracted acute Hepatitis B, and she and her husband had to forego the trip. But the rest of the group, strangers to me, was going so I joined them. Having a foot-and-a-half of snow in my driveway was another incentive.

### Arrival

I was met at the airport by one of the two co-owners of the guide service, Travis Smith, the Montana outfitter for the Trouthunter in Island Park, ID. He and his childhood friend, Rance Rathis, formed PRG five years ago with one Toyota truck and their guiding expertise, plus their ability to form lasting relationships with local fishing guides, estancia (ranch) owners and one lodge owner, who was interested in leasing out his beautifully constructed cabins and out buildings on the Rio Grande

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The Andes' Torcillias Glacier was the spectacular backdrop for all our activities.



Catching large, strong and healthy browns and rainbows is one of life's great pleasures.



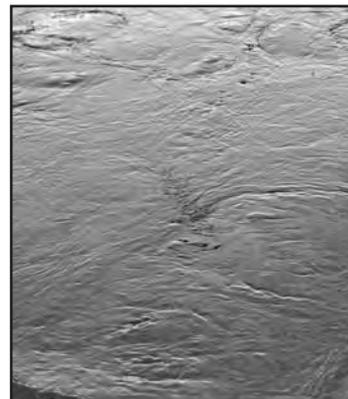
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the Splash — and ...



... there Goes the 20" Brookie.

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on a half-yearly basis. The good half: summer in Argentina.

### The Gear

Although I took all my fishing gear, except my net, it was not really necessary. One can arrive with nothing but waders and boots, and PRG will supply all equipment and flies. Actually, because my 6-weight rod broke the first day (a cause for much celebration since it was the first rod I had ever broken!), my big fish count came as the result of using their 7-weight Sage rod and a really nice 6-weight Winston IIx. But the reel, line and tippet were mine. I used my 4-weight on the spring creeks, my ridiculously large 9-weight Sage on a windy lake — and each was very successful.

But, with a few exceptions, all fish were caught with PRG's really special flies — some creations of their own, many tied for Montana fishing.

### The Fish, the Water, the Guides

I had the 11-day package, which included three days in a remote section of Patagonia, hard by the Chilean border. In those 11 days I fished rivers, brooks and spring creeks on private estancias; a truly fabulous river in a national park and two remote lakes. And everywhere I — except for my guide(s) — was alone in my fishing reverie with no other anglers in sight.

I floated the beautiful Rio Grande, the Rio Pico and the Corcovado (which provided a combination of white water and classic rifle pool water) — all in sunny, clear but sometimes windy (remember the 6-weight?) weather — and all catching the strongest, most beautiful rainbows, browns and, (once) a very, very large brookie (20"). These fish are like no others I have seen in my travels.

Each was a fighter, each very healthy and each was beautiful (I have only black-and-white photos for your eyes but in color they are pieces of art).

Including Travis and Rance, there were three local guides and five assistant guides. All seemed to have been schooled in the Nordstrom's College of Excellent Service. For example, when I overdid my activities in the first four days and my Denver Christmas cold finally laid me low, Mauricio took me to Esquel to rest and shop and tour the local environs. Shopping always brings me renewed energy, and the next day I was back at the fish!

### Daily Schedule

My day began with coffee in my cabin at 7, breakfast at 7:45, truck pickup at 8:30, on the river by 10. Mate, the classic tea of South America made from crushed evergreen plants, was often served in the truck. I got used to it (although the slight taste of alfalfa was disconcerting).

I fished happily until lunch at around 1:30, then more fishing until about 6. Arrived back at the estancia by 7, martinis at 8, delicious dinners at 9, and good conversation with some very interesting anglers from Georgia, New Mexico, Montana, Texas, California — and Idaho (that would be Mike Lawson and his wife of Henry's Fork Angler fame).

### Lasting Impressions

Yes, I *did* see those gauchos on the pampas and even took in a local gaucho rodeo, which consists of only one event: the bucking bronco extravaganza.

My days were spent with the Andes as my background scenery, with all their crags and snow-capped peaks — which I learned are



**ONE CAN'T OUTFIGHT THE LAW** As Butch and Sundance learned, even in Patagonia fish wardens check your papers.

almost 6,000 feet taller than our Fourteeners!

A variety of interestingly beautiful birds are found in Patagonia. The colorful kingfisher was a constant noisy companion in the trees bordering the rivers I fished.

As one of the Club's most enthusiastic carnivores, I absolutely love the Argentine meat and, especially, their festive asado. This is a special kind of barbecue feast in which an entire skinned animal is strung up on cross bars of steel in front of the wood fire. There is no carbonization since it is cooked with reflected heat. After about three hours of cooking and basting, the lamb is removed from its lattice, cut up and served with accompaniments, not the least of which is glass after glass of smooth Malbec wine.

And, of course, with the help of new friends who were my fishing guides I hooked more rainbows and browns of varying sizes than ever in my life.

When you travel to some places you are happy to fish there once. To other places you wish you could return. I shall return to Patagonia. ♦

PHOTOGRAPH BY RANCE RATHIS, PATAGONIA RIVER GUIDES



**THE GIRL AND HER GUIDE** John Roberts gives good advice on how to cast to spooky fish in this lovely spring creek on a remote estancia.

## DESTINATION TRAVEL

BY KAY DUSHANE

**M**ore fly anglers are traveling to exotic places to flyfish. Flyfishing offers a great way to see wonderful new places and to gain an appreciation for the natural and cultural beauty of a destination. Flyfishing gives you the opportunity to seek warmth during the colder months and some relief from the heat during the summer, all while doing more than simply sitting at some resort pool with an umbrella drink — although there can be room for this in addition to fishing!



There are a number of businesses that specialize in flyfishing vacations, and as some of you know, many fly shops also organize a few trips a year. Both routes can result in a most memorable and wonderful trip — or a disaster! Before booking a trip, it's your job to research to whom you are trusting with thousands of dollars, and there are a few things you can do to help minimize your risks.

### Your Local Fly Shop

If you are working with a local shop, be sure that you have known for a while the person with whom you are dealing. I would recommend only working with a shop that has been established for at least a couple of years and which has a good reputation in our community. Ask around! We are all willing to give our opinion on how a shop has treated us, and, as women, the unfortunate reality is that some shops don't seem to want to bother with us. Word gets around. Make certain that the shop staff selling you a trip has actually been to the area and has fished it, stayed at the facility they are offering and dealt with the guides whom they have hired.

### Travel Agencies

Although you don't have personal knowledge of your trip agent, working with flyfishing travel agencies can offer some advantages over a local shop. A good agency offers you more choices, so should be able to match you with the perfect trip. The initial screening criteria for an agency are similar to those discussed in regard to a fly shop: the agency should be well established and have a good reputation. The booking agent should have personal experience with the trip you are interested in, and be active in assessing a good fit for you. The trips

offered have accommodations which vary from luxurious resorts to rugged camping. The level of flyfishing skills demanded from you vary widely also — you may need to be self sufficient all day or you may want a great instructional guide, if you have never fished a rod bigger than a 5-weight. Know ahead of time what you need, and be sure the organization with which you deal clearly hears your needs. Call more than one agency before making your decision. Frequently, different agencies offer identical destinations, but instead of fitting you into the right one, they try to fill what they are stuck with — if your gut feeling is the latter, cross them off your list.

### Check List

Before you start booking a trip, clarify what you want and need from your trip:

1. What is your skill level? You do not have to be an expert — just realistically assess your skill sets and tell the agent.
2. Where do you want to go? Are you comfortable in a foreign country? Are you comfortable if the local language is not English?
3. What level of accommodation do you need? Can you share a room or bathroom? Do you want nightlife?
4. Do you have dietary concerns or restrictions? If you have food allergies or are a vegetarian, for example, be sure your booking agent knows ahead of time.
5. How far does your health history allow you to venture from medical facilities? Consider medical evacuation insurance, if you have any history in this regard.
6. How much do you want to spend? For a week of guided fishing, the low end starts around \$2,200, but quickly increases. Find out, specifically, what is included in any package. Usually, airfare and gratuities are not included.
7. Determine your personal tolerance for changes to an itinerary. Can you "go with the flow?" Many remote trips require some flexibility and willingness to deal with changing conditions. Many packages exist that offer seamless, tested itineraries, if that's what you desire. Just let your agent know.

In any event, realize that no one on earth has control over immediate weather conditions — or whether or not the fish will play willingly. But an experienced, ethical flyfishing travel agency will do its best to iron out the wrinkles that remain under human control. And a new flyfishing experience could be the highlight of your year. ♦

## FLYFISHING WITHOUT HYPHENS

THE CWF NEWSLETTER STAFF

*Many Club members continue to submit copy to the newsletter without following our style sheet as regards this minor issue. Therefore, we are reprinting an article from February, 2004 on this very subject for your edification . . . and possible enjoyment.*

CALL US CRANKY, BUT HAVE YOU NOTICED HOW MANY "correct" versions of flyfish, flyfishing, flyfisher, flycast exist in books, magazines and newspapers? The mighty tome Websters Third International Dictionary, the *New York Times*, Microsoft Word and sometimes the *Denver Post* (it vacillates from hyphenated to un-hyphenated) all declare that these nouns must have a hyphen, while some others in the media make them into two separate words.

Why is a shoemaker one word and a flyfisher two? We ask you. We ask them. We know hyphenated nouns are generally silly if they can be typeset and understood as one word. We are in good company

when we agree with our 28th President, Woodrow Wilson, who was a strong opponent of the hyphen. And he was one of the few classically educated presidents, having been a student, teacher and, later, president of Princeton.

Why make your little baby finger do the difficult work, flexing up two inches to that key on the top row on the keyboard? It just makes no sense. Therefore, the editorial staff of the Colorado Women *Flyfishers* Newsletter want you to join us in standing on the side of common sense and eschewing the dreaded little line — or the little space — wherever these fine words are printed. ♦

## The Raffle Corner - March 2007

### Quality Not Quantity



Have you ever noticed that the bigger the Powerball jackpot gets, the more people buy tickets? Using that theory, I'm getting fewer but more expensive items for the monthly Raffles. I will have one item in which only tyers would be interested, and one or two that have more general appeal.

If you put your tickets in the basket for the fly tying prize and don't win, your tickets will then be added to the basket for the general items. This way only fly tyers will win those materials.

The door prizes are going to be better than ever. Everyone who attends gets a red ticket that gives one a chance to win a door prize.

### Featured Fly Shop for March

Since our first Club trip is to the Big Thompson River, our featured fly shop is on the way. Many thanks for their contribution and support!! **Great Western Fly Shop, 2707 W. Eisenhower Blvd # 7, Loveland, 80537, Tele: (970) 461-0701** provided a fly box with 26 flies for the Big Thompson (\$75 value) and fly tying materials with recipes for BigThompson flies (\$50 value).

The door prizes this month include a Leatherman tool, Bass Pro Shop cups, t-shirt, Matt Olmstead's book "Waders and Wild Life," fly tying material, a candle from **Cordie Medina**, and from Loon: Top Ride, Swax, and Ice-off paste.

Good luck to all! — *Karen Williams, Fundraising Chair*

## Tips to Help You Survive the Cold FIND JOY IN WINTER FISHING!

BY THE FISHING GRANDMA

YOU HAVE READ THIS BEFORE, BUT IT BEARS REPEATING: USING THE FOLLOWING advice when winter fishing can make your fishing day fun and exhilarating — and will give you that chance to stave off your city cabin fever.

- Eat a good, hot breakfast consisting of protein and carbs;
- Wear three layers of warm clothing — use a base layer of lightweight fleece or silk under a middle layer of heavier weight fleece; add a warm, wind-resistant and waterproof (not "water resistant") jacket;
- Wear a warm hat with earflaps and always put on a neck gaiter;
- Use hand and foot warmers;
- Take a bag of extra warm clothes (and extra waders if you have them), in case you take a spill;
- Take plenty of water to stay hydrated;
- Consider buying fishing boots with rubber soles and metal studs, since snow and ice often build up on felt soles;
- Watch for floating ice in the river; it can startle you or even knock you down;
- Use caution when walking near the bank, where ice can be slippery and thin (this is also where the fish may be holding);
- Make sure your First Aid Kit is packed in your vest;
- Exercise reason when you start to feel overly chilled: leave the water and head for the car to warm up;
- Take warm beverages in a thermos (or use a camp stove to heat water for tea, coffee or hot chocolate, although hot soup is much more nourishing). Hypothermia is not fun!

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**EDUCATION CLINICS**  
**FLY TYING CLASS CLOSSES ON MARCH 1**  
 BY ANITA ENGLISH, EDUCATION CHAIR

**T**his is a reminder that the Denver Angler will host fly tying classes for us again this year. Rick Typher will teach several patterns that will give the student a good base to build upon. All materials and equipment will be provided. The classes will be held in two sessions of 2-1/2 hours each: on Wednesday, March 14th and March 21st at a cost of \$45 for both sessions. We need four (4) students minimum and will cap the class at eight. Rick will schedule an intermediate/advanced class, if interest exists. **The application deadline is March 1.** Please call me at (303) 424-2354, if you have questions. ♦

**CWF FLY TYING APPLICATION**

Complete form and mail registration and check to: CWF Fly Tying Clinic:  
 c/o Anita English, 16234 W 71st Pl., Arvada, CO 80007.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Eve. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Sign me up! (\$45 for two sessions, first come/first served basis)

**Schedule at The Denver Angler, 6870 S. Yosemite, Centennial (303-403-4512)**

Wednesdays: Mar. 14 & Mar. 21 at 6:00-8:30 p.m. Beginning Fly Tying (all materials provided)

**Application Deadline: March 1st**

Total CHECK Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (payable to CWF) Registration will be confirmed via email and/or telephone. Directions will be given at that time.

**LAST CAST**

***"Sometimes one makes the deepest progress sitting still . . . it's not always the conquest that matters most, but being present in the moment and reflecting on the nature of things."***

**SUE MONK KIDD,  
 "FIRST LIGHT"**

**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
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**A WINTER FISHING DAY, PLUS**

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