



# COLORADO WOMEN FLYFISHERS<sup>©</sup>

*A sociable club for women who flyfish*

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## NOVEMBER MEETING

### DATE:

Tuesday, November 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 November meeting...*

## FLYFISHING IN THE WINTER with Pat Dorsey

Typically our November meeting is dedicated to business, but this November



PHOTOGRAPH FROM JODY YEHLER

we are going to focus on the business of winter fishing, in addition to giving members an accounting of the state of the Club. Our speaker is Pat "Fly of the Month Club" Dorsey from the Blue

Quill Angler in Evergreen. Pat is going to help us prepare for the cold months ahead with tips, tricks and techniques for successful winter angling. So, come on over to Piccolo's on November 6th and bring your long johns so we can get ready for some cold water. — *Jody Yehle, Vice President and Program Chair*

### January Meeting Change

Due to New Year's Day falling on the first Tuesday, the CWF program meeting will move to the second Tuesday, January 8. The January Board Meeting will move to the third Tuesday, January 15. ♦

## CWF Calendar

October 27 . . . . Deadline for Mailing  
CWF Election Ballots  
November 3 . . . . Deadline for Emailing  
CWF Election Ballots  
November 6 . . . . CWF Annual Meeting  
November 13 . . . CWF Board Meeting  
December 3 . . . . CWF Holiday Party  
Reservations Due  
December 8 . . . . CWF Holiday Party

**REMINDER Ballots for the CWF Board Elections are due on November 3rd. Email your choices to Diane Kyncl at [dkyncl@earthlink.net](mailto:dkyncl@earthlink.net). Your vote is needed.**

## Membership

- 86 New Members Enrolled in 2007.  
Current Membership: 215



**FOUL HOOKED:** Dawn Dobson's frustrating — and painful — neck injury has kept her from her usual fishing activities this summer. It wasn't until September 30th that she was able to get back on the river. It was great news to hear she was able to score three nice fish on the East River Club trip. Here's one of them. — Ed.



PHOTOGRAPH BY DAWN DOBSON

## BACK CAST OCTOBER MEETING

BY JODY YEHLER

Sharing his insight to fall fishing was Dan Wright, direct from his Colorado Academy of Fly Casting. Along with advice on heading to Cancun for bonefish when that autumnal crispness is in the air, Dan provided insight to fishing the Colorado, the Arkansas and the Conejos — among others.

With water levels low and bugs a bit more sparse, he suggests a horizontal casting technique so as not to spook the fish. And check the water temperature at least three times a day to understand when to stick with nymphs and when to think about changing to dries. In the fall during spawning, streamers can also be very productive.



PHOTOGRAPH FROM SANDY WRIGHT

**GOOD FALL FISHING ON THE BIG THOMPSON** Sandy Wright watches for fish but not fall foliage colors during the National Fly Fishing Championship.

The important thing is that when you catch that fish, stop and take a minute to think about what just happened. The conditions, the cast and the fly so you can do it again, and again, and maybe a few more times. ♦



## Fashion Items Arrive at CWF

The fall collection of CWF Wear hit the runway to rave reviews. We have denim shirts. We have fleece vests in black, spruce and merlot. And we have a multi-colored collection of caps. All items in all sizes and all sporting the CWF logo. To purchase, see Mary Ellen Freas at the November meeting — and don't forget your checkbook! ♦

## CLUB TRIP REPORT

### SEPTEMBER 15, ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK

BY DAWN DOBSON, TRIP CO-CHAIR

Several Club members joined our two volunteer trip coordinators, **Janet Lopez** and **Sherry Schrantz**, at Kirk's Fly Shop in downtown Estes Park. After taking advantage of Kirk's generous discount, our CWFers headed into the Park loaded with flies and insider tips from Kirk. In an effort to accommodate everyone's wishes, Janet and Sherry split up with the intention of minimizing our impact on the fragile ecosystem. One group "car fished" along Cub Creek Trail with Janet; the other group followed Sherry on a hiking adventure downstream, eventually ending at Fall River.

## Good Catches

**"In addition to all the fish excitement, Sherry's troop observed numerous elk doing their thing in the Horseshoe Park area."**

Sherry and Janet reported that several small brookies were caught by all, and **Joanne Sondock** took the prize with a 12-incher. **Willie Tebow** also did well, catching a couple that were 8 and 10 inches. In addition to

all the fish excitement, Sherry's troop observed numerous elk doing their thing in the Horseshoe Park area. She said, "One beautiful 12 point elk was musking himself in Sheep Lake. He was so proud of his black mud and his musk!"

Great fun was had by the group — my special thanks go to Janet and Sherry for volunteering to coordinate this trip in my absence! ♦

## ORGANIZERS OF THE 2007 CWF HOLIDAY PARTY ARE BUSY MAKING PLANS

BY JANE FRANCCEN AND KAREN WILLIAMS

2007: THE  
ANNIVERSARY  
YEAR OF  
CWF

**P**lans have begun for the Annual CWF Holiday Party, Raffle and Silent Auction to be held at the Denver Merchandise Mart on December 8. Committees have been formed, requests for member help are being solicited and papier mache fish are getting dusted off and patched up. Janet Canaan promises an even bigger and better slide show of the year's fishing activities.

### Make Reservations Now

The reservation form for the party can be found on page 11 of this issue of the newsletter. December 3 is the firm reservation deadline — sorry, late reservations cannot be accepted since The Mart needs time to prepare the holiday buffet.

### Overnight Bonus Offer

If you are spending Saturday night at the Comfort Inn, make your reservation now. A room with one queen bed will cost \$72.99, or find a roommate and reserve a room with two queen beds for an additional \$4.00. Call (303) 297-1717 and mention CWF for this special rate.

### How Can You Help?

A party of this size requires all kinds of volunteer help in order to assure its success. Your brains and brawn are needed. Here are the people to contact to volunteer your services: Jane Francen, Special Projects Chair (303) 777-9332 or email [fisher.jane@hotmail.com](mailto:fisher.jane@hotmail.com), Karen Williams, Funding Chair (720) 941-6160 or email [karenwilliam@comcast.net](mailto:karenwilliam@comcast.net), and Ellie Reiser, Membership Chair (303) 367-8847 or email [elliejr@earthlink.net](mailto:elliejr@earthlink.net).

Contributing a bit of time and your talent can go a long way to help CWF enjoy many years of fishing fun. — *Jane Francen*

**Have a very  
happy Rocktober.  
Go, Rockies!**

### Holiday Party Raffle

Some good stuff is being sorted and catalogued in my basement for the Holiday Party Raffle. With the help of 10 industrious volunteers, we introduced ourselves and CWF to 90% of the exhibitors at the AFTTA Flyfishing Retailers Show in September and asked for donations. Now the follow-up emails are being made and it looks to be a bountiful year.

### Can You Help Get a Prize?

Right now we are short on donated trips, so if you know someone you can ask, or if you can donate a guide trip it would help.

How about a condo that you could donate for a night or two? Any members want to Silent Auction themselves as a fishing buddy?

How much would someone pay to have Craige teach you distance casting, or Sandy Wright teach you the tips she learned at the National FlyFishing Championships (hint hint, ladies).

The ideas abound, but it takes all of us to come up with the good stuff.

### A Great Grand Prize

The grand prize this year will be a 4 wt, 8' 6," 4-piece, Thomas and Thomas rod. We are especially grateful to Thomas and Thomas, since this is the second time they have donated a rod to CWF. Thomas & Thomas, an east

**"Donated  
Items need to  
be delivered to  
me no later  
than  
November 11."**

KAREN WILLIAMS

coast, U.S. company, has been manufacturing rods since the '70s. In Craige Stainton's words, "It is a US manufactured rod. TOP quality. A pleasure to cast. A pleasure to own."

Other big ticket items are a float tube with accessories, pairs of Oakley and Ono polarized sunglasses, Korkers boots, a Folstaff wading staff and a Loon reel. Watch the December newsletter for a complete list of items and donors.

P.S. Anyone tying flies for a fly box donation or donating any items will need to deliver them to me by November 11th or they will go in next year's Raffles. — *Karen Williams*

## From the Presidential Suite

**So, just where does all your Club money go?** Some members ask us this question, although most are quiet and don't say anything, but yet periodically wonder. What is the Club doing with the money that is brought in from dues, monthly raffles, silent auctions and, of course, the Holiday Party extravaganza? Where is the money going?

Well, I thought I'd answer that question every now and then — and now is a good time because we've been busy.

### Last April two of our members competed in the Regional Trials for the National Fly Fishing Championships.

We helped pay the way for Janet Lopez and Sandy Wright to compete in those trials (up in Wyoming) so they could represent CWF and women flyfishers in general. Then in early October, Sandy Wright competed in the championships here in Colorado. Although her team did not make the cut to represent the USA at the international competition, she came in first among women competitors. We paid for Sandy's registration and a per diem to help out with her hotel bill while staying with her team in Boulder.

Coming up is our annual Holiday Party. As many of you may know, nice parties don't come cheap. We also know that not all of our members are financially well off, especially during the holiday season. **Therefore, the board allocates a sum of money every year to help offset some of the meal expenses.** This year we will be paying \$1,200 toward members' meals, with the hope that more of our membership will be able to attend.

Now, as if that's not enough, for next year **we've already earmarked money to donate** to Colorado Trout Unlimited (CTU) exclusively for stream restoration, money to Casting for Recovery and money to help Sherri Moore get her CWF group going in the Colorado Springs area.

Good things are happening — *from* good people *to* good people *for* good people!

May you all have tight lines, even if the "official" fishing season is winding down.

**Joanie McCord,  
President**

# Diary of a Happy Competitor

BY SANDY WRIGHT

**O**ur own Sandy Wright competed in the National Fly Fishing Championship (NFFC) to qualify for Fly Fishing Team USA in the first week of October. Janet Canaan kept members updated on her success throughout the week via cwftalk. For those of you who don't know, Sandy qualified for the NFFC at the Rocky Mountain Regional Trials in April and had been fishing hard ever since. Here is her day-by-day post of the challenges throughout the Championship.

## Sunday, September 30

Tomorrow the activities start in Boulder. I am leaving for Boulder in the a.m. to go fish with two of my team members. I am so excited about this! We have an awesome team and the guys are just wonderful! I have fished several days with them in the last two weeks and feel we should do well! Several of the guys have been up in Estes Park fishing the Big T and the Poudre and practice lakes since Wednesday. They have the flies figured out. In fact one of the guys got 100 dozen flies for us, and the guys are spending the next two days tying flies!! Never enough flies! They have also tied each team member a box of flies just for the lakes!

I fished the Poudre yesterday with them and man, is it going to be tough! The water is very, very low and not many fish! But we should catch some fish! I am getting lake fishing lessons tomorrow! So let the fishing begin!

## Monday, October 1

Today the activities started — drawing for the beats! They already had this done so it was quite simple. All we had to do is know how to read the paper! Here are the venues and beats you all have been waiting for!

Wednesday a.m. Big Thompson, Beat 5  
Wednesday p.m. upper Poudre, Beat 7  
Thursday a.m. lower Poudre, Beat 3  
Thursday p.m. Parvin Lake, Beat 12  
Friday a.m. Dowdy Lake, Beat 3

Fishing will start somewhere around 9 a.m.! Will fish for three hours and have lunch on the way to next venue! Drive time in between venue varies from place to place; the longest is from Boulder to Dowdy Lake, two hours!!!

I fished one of the practice lakes today, and the wind was blowing 900 miles an hour! But I managed to pull some fish in before they took me wind sailing! So hope you all say a little prayer to the fishing gods for me and my



PHOTOGRAPH FROM SANDY WRIGHT

**THE PERILS OF PAULINE** Uh'er Sandy. The Big Thompson was raging on the day of the competition.

team. And, by the way, my other teammates are Bernard Ramanauskas, Dave Pehle, Tanner Tenbrink and John Knight, the captain! So I will see ya' all on the river or the lake — and cheer for us!

## Tuesday, October 2

Fished Mary's Lake in Estes Park again with the guys and again 901 mph wind. But we did manage to catch fish!! Now it's back to the hotel to get ready for tomorrow's real fishing day!

## Wednesday, October 3

Just a short note cause I am pressed for time. 4 a.m. comes awful early.

Today was the first day of competition! I had the white water of the Big T and did manage to pull in two fish — no blanks! Still, on the beat, I caught more fish than several of the guys in my van!!!!

Afternoon was the upper Poudre and no blanks again! Five fish, and again I outfished several of the guys on the van! I also beat the guy who caught 10 fish on the Big T in the a.m. My team is in pretty good standings right now — not sure where, but we only had one blank on the team! One of the guys on my team won his beat with 21 fish landed and measured — this really helps our team!!!

Tomorrow is the lower Poudre where many fish were NOT caught! Then off to Parvin Lake, so keep your fingers crossed there for me! I'll let you all know tomorrow night where we stand in the rankings!

## Thursday, October 4

Thursday fishing didn't start out too good! The van driver took off, and I realized my net was still in the van! Well, I say to self, "Self, what now?" I answered myself with the best thing I could think of — just figure it out when you catch a fish! So I gear up and meet my con-

troller! I realize that I want to fish the opposite side of the river, and he needs to come with me! That's a problem because the crawdads can cross the river faster than he can!

I start fishing and guess what happens: I catch a fish. I look downstream where he is crossing and he isn't even halfway across. Well, the Poudre is not that wide of a river! So I need to get this fish to him to score — and remember no net, so I do the next best thing. I take my cap off and get the fish in my cap and walk it down to him! I figure I can cap my fish all day if I have to! So I get the fish to him, and he tries to put it in the little scorer, and he manages to lose my fish! Well, thank goodness, fish-lost scores an average of all fish caught! After all this, I look up on the bank and Ann Z shows up. I asked if she would go track down my net! Ann, thank you, and I still owe you a beer! On this beat I tied with three of the guys in my van!

Just to let you all know, the Poudre is cold this time of year, and I know this now from wading it! The sad news is I had my first blank today at Parvin Lake! Four out of the seven of us blanked. Tomorrow is another day!

## Friday, October 5

Today was the last of the fishing days! I was at Dowdy Lake, and the highlight of my day was seeing Joanne Sondock! Yes, it was another blank day! Had fish on but could not get them to the net! Not many fish caught today!

I must make a correction from yesterday's entries! My team is in 5th place as of yesterday morning and things could change, but we won't know until sometime tomorrow! As soon as it is posted I will let you all know!

Thanks for all the support!

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## **SPECIAL PROJECTS**

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7 "RACE FOR CURE" — A SPECIAL CWF EVENT**

BY CAROL STEGINK, EVENT COORDINATOR

**R**honda the Rainbow, in her big net, led more than a dozen CWF members and their families and friends on the annual Susan G. Komen "Race for the Cure." She and we joined more than 65,000 participants who ran or walked in this special event.

Rhonda, as usual, brought us lots of attention from spectators along the route — and from the news media, who wondered what she was all about. She even made an appearance on Channel 9 News Sunday night.

The stalwart CWF members who participated were **Anita English, Nancy Sherman, Jane Francen, Dawn Blom, Marion Roper, Diane Kyncl, Ellie Reiser, Arlys Warfield, Joanie McCord** and me.

**Mary Ellen Freas** slept in, and **Donna Lynne Keefover** could not find us in the throng. However we participate, this is always such a great event to be involved with.

After the race, we all gathered at the Blue Bonnet Restaurant for brunch as our reward to ourselves for a walk well done. This is always such a fun event — to get together with friends for a good cause. ♦

### **HERE'S ANOTHER KNOT TO TRY**

*Need a tool to tie that Clinch Knot?*

*Having trouble with the Bend Knot?*

Here's an alternate solution:

Push the tippet through the underside of the hook eye. Using the tag end of the tippet, tie an overhand knot over the "standing" tippet. Pull that knot tight. Now push the tag end of the tippet through the loop you made in front of the hook eye and pull the knot tight.

How much faster can it be to put a fly on a tippet? — *Our thanks to Ed at [www.feathercraft.com](http://www.feathercraft.com)*

**Mark Your Calendar for the CWF Holiday Party at the Denver Merchandise Mart on Saturday, December 8.**

PHOTOGRAPHS BY ARLYS WARFIELD



**RACE LEADERS** A Fish Called Rhonda (Rainbow) leads the way, accompanied by Carol Stegink, Jane Francen, Denise Munger (Diane's friend) and Diane Kyncl.



**A JOYOUS MARCH** Happy CWF members are either leading the Race . . . or, are among the rear guard.



**A THREE-MILE HIGH** CWFers and friends posed at mile one, while they still had their breath and no fallen arches.

**CLUB TRIP REPORT**  
**SEPTEMBER 29TH WEEKEND TRIP TO**  
**THREE RIVERS, ALMONT, CO**

BY DAWN DOBSON, TRIP CO-CHAIR

**W**e had an outstanding turnout for our final weekend trip of the season. Twenty-six members and guests (along with five canines) joined us to fish the Three Rivers Area at the base of Taylor Canyon. Several hardy campers closed out the camping season by staying in the campgrounds up the canyon, while others hunkered down at 3 Rivers Resort in Almont.

**Big Party Saturday Night**

Nancy Rutherford Turley and husband Steve hosted Marion Nutt's big 60th birthday bash on Saturday night (see also Member News, page 9). We had several long distance travelers join us including "Marcia from Miami," and Suzanne and Chuck Faerber came clear from Ohio! We were also able to reconnect with Dee and Jim Bond, who joined Nancy, Steve, Carol and Cal Stegink and Marion and Doug Nutt for dinner on Friday night. In addition, a local bruin joined in the fun by raiding the garbage just outside everyone's window Friday night!

*"...I looked down at my feet, only to be surprised by 40-50 fish schooled up in a deep hole."*

DAWN DOBSON

**A First**

When the big Kokanee boys fatigued the arms, several members headed up Taylor Canyon and reeled in numerous browns and

**Craige Scores Big**

Several women headed up the East River on Saturday and began to haul in the hearty Kokanee salmon making their annual run; however, no woman could keep up with Craige Stainton who seemed to hook a fish about every other cast. As I set up for

photos on the opposite bank, I looked down at my feet, only to be surprised by 40 to 50 fish schooled up in a deep hole.

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PHOTOGRAPH BY STEVE TURLEY

**OLD PALS SHARE FISH** Nancy Turley caught it; Carol Stegink netted it.



PHOTOGRAPH BY CHUCK FAERBER

**SAME FISH, DIFFERENT PHOTO** Sherri Moore poses with her Kokanee.

**BIRTHDAY PARTYGOERS**

(l. to r. back row) Anita English, Jody Yehle, Linda Price, Jane Francen, Nancy Sherman, Joanne Sondock, Marion Nutt, Chris Juvan, Steve Turley; (middle row) Judy Norman and her dachshunds, Stephanie Stout, Nancy Turley, Carol Stegink; (front row) Dawn Dobson, Craige Stainton and Marley, Suzanne Faerber, Sherri Moore, Janet Lopez and Oggie.



PHOTOGRAPH BY CHUCK FAERBER

**NOTICE:**  
**Renew your CWF Club Membership early and receive a special, surprise bonus gift.**

PHOTOGRAPH BY LISA RATTENNI



**CATHY'S THRILL** It's great when the Kokanee rise up and cheer for you, especially in 25 degrees!

PHOTOGRAPH BY STEVE TURLEY



**JANET LOPEZ'S DISAPPOINTMENT** Oggie was blasé when Janet caught a good fish!

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rainbows. I was even able to follow doctor's orders and fish for an hour or so! This was the first time I could fish since June, due to a neck injury. Three fish were quite kind and allowed me to make the most of my time (see "Foul Hooked" on page 2).

The only thing missing was my usual fishing companion, Arlys Warfield, who was also celebrating a monumental birthday — not in Colorado, but in New York (see related story on page 8)! Happy Birthday, Arlys! ♦

PHOTOGRAPH BY STEVE TURLEY



**BUT WAIT—THERE'S MORE** Joanne Sondock catches, too!

PHOTOGRAPH BY STEVE TURLEY



**FUN IN NUMBERS** Steve, your photo looks like a Manet painting of CWF members and friends fishing on a Sunday afternoon in the French countryside.

# An Open Letter to Lisa Rattenni

FROM ARLYS WARFIELD

Dear Lisa:

Next time you go home to visit your family in New York, try to do it in late September or early October. Then look into booking a flyfishing trip out on the end of Long Island with Paul Dixon of “To the Point” charter service. You will have a blast fishing and fighting for false albacore in a 24-foot boat riding the waves off Montauk Point. And to cut costs, take a pal or two with you.

This advice comes to you following my experience this past September. I knew Paul Dixon from his days as the Orvis flyfishing manager in New York City when I was a member of the Juliana Berner’s Society. About 14 years ago, he pioneered flyfishing off waters around Gardiner’s Island and Montauk Point, only two short hours by train from New York City. His foresight paid off and now he is often booked a year in advance by avid saltwater flyfishers.

## Flyfishing the Area

The season gets started in May in Peconic Bay, where striped bass patrol the creeks and estuaries. During the summer months,

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roving schools of bluefish, bonito and the occasional Spanish mackerel can be caught off Gardiner’s Island. Sometimes juvenile bluefin tuna will invade the area between Block

Island and Montauk Point.

But the months in fall and early winter are high season for flyfishers hunting for false albacore, striped bass and bluefish. The bluefish and striped bass are great eating, but the 8- to 10-pound false albacore is a hunk of muscle and bone, built to give you the fight of your life — and in rolling seas at that.

Note that 9- and 10-weight rods with special sinking lines and saltwater flies are required, but Paul’s flyfishing guides can provide them for you with advance notice (I took my own 9-weight and some flies, but since my line was not a full sink, I used Richie’s very nice Sage XP and good Tibor reel with a strong drag — never missed a hookup!

## Super Sunday

Paul was able to set me up with a great guide, long on experience, Richie Vitale from mid-island. He greeted me in his moss green Grundens (typical Bonacker foulweather gear, which is a must when boating big fish in salty, rolling seas) in Montauk Harbor early one bright Sunday morning. I wish

I had a pair since when I returned home my shorts, tennis shoes, Simms rain jacket and CWF cap were all caked with salt from the sea spray!



**RICHIE VITALE** A great guide and teacher.

I had come to fish for striped bass, but (1) the water was still too warm for them, and (2) Richie said striped bass are bottom feeders and give very little fight — the real thrill was hooking into false albacore, which cruise for baitfish in “the rip” off Montauk Point. We, along with about 100 other boats, set out looking for the schools and, spotting them, I was told to start casting in the middle of the boiling mass. (Richie was also patient with my wimpy casts and tried to help me understand the mechanics of a more effective cast — one day I will get it!)

## The Fish Fight

As soon as the fly sank, I put the rod under my arm and started stripping two-handed. When the fish hit, all hell broke loose, as it raced out 300 yards on a breakneck run (I have a small bruise under my arm when the reel crank spun on one albacore’s run!) Then comes the 20-minute fight, with it stopping then running then stopping then running, to bring it in without breaking off your tippet. One of my hookups ran at me, and I was at a loss as to how to reel fast enough to keep it on the hook. I didn’t. What I found amazing is that, given the fight these fish put up, it is still catch-and-release fishing! Even the albacore which swallowed the fly and seemed dead was revived and swam off with a sore throat — and lived to take another fly another day.

I came home exhausted but extremely happy for the experience. If you, too, would like this opportunity, I suggest you email Paul at [captainpauldixon@aol.com](mailto:captainpauldixon@aol.com) or check out his website at <http://www.flyfishingmontauk.com/PaulDixonBio.htm>.

Yr. pal,  
Arlys



PHOTOGRAPHS FROM ARLYS WARFIELD

**SUCCESS IS NOT FALLING OUT OF THE BOAT** The thrill of landing a 10-pound false albacore is matched only by staying upright on a rolling boat in 4-foot waves while fighting the fish!

**MEMBER NEWS**  
**CELEBRATIONS ALL AROUND**  
 BY THE NEWS STAFF

We are pleased to report that several milestones were achieved by Club members this past month.

**Marion Nutt** reached her 60th birthday with little trouble (as long as you don't count Doug's knee surgery as trouble!) but delayed the celebration activities until the East River Club Trip, where a fine cake was displayed and a large audience watched her blow out the candles. Also in September, **Arllys Warfield** celebrated that birthday you dare not mention for fear of being offered a seat on the crowded bus.

One of our favorite couples, **Diane and Russ Kyncl**, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on October 16th.

**Carol Neville** wrote that she became a new grandma in September: "Yes, I'm Grandma. Presley Nicole Neville was born on Saturday



PHOTOGRAPH BY STEVE TURLEY

**TWO MILESTONES CELEBRATED** Marion Nutt celebrated her 60th birthday on the CWF East River trip in September. Carol Neville stayed home from the trip to greet her first grandchild.

evening, 9/29. She was a little peanut: 5 lbs. 13 oz. (same as my son Eric's birth weight!) 20" long. She is healthy, though, despite a little bit of jaundice, which is not unusual. I just got home today from being in Loveland with her, et al since the birth. I already miss holding her! This Grandma thing is awesome!"

CWF supporter **Joan Salvato Wulff** was inducted to the IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame this October, 2007. We know all Club members send her their congratulations for this well-deserved honor! ♦



PHOTOGRAPH FROM CAROL NEVILLE

**ALL IN THE FAMILY** Miki Seeley's niece, Kaylyn James, recently began to flyfish and caught this nice trout on the Arkansas in Pueblo — note that she will get the fly rod that Miki won at the September program meeting. She is a freshman at UNC on a softball scholarship.



PHOTOGRAPH FROM MIKI SEELEY

SANDY WRIGHT'S "DIARY OF A HAPPY COMPETITOR" CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4

**Monday, October 8**

Well, the championships are over, and for those of you who did not see the email, here is where I finished. The team I was on finished 6th out of 14. I was good in the individual standings until I hit the lake venues. I blanked in both lakes, so therefore I finished 56th out of 70. However ... I was the top woman finisher!

I would like to take a moment for Thank You's. First I would like to thank CWF members for all I have learned through them over the last ten years! When I first joined the Club I had no idea what a leader was. I would tie my tippet directly to my fly line. I began my Club fishing days with, yes, Chris Juvan. We fished every weekend, and she taught me a lot. I kept fishing and kept learning and am still learning and fishing! The knowledge

this Club has to offer is so valuable that I cannot express my gratitude in words.

I would also like to thank CWF for the financial support for the Regionals and the Nationals.

Thank you to all of you that have taught me how to fish over the years. Fishing with the Club always makes you want to outfish each other so that competitiveness is always there. Thank you, fellow fisherwomen.

In return, I hope to teach some of you some of the methods and techniques I have learned. Fishing in these tournaments opens your eyes to different techniques — basically it's another world of flyfishing. It can be fun if you are willing to learn these new things.

The Nationals was another great learning experience. Now that I have two of these under

my belt, who knows what next year may bring! I got to talk to a lot of the anglers and learned some of their secret flies. I also made some new contacts with fellow fishermen and learned how the British Army team fishes some of their flies! Very exciting stuff, and I will be working on these techniques — and if you want to learn, just let me know!

I would also like to encourage some of you other women to give this a try! Not so much for the competition side but to let those guys out there know that women can flyfish also! Maybe we could get a few more women out at the Regionals and into the Nationals! I would be willing to help any of you who would like to give this a try!

So, once more,  
 THANK YOU, CWF!

## The Raffle Corner - November 2007

Monthly Raffles come to an end for 2007. I have budgeted money to spend in 2008 so we will have more and better items in our Raffle.

### November Raffle

Check out the gift certificate for a Luxestar "Get Hooked" t-shirt donated and produced by Eve Murphy, a \$15 gift card from Bass Pro Shop, a pair of Patagonia tipless gloves, a wading staff, a Rio 5-weight forward fly line, and a Joan Wulff fly casting teaching tool at the Raffle table as you come in and buy lots of tickets early.

There is a double portion of the usual Fly of the Month selection from Pat Dorsey at Blue Quill Angler (Tak's Emerger Baetis #20) and the CWF Traveling Fly Box.

### Door Prizes

Door prizes include a video on tying dry flies; "Essence of Flycasting"; a suede-covered fishing journal; a hat from Umpqua; a couple of packs of tying materials; some Loon Biostrike strike indicator putty; a CD about Spey flyfishing; a couple of Loon Top Ride dry floatants; some size 8 hooks and some miscellaneous trinkets. — Karen Williams, Fundraising Chair

## EDUCATION

### AVOIDING DIGITAL DISASTERS

BY DIANE MEYER

*After reviewing many of the photos submitted to the newsletter this year, including my own, I felt it was wise to reprint a useful article provided by our resident professional photographer, Diane Meyer. It outlines her advice for better photographic reproduction in the order of importance (note: pixel setting is the most important). You will be amazed at the difference in quality when you go to get prints of your best fishing photos. — Ed.*

**SO YOU'RE READY TO TAKE PICTURES.** Camera, angler, trout...everything is ready. But, wait. Are you sure you can't make the picture better? Here are some basic tips for both digital and film cameras to consider before you hit that shutter button.

**Check Your Pixel Setting:** To get the best quality picture from your digital camera, set it to the highest pixel setting. Sure, you'll get fewer images on the flash card, but with digital, you can simply delete the ones you don't like, so snap away!

**Hold Your Camera Steady:** Camera movement is the most common reason for blurry pictures. Steady your upper body by tucking your arms into your sides. Hold our breath and snap the shutter. Tripods are the best way to avoid camera shake.

**When to Use Flash:** Most cameras have automatic flash that fires in low light. Turn it on in daylight when your subject is in shade, has shadows on their face or the sun is behind the subject your photographing. Know your flash's distance limit. Most point-and-shoot cameras including digital are limited to 10 feet. If you're out of that range, the flash won't reach the subject.

**Avoid the Bulls-eye Effect:** There's nothing exciting about placing the subject in the middle of the picture. You can create a better picture by placing your subject off center, either to the right or to the left.

**Delete White Space:** White space is the empty, boring area around the subject. If you're photographing people, move in close and fill the frame.

Every photo you take will benefit from your newfound expertise when you apply just these few new techniques – and our CWF newsletter will, too! ♦



PHOTOGRAPHS FROM DIANE MEYER

Picture quality is her Job One.

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# 11TH ANNUAL CWF HOLIDAY PARTY RESERVATION FORM

We have the pleasure of having our 11th Annual Holiday Dinner/Raffle/Auction Party at the Denver Merchandise Mart on Saturday, December 8th. This special event's social hour will begin with a cash bar and hors d'oeuvres, beginning at 6:00 p.m. and continuing to 7:00 p.m. While you are meeting friends and choosing your Raffle and Silent Auction items, you can treat yourself to this hors d'oeuvres assortment: ham, asparagus and cream cheese roll ups, shrimp tempura with honey ginger coconut sauce, quiche florentine and the ever-present meatballs.

Our buffet dinners will include carved prime rib, range chicken with sherry peppercorn sauce, salads, vegetables, several desserts, along with assorted rolls and coffee/tea. You will also have the option of ordering wine for the dinner table from the cash bar.

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

\_\_\_\_\_ \$32.00 **Buffet** Meal

\_\_\_\_\_ \$30.00 **Vegetarian** Meal

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

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

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RESERVATIONS AND CHECKS ARE DUE no later than Monday, DECEMBER 3rd — this is a FIRM deadline since the Merchandise Mart must have a final headcount on that date. Sorry, no late reservations will be accepted.

**EARN A BONUS GIFT — Renew Your Yearly Membership with Your Party Reservation!!**

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

### REMITTANCE

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

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