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OCTOBER MEETING

DATE:

Tuesday, October 2, 2007

TIME:

5:30 - 6:30 Social Hour

6:30 - 7:30 Dinner (Optional, \$10.00)

7:30 - 8:30 Program

PLACE:

Piccolo's Restaurant

3563 S. Monaco Parkway (near the corner of Hampden), Denver

PLEASE BRING:

A donation for our monthly Raffle

A flyfishing friend *New guests are welcome!*

How to Get There

Piccolo's is located at 3563 S. Monaco Parkway, Denver, approx. one-half mile east of I-25 near the southwest corner of Hampden and Monaco in the King Soopers shopping center. Go to the private banquet room on the right side of the restaurant. We will be there!

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

At our October meeting...

OCTOBER MEANS FALL FISHING with Dan Wright

And we'll be talking about some mean fall fishing with our local,



favorite guide and casting instructor. Dan will be sharing his secrets for the best flies, best places and best techniques to use this fall, so

make sure you get to Piccolo's on October 2nd.

Dan Wright is a full-time flyfishing instructor. His credentials include Federation of Fly Fishers Certified Master Instructor and a FFF Board of Governor for the Casting Instructor Certification Program. He is also an author and is currently serving as Senior Editor for *The Fly Fishing Insider*.

Contact him at dan@flycastingacademy.com.

— Jody Yehle, Vice President and Program Chair

CFW Calendar

- October 2 . . . CWF Meeting
October 7 . . . Race for the Cure
October 9 . . . CWF Board Meeting
October 15 . . Club Day Trip,
Quincy Reservoir
October 27 . . Deadline for Mailing
CWF Election Ballots
October 28 . . Girl Scout Sports Day
& CWF Casting Clinic

Welcome New Members

Elycia Boyer Boulder
Lindsay Clewe Monument
Dee Drummond Monument
Krystal Kruu Parker
Lee Ann Reynolds Parker
Leslie Tengwall Longmont
Sandy Terning Windsor
Laurie Turney Boulder

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



FOUL HOOKED: *Although the newsletter staff has received many compliments for its "Flyfishing Tips" article in the last issue, it was remiss in not crediting Nancy Rutherford Turley for the original idea and much of the text. Her first article, "How-to-Get-on-the-Water-Faster-So-You-Can-Start-Fishing-Sooner REMEDIES" was first published in the April, 2000 newsletter. Nancy tells us that "the idea was born from ideas accumulated from the Education Clinics and monthly programs and from my own personal experience when fishing with Carol Stegink on a Waterton Canyon Club trip."*

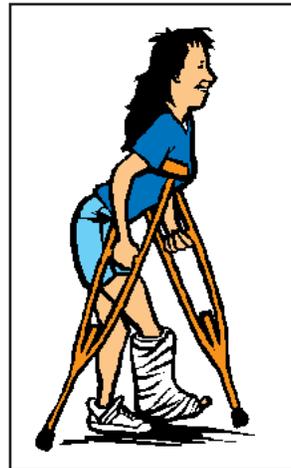
We continue to be indebted to Nancy for her many ideas for the newsletter — without which it would not be as interesting and educational as it is. — Ed.

BACK CAST SEPTEMBER MEETING

BY ARLYS WARFIELD

The program chair, Jody Yehle, first announced the proposed speakers were unable to attend the meeting and then opened up the discussion of flyfishing tips for the Taylor, the East and the Gunnison rivers to the assembled group. The first participant, **Chris Juwan**, entertained the audience with a shaggy dog story about how **Phyllis Vinson** did not let a broken ankle keep her from fishing the East River a few years ago.

Then **Nancy Cloos-Nettel**, who is on the flyfishing staff at Bass Pro Shops, gave the group a few tips on how to fish kokanee salmon during their spawning season. She likes to use a 6-weight rod with a 1x, 7-1/2 foot leader and 3x tippet with big split shot to get down to the fish. Indicators are not needed since kokanee strike with a vengeance.



NO WAY TO FISH Watch those slippery banks; crutches don't make good fishing equipment.

Kokanee Patterns

Nancy produced a fly box of her favorite patterns, which include a big Hare's Ear; Royal Coachman; a size 6 Micky Finn (she suggests weighting it with two split shots and chucking it at the top of a hole); orange egg patterns; and steel-head patterns, if you have them. She suggested that a new web site to visit is www.coloradofisherman.com to share information.

Pat Nilsson reminded the group that using a BWO or an Adams in the early evening on the Taylor behind the boathouse (which is across the street from the 3 Rivers Lodge) can produce nice browns.

THE RAFFLE

The selection ranged from fly tying material to flyfishing gear to homemade cookies, with the latter receiving the most style points. **Marsha Exley's** selection of chocolate chip, peanut butter, snickerdoodles, toffee almond sandies, granola and peanut butter oatmeal was won by **Marion Nutt**, to the disappointment of many. But Marion shared her booty, endearing herself to all. Those who lost out can take advantage of Marsha's new cookie business by calling (303) 733-3281, or e-mailing her at debjoemarsh@comcast.net to place orders for her homemade specialties. Other winners included **Joanne Sondock** (fly tying stuff), **Anita English** (Pat Dorsey's Fly of the Month), **Miki Seeley** (the Dan Hall custom fly rod) and **Nancy Cloos-Nettel** (CWF Traveling Fly Box). ♦

GO FISH QUINCY RESERVOIR SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15 CLUB DAY TRIP TO AURORA

BY PHYLLIS VINSON, TRIPS CO-CHAIR

We're finishing off the 2007 fishing season with a return to Quincy Reservoir, so don't retire your belly boats just yet. Quincy is a small reservoir that offers the opportunity of catching several warm water species as well as trout. From the water you will see great views of Mount Evans and the front range.

You can fish it from a boat (hand powered or electric only) or walk the shoreline along a path that encircles the lake (note that neither dogs nor bikes are allowed on the path). Often near the end of the season, the DOW releases brood trout into Quincy, offering the lucky angler the opportunity for a larger than normal catch. Even without these bruisers, there are plenty of chances to get a bend in your rod. The one-time state record pike came from here, and there are still plenty of large ones out there. Smallmouth and largemouth bass, as well as panfish, are also known to ply these waters.

Come help us finish off another great season with our trip to Quincy Reservoir. Check cwfTalk@Google for meeting time and place. ♦

"Current information on rivers throughout the country can be found on a new website, FlyFishingConditions.com. The site collects information from guides and fly shops in a scouting network covering a wide range of destinations." — CHARLIE MEYERS, DENVER POST

SPECIAL PROJECTS

HIGH ADVENTURES ON THE ANNUAL CWF RIVER CLEAN UP

BY MARION ROPER, EVENT COORDINATOR

AUGUST 18, 2007: our Annual CWF River Clean-up. This year our goal was to clean the South Boulder Creek below Gross Reservoir.

Participants included **Anita English, Chris Juvan, Craige Stainton, Jane Francen, Joanne Sondock, Roseanna Neupauer, Barb Keller, Dawn Blom, Joanie McCord, Karen Williams, Marion Roper, Mary Ellen Freas, Nancy Sherman** and two canine helpers, Marley & Barney. What began as a community project turned into a potential rescue mission. Read on.

A downhill hike of a little over a mile was required to get to the water. Some members wanted to take a longer hike, so the group split in half with plans to clean until noon and meet at a pleasant picnic area where prepared lunches, carried with us along with our fishing gear, would be served.

The creek was beautiful, clean and clear. It was much cleaner than anticipated, which should have left us a lot of time for fishing. We actually took in more trash with our lunches than what needed to be picked up!

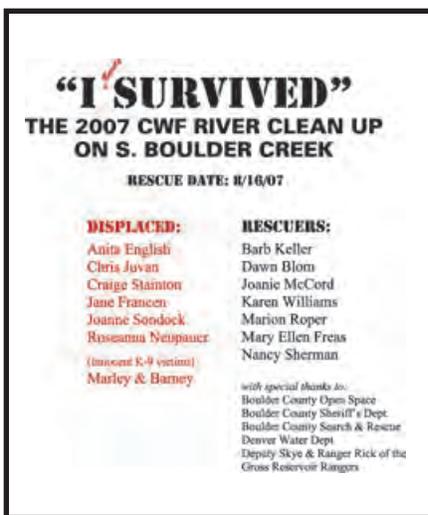
Group One picked up trash until we reached the picnic area. After an enjoyable lunch, we spent the next few hours fishing. Ranger Rick came by on his ATV. Joanie tried to bribe him for a ride back to the parking lot so we wouldn't have to walk back uphill. He volunteered to have Deputy Skye pick us up in a Denver Water pickup truck around 3 p.m..

Skies Turn Dark

By this time Group Two still had not arrived at our meeting place, and we began to worry. As hikers, bikers and others came by we inquired whether they had seen a group of



THE COMMEMORATIVE T-SHIRT Front and back views of Stephanie Stouff's original design for the Clean Up Crew.



women with large orange bags and fishing gear. No one had seen them. We walked to the area for our pickup as rain began to fall. When we arrived at the parking lot, vehicles belonging

to our other group were still there. Most of us waited for them to return and tried to reach them on walkie talkies and cell phones. At 5 p.m. I went to the Ranger Station for assistance. They sent out rangers on ATV's and trucks. Finally, the Boulder County Sheriff's Department was called, as was Boulder County Open Space. Finally around 6:30 p.m. we saw a tiny speck in the distance, and it turned out to be Roseanna Neupauer, a new member on her first trip. Slowly others literally dragged themselves to the parking lot. Helicopters would have been called next had our members not begun to arrive. Marley, one of our canine helpers, seemed excited to see us, and the Boulder County Deputy joked with Joanne Sondock about giving her a ticket for not having Marley on a leash.

The Sad Saga of Group Two

After all members had arrived, we were told that when they got to the creek they started to clean. The problem, however, was that this was not part of the trail. This section of the creek has high steep walls with no pathways. Being the adventurous souls they are, they made a concerted effort to work up the creek. They did manage to get in a lot of fishing and picked up some trash. Finally they found there was no way they would be able to continue and turned around to go back the way they had come. They walked more than three miles over rugged terrain and were completely exhausted when they arrived back at the parking lot.

A Cautionary Tale

We learned valuable lessons from this year's clean up. Most important was to stay on the trail. This adventure may have had tragic consequences. As if we needed anything to help us remember, our clean up crew had Stephanie Stouff design T-shirts made for the occasion, which we wore to the September Club meeting. This will be one River Clean-up that won't soon be forgotten. ♦

AN OPEN MEMO TO PARTICIPANTS IN THE "RACE FOR THE CURE"

FROM CAROL STEGINK, CWF RACE COORDINATOR

All Club members who have signed up to walk in the Sunday, October 7th Susan G. Komen "Race for the Cure" should plan on meeting at the Pepsi Center at 7:15 a.m., allowing time to park and walk to the meeting area. Look for the CWF Banner in the area reserved for groups, which is located behind the Kacey Furniture building (near Speer and Auraria Parkway). It is strongly recommended that participants take the Light Rail, RTD or carpool to the Pepsi Center since parking for the event will be at a premium.

We identify ourselves and our group by wearing our fishing vests and logoed apparel (CWF ball caps and/or shirts). We plan to march behind Rhonda, our enormous rainbow mascot.

Many events are planned after the race in the Pepsi Center parking lot, if you wish to stay and enjoy them. At 11 a.m. we will gather at the Blue Bonnet Restaurant (Broadway near Alameda) for brunch. If you have questions or need more information, please call me at 303-771-2078. ♀

FOR WOMEN ONLY CHOOSING A FLY ROD

BY DENISE MAXWELL

I remember my first fly rod. My husband decided what model I should have and purchased it for me. We had just completed a fly fishing course and he thought I needed my own fly rod, otherwise I would be “borrowing” his. Unfortunately I didn’t like his choice, so it didn’t get used very much. The problem was the rod’s length. To my husband’s credit, he was trying to help me by getting an 8-foot rod that, in his opinion, was better for me. But the shorter rod just didn’t cast well, and I had to work hard to get any distance.

It’s amazing how this experience has stuck in my mind for over thirty years. I realized that I needed to know what I wanted in a fly rod and speak up about it. Since that time, through my own experiences and having taught many women fly anglers around the world, there are a few important things to consider.

Check Rod Length

First of all, does the length of a fly rod make a difference if you are a woman? Some instructors believe that a shorter rod of 8 or 8 1/2 feet is easier for a shorter person, whether male or female, to cast. In my opinion, this isn’t necessarily true. The most common length for a fly rod now is 9 feet. This is a good length to start from, so whether you go up or down from that length depends on a few things.

Where you fish and the size of the water you fish should influence the length of rod you use more than your gender should. Personally I like a longer rod, partly because I fish larger rivers for trout and steelhead and partly for reasons of personal preference. Longer lengths of 9 1/2 to 10 feet help me with line control and deeper wading in these situations.

Also, consider how rod length affects your comfort in casting and fishing. I find a 9-foot rod to be most comfortable because I can cast smoothly with less effort, my casting stroke isn’t rushed, and I have better line on the water with the extra length.

Longer rods are generally heavier than shorter rods, as you may expect. I have a friend of small stature who wanted a 15-foot, 10-weight rod, and she got it! However, the heavy rod was more than she could comfortably handle and took a lot of physical effort to cast for any length of time. Now she much prefers a lighter 9-foot rod for her occasional fishing days.

Check the Grip

What else to consider? Don’t overlook the importance of how the cork handle fits your hand. The grip must be comfortable and allow you to cast and fish for lengthy periods of time without cramping or hurting your hand. Two things to consider in a cork handle are the shape of the handle and the diameter of the cork. I use a standard-size handle and prefer a Half Wells shape of grip because for me, it is the most comfortable. However if you have a smaller hand, then you must try different shapes and narrower diameters of grip. Some manufacturers offer a custom grip size.

What about your physical size? No matter how we wish it wasn’t so, men are physically stronger and able to cast farther. That’s why Steve Rajeff can cast 240 feet or more. The longest woman’s cast is around 180 feet. It just isn’t fair! This doesn’t mean, however, that women catch fewer fish. On the contrary, women make very good anglers, so don’t automatically believe that strength or distance equals fishing success.

Selecting Rod Weight

Your physical size, however, will help determine what weight of rod you choose. Should you buy a 4-weight, a 5-weight or a 6-weight fly rod? They will all do the job. So consider the size of the fish you are targeting, the size of fly you will be casting (a small #16 dry fly vs. a big #4 streamer), and whether you can cast and fish with that weight. What is more comfortable for you? Small fish and small flies can mean a smaller rod (either a shorter or a lighter rod, or both). I use the rule that the fish on the end of the line should feel like a monster.

What is Rod Action?

Rod actions and the words to describe them can be confusing. (*See our Insider Tips department for more on rod action.*) I prefer, and recommend, that my students and women fly anglers in general consider a rod with medium action. This action is very forgiving, which allows the caster to feel the line, load the rod well during the cast, and

handle and land fish easily.

How many rod pieces? Multi-piece rods are great if you travel to fish or are short of space. A short rod tube can go in your luggage. Nothing is worse than stepping off the plane and finding out that your rods didn’t make the trip.

How’s your casting? First of all, be realistic. Get some casting lessons before you buy if you need help. It’s amazing how a rod “improves” when your casting does. If you have a rod gathering dust in a closet or the basement, it might improve after some casting lessons and practice. Lots of anglers keep buying rods, not realizing that it’s really their casting that needs help.

Here is what I advise my students about buying a rod: If you’re just starting out, buy a less expensive starter outfit consisting of rod, reel, and line. The combo usually includes a 9-foot, 5- or 6-weight, medium-action rod, which is a great place to start for trout fishing. After a season of fishing with your starter outfit, you can decide whether you want to step up to another rod or reel. Your initial purchase can then become a spare rod or be passed on.

Check Your Budget

How about your budget? The price range of fly rods is mind-boggling. You must decide how much you want or can afford to spend and then stay in that price range. Aside from matching the rod to your needs and size, there are other things to consider such as warranty. If you need a lifetime warranty, that will be reflected in the purchase price. Check it out and decide what you can live with.

And the last thing to consider is this: A fly rod has to suit your wants and needs because you will be the one using it. Well-meaning advisors can put their own personal slant on a rod purchase. And while one particular rod might suit them, it might not necessarily suit you.



Try It On

Try out that rod before you put your money down! Just like buying a car or a pair of jeans, it’s important to see if it is a good fit. A rod purchase is a big investment. Whether this is your first rod purchase or not, do your homework before you buy so you won’t make a mistake. And if you do your homework well, you will have a fly rod that will keep you satisfied for many years. It sounds like a lot of work, but the journey to that successful rod purchase is priceless!

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COMING SOON
Check your mailbox
for the 2007 CWF
Election Ballot and
Candidates Statements
arriving in early
October.

CLUB TRIP REPORT
AUGUST 25TH TRIP TO THE SOUTH
PLATTE IN ELEVENMILE CANYON

BY NANCY SHERMAN, TRIP
COORDINATOR

Nine of us, including new member **Sabrina Boston**, carpooled from Denver and connected with **Craige Stainton**, **Chris Juvan** and **Barney**, who were camping near the dam. What a glorious day to fish – blue skies, comfortable temperatures and no wind! Trico spinners were in the air, emergers coming off the water and the trout beginning to feed on them. A smallish #22 spinner may have been what they wanted, so anything larger was casually inspected and almost always rejected.

Ah, but they were picky. After the spinner fall ended, catching became a bigger challenge. There seemed to be no sure-to-

“What a glorious day to fish – blue skies, comfortable temperatures and no wind!”

catch fly pattern (nymphs or dries), although **Jane Francen** did better than the rest of us with “some fuzzy thing” (we think it was a parachute pattern). The trout were well fed, judging by the football-shaped

bodies of some of the browns landed. My feeling is the trout fed so well on the tricos in the morning, they took the afternoon off to digest them.

Linda Price drove from Villa Grove (in the northern San Luis Valley) to fish with us, and **Connie Centenio** came from Divide to chat with us over our lunch break.

Although it was a tough catching day, it was a fun day – casting practice and good companionship with lots of time to chat and enjoy the setting. ♦

2007 HOLIDAY PARTY
SLIDESHOW

A PICTURE IS WORTH
A 1,000 WORDS

BY JANET CANAAN

It's that time of year again, the time when the leaves are turning and our CWF club trips are almost finished for the season. It's also a good time of year to download the summer CWF photos from your digital camera or get copies of all those great shots you took this year!

I need photos for the Holiday Party slideshow...lots of photos! PHOTOS ARE NEEDED BY OCTOBER 15TH, so don't wait!

Questions? Email or call me at 303-985-4479.

Please forward any and all photos of CWF trips or other fishing trips with CWF members. School keeps me from getting to meetings, so email or snail-mail is the best bet. You can email them to jcanaan@jcanaan.com or, if you have prints, mail them to:

Janet Canaan,
8118 West Eastman Place,
Lakewood, CO 80227.

CWF CASTING CLINIC - AUGUST 2007



PHOTOGRAPHS BY ARLYS WARFIELD

THE DOUBLE HAUL . . . DOWN UP, DOWN UP Anita English (r.) shows good form to start and finish the cast, while Jody Yehle goes through similar motions and Phyllis Vinson seeks instructor Dan Wright's advice.

REHABBING THE SOUTH PLATTE

FLYFISHING FOR CARP IN DOWNTOWN DENVER

BY ARLYS WARFIELD

Silverthorne has the Blue; Basalt the Frying Pan; Aspen the Roaring Fork; Denver the South Platte. All of these municipalities have rivers that can be a flyfisher's dream running through them. But the similarities end there. The Blue, the Frying Pan and the Roaring Fork are world renowned; but the South Platte where it flows through town needs restoration in order to compete as a first class flyfishing river.

The Denver Chapter of Trout Unlimited wants to change all that. It is committed to raising funds to improve the South Platte in Denver and outlying suburbs. And it wants to raise awareness with the local denizens of the economic benefits of a clean and structurally sound river for fishing.

To that end, the chapter sponsored the South Platte River Pro-Am Carp Slam on Saturday, September 8th to publicize the potential of this stretch of river, the joys of fishing for carp and the best places to fish for them in downtown. Fifteen participants, including CWF member **Sharon Lance**, paid \$175 each to test their skills against ol' "bugle mouth." Spectators interested in learning how to fish for carp joined the competitors at lunchtime at the Andrews-on-Lincoln sports bar to hear Barry Reynolds, author of *Carp on a Fly*, describe the fish, the gear, the flies and the techniques used to catch them.

He began by noting that carp are strong and tough and wary. They are spooked not only

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CRUISING FOR CRAWFISH Mallard ducks aren't deterred from fishing the river, as they navigate between bed springs, old tires and soda cans.



THE ORGANIZERS Barry Reynolds (right) listens to members of the Denver Chapter of Trout Unlimited describe their goals for accomplishing the rehabilitation of the South Platte River in Denver and the South Platte River Clean-Up scheduled to take place on Saturday, September 29th .



STALKING HER PREY Sharon Lance sets her drift just below I-25 near the intersection of Alameda (we cropped out the offending graffiti on the rocks above).



THE PROS CONFER At one of the beats near Mile High Station, two contestants try to figure out which fly will succeed.

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by vibrations caused by the angler, but also loud talking. They like to hold in the slack water but go deep in the warm summer months. They are usually found in the shallows in the spring just before spawning and immediately after. It is best to sight fish these monsters, using rods in the 6 – 8 weight range. In the river, they are not subject to the seasonal changes found in lakes and ponds, but changes in river flow do restrict the angler’s visibility and wading possibilities. Water flows in the 160 to 180 cfs are the best times to fish the river.

Fly Patterns to Use

Barry prefers fishing a one-fly rig with patterns in the dark or rusty range. Orange, bright flies can pique a carp’s interest. Barry also likes to use crayfish flies, aquatic worms or damselfly nymphs. He first weights his flies, then adds split shot to get the fly down to the bottom where the carp reside.

South Platte Fishing Points of Interest in Denver

The competition used three general places along the river: (1) the confluence of Cherry Creek and the South Platte across from REI; (2) Mile High Station off Colfax; and (3) between Alameda and East Mississippi.

In the winter, the best place to fish is in the warm water just below the power plant in downtown. ♦



THE CATCH The best place for spotting carp was at Confluence Park, across from REI.



NETTING IT The Pro-Am Carp Slam controller goes into the river to net the carp . . .



. . . and carries it to the bank to measure it for the record — a nice 30-incher.

PHOTOGRAPHS BY ARLYLS WARFIELD

SCIENTIFIC NEWS FROM ALL OVER

SALMON SPAWN BABY TROUT IN EXPERIMENT

BY LAURAN NEERGAARD, ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON: Papa salmon plus mama salmon equals ... baby trout?

Japanese researchers put a new spin on surrogate parenting as they engineered one fish species to produce another, in a quest to preserve endangered fish. Idaho scientists begin the next big step next month, trying to produce a type of salmon highly endangered in that state — the sockeye — this time using more plentiful trout as surrogate parents.

The new method is “one of the best things that has happened in a long time in bringing something new into conservation biology,” said University of Idaho zoology professor Joseph Cloud, who is leading the U.S. government-funded sockeye project.

The Tokyo University inventors dubbed their method “surrogate broodstocking.” They injected newly-hatched but sterile Asian masu salmon with sperm-growing cells from rainbow trout — and watched the salmon grow up to produce trout. The striking success, published in Friday's edition of the journal *Science*, is capturing the attention of conservation specialists, who say new

“Injecting the male [salmon] cells into female salmon sometimes worked, too, prompting five female salmon to ovulate trout eggs — a scientific first.”

GORO YOSHIZAKI, TOKYO UNIVERSITY MARINE SCIENTIST

techniques are badly needed. Captive breeding of endangered fish is difficult, and attempts to freeze fish eggs for posterity so far have failed.

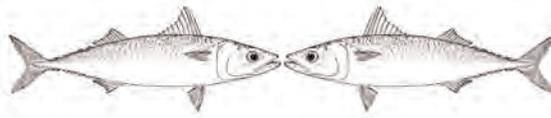
“They showed nicely that ... they produced the fish they were shooting for,” said John Waldman, a fisheries biologist at Queens College in New York. “Future work should look to expand this approach to other fish-

es in need of conservation, in particular, the sturgeons and paddlefish,” he added.

“We have a lot of species of fish around the world that are really in danger of becoming extinct.”

Ultimate Goal

The Japanese researchers' ultimate goal: Boost the rapidly dwindling population of bluefin tuna, a species prized in a country famed for its tuna appetite. “We need to



rescue them somehow,” said Goro Yoshizaki, a Tokyo University marine scientist who is leading the research. First, Yoshizaki's team started with salmonids, a family that includes both salmon and trout, and one of concern to biologists because several species are endangered or extinct.

Initial attempts to transplant sperm-producing cells into normal masu salmon mostly produced hybrids of the two species that didn't survive. This time, Yoshizaki engineered salmon to be sterile. He then injected newly-hatched salmon with stem cells destined to grow into sperm that he had culled from male rainbow trout.

Once they were grown, 10 of 29 male salmon who got the injections produced trout sperm, called milt. Here's the bigger surprise: Injecting the male cells into female salmon sometimes worked, too, prompting five female salmon to ovulate trout eggs. That's a scientific first, Yoshizaki said.

The stem cells were still primitive enough to switch gears from sperm-producers to egg-producers when they wound up inside female organs, explained Idaho's Cloud.

Trout from Salmon

Then Yoshizaki used the salmon-grown trout sperm to fertilize both wild trout eggs and the salmon-grown trout eggs. DNA testing confirmed that all of the dozens of resulting baby fish were pure trout, he reported. Moreover, those new trout grew up able to reproduce. Those first experiments, funded by a Japanese research institute, used still fairly plentiful species to develop the technique.

Now comes Idaho's attempt to prove if the method is really useful in trying to produce the endangered sockeye salmon. Last January, Yoshizaki helped University of Idaho scientists collect and freeze immature sperm tissue from young sockeye salmon being raised at a state-run hatchery. Next month, he'll be back to help Cloud thaw the tissue and implant it into sterile rainbow trout.

Tuna from Mackerel

In Japan, Yoshizaki is focused on bluefin tuna, noting that standard “marine ranching” techniques are difficult for tuna that can reach man-size. He has begun experiments into how to produce baby tuna from mackerel, which are nearly a thousand times smaller than adult tuna. If it works, “we can save space, cost and labor,” he predicted in an e-mail interview. ♦

We are grateful to Joanne Sondock for contributing this piece of scientific news to cwftalk@Google. We are happy to pass it along to members who as yet do not subscribe.



“I still have the first newsletters and rosters of the Club and found the names of those who joined by February, 1998, one year after its founding. Known founding members were **Marsha Exley, Flora Jewell, Kathy Kanda, Nancy Mangone, Janice O'Shea, Suzy Patterson, Elaine Rowe, Nancy Rutherford, Pam Schoenecker, Craig Stainton, Kris Tita, Jean Williams and Sandy Wright**. Some familiar CWFers who signed up within the first months of the Club were **Amy Kelly, Cindy Scholl, Gail Turner, Suzi Uchida** (our first Education Chair) and **Nadine Von Storch**. Announced as new members in the May, 1997 newsletter were four current members: **Pat Barz, Anita English, Chris Juvan and Marion Nutt**. In June, **Chris Arthur and Diane Brians** appeared; in July, **Debbie Seiden**, and in August, **Dana Rikimaru**. Found on the October 17, 1997 roster: **Carol Oglesby and Kay Willis** (who joined in September). **Sherry Schrantz** had signed up by December and was present at the first Holiday Party in 1997. **Diane Kyncl, Cordie Medina and Carol Neville** were signed up by the January 28, 1998 roster. Close on their heels, possibly by the full year date since inception, came **Carol Stegink**.” — *Nancy Rutherford Turley, Club Secretary, February 1997 through December 1999.*

THE HEART AND SOUL OF A PEANUT

BY ANNE ZADRAZIL



Late this past summer, I went to Jackson Hole, Wyoming with my 85-year-old father to share my love of fishing. As we floated and flyfished the Snake River, Dad and I could not help but marvel at the magnificent Tetons, pristine river and abundant plant and wildlife. Our beautifully soulful guide, Ed Dutilly, skillfully navigated his drift boat within close vicinity of the fish. Each time a fish rose to my fly, I tried to set the hook while giggling with delight. I was not always successful in catching the fish, but it felt like I had been.

As Dad sat at the bow, I watched Ed instruct him on casting and mending his imitation grasshopper, one he named "The Peanut." This was not the only fly attracting rainbows, browns and native cutthroat on the Snake River, but it was the main and most successful one. More often than not when a fish rose, The Peanut submerged quicker than you can shuck one from a shell. Despite Dad's numerous misses, Ed continued to patiently and gently encourage him. Watching Dad, I couldn't help but wonder if it was his reflexes that betrayed him, or if he was taking in the beauty of an eternal moment. Finally, he caught his fish, and we reveled in the magic of The Peanut.

I am very grateful to Ed for being so atten-

Anne and Fred Zadrazil share a love for the outdoors . . . especially when the backdrop to their adventures is the Teton Range outside of Jackson, WY.



PHOTOGRAPHS FROM ANNE ZADRAZIL

tive to my father. I swore I heard Ed call him "Dad" a few times. Not only did we fish but we talked about life. Just for being himself, Ed will always have my heartfelt affection.

Finally, my father and I would not have had this experience if it were not for Jack Dennis and his efforts. He and his staff, at Jack Dennis Sports in Jackson, Wyoming, accom-

modated us well above and beyond what is normal. If you are ever looking for a special place to fish and special guides to fish rivers in western Wyoming, I encourage you to contact Bruce James at www.jackdennis.com, or phone (307) 733-7548.

My time with Dad and Ed is a cherished memory now, one I will never forget. ♦

The Raffle Corner - October 2007

Cold Weather is coming! Just as I went to buy the items for October's Raffle, we experienced a cold snap, and I started to think about fishing in the freezing Colorado winters. So I went for heavyweight mountaineering socks by Patagonia and a thermos by Fishpond. That's an insulated thermos in a padded holder that would hold lots of soup or coffee. For you tyers, I have a beautiful fly tying set in a wooden case with all the cool tools. There is the usual Fly of the Month selection from Pat Dorsey at Blue Quill Angler (Showshoe Dun Trico #22) and the CWF Traveling Fly Box.

Door prizes will be a hat from the Fox Creek Fly Shop, Loon Floatant, strike indicators, five-in-one golf tool, *Fly Fishing Rocky Mountain National Park* book, \$15 Bass Pro Shop gift card, salmon flies, facial silk cream, salmon flies tying material and some fishing magazines.

We're gearing up for getting items for the Holiday Party Raffle. If you have a contact at a fly shop, resort, guide or manufacturer, please email me, and I will assign them to you for solicitation. We don't want to double-ask people. All your help will make the party Raffle a success and help us in our educational mission. — *Karen Williams, Fundraising Chair*

MEMBER NEWS

EXTRACTS FROM THE DIARY OF A SUCCESSFUL WRITER

BY ARLYS WARFIELD

Although she has been absent from recent monthly meetings, we are happy to have heard from our writer in residence, **Diane Meyer**:

"Colorado Outdoors magazine is keeping me busier than I want to be, really. I have an article due in January; Don Puterbaugh will be the star of that one. Doing a "Fishing Still Water" due in mid-February, and I'll have to break out my pontoon boat for



THE RITTER TRUTH as will be told by the Guv to Diane in '08.

that one. Top that off with the fact that I'm writing my novel at warp speed before I leave for a writer's conference in Dallas on

9/19. Did you know that my face is on the 2007 DOW fishing guide? I'm the centerfold.

"Next spring, I'll be fishing with Governor Bill Ritter. It's for a story and photo shoot for *Colorado Outdoors*. I met Bill at a party for Stephanie Riggs last year before he was elected. I found out later that he is an angler and a "friend" of the DOW.

"Colorado Outdoors is the state's only official magazine. 2008 is their 70th anniversary, and they wanted him to be a part of it. I had already queried the now-retired managing editor about doing an article with Bill, but her boss said no because *he* was going to do something with him. Well, that guy retired, which paved the way for me to go ahead and contact the Guv. I did via email and got a call today from his director of operations, who informed me that he is very interested in doing this article and photo shoot.

There you have it, and I'm not yet nervous, but I'm sure I will be next spring." ♦

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PUBLIC EVENTS
HELP YOUR CLUB. HELP YOURSELF.
VOLUNTEER AT A FLYFISHING SHOW!
 BY DAWN BLOM, CHAIR

At this very moment, our CWF volunteers are anxiously awaiting the opening day of The Fly Fishing Retailer Show at the Convention Center. They will be meeting with national and international manufacturers and vendors to gather up the best goodies for our annual Holiday Party Raffle and Silent Auction.

Save These Dates

Without the volunteers for this show, we would not have nearly the quantity or quality of items at the party. Likewise, CWF relies on a volunteer group to staff and support our booth at other shows throughout the year. This year, two relatively new members have agreed to step up to the plate and chair our two biggest shows — The Fly Fishing Show West, January 4-6, and the International Sportsmen’s Exposition, January 24-27.

Working the booth at these shows is a great way to get out and support CWF for our seasoned members and new members. For newer members, especially, the shows become an opportunity to get to know a lot more about CWF and meet other members — and even set dates for a fishing trip together.

I am asking our newer members (and those who have been with us for a while) to look at your calendar and commit to a shift or two — at one or both of these shows.

How You Can Help

Please contact **Sharon vonBroembsen**, the event chair for The Fly Fishing Show West to volunteer: *sharonvb@aol.com*. **Deb Nelson** is the event chair for the International Sportsmen’s Exposition: contact her at *deb_nelson@comcast.net*.

Chairing these shows is a huge and important job. Thank you Sharon and Deb for taking this on!!! ♦

LAST CAST

“There is not a fly fisherman on earth, no matter how skilled, who has not been humbled by a low-hanging branch or a submerged boulder.”

JUDY MULLER
“THE ANGLER’S BOOK OF DAILY INSPIRATION”

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___ NEW MEMBER (over 18? yes___ no ___)

Name: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

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

Flyfishing Ability: (circle one) Professional Advanced Intermediate
 Beginner

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

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