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A sociable club for women who fly fish

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APRIL MEETING

DATE:

Tuesday, April 1, 2008

TIME:

5:15* - 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 April meeting...

FISHING THE MOTHER'S DAY CADDIS HATCH with Greg Felt

Greg Felt from ArkAnglers in Salida will be our speaker again this April. For you new members, Greg has been a long-time friend and chili cook-off participant on our annual trip to Salida. He also makes sure we have guides, flies and any other gear we need on the Arkansas for the big caddis hatch at the end of April. For you old-timers, come and hear him tell us once again about where and how to fish this great Colorado river. Bring your pens and pencils so you can record the wisdom of one of our favorite guides.

Come to Piccolo's April 1st to learn from the expert. And I ain't foolin' — *Jody Yehle, V.P. and Program Chair*

*** Beginner anglers who arrive early can brush up on various knots to get ready for the fishing season. Experienced members will teach/demonstrate essential flyfishing knots. See you at 5:15 p.m.!**

CFW Calendar

April 1 CWF Monthly Meeting
April 8 CWF Board Meeting
April 12 CWF Clinic
April 26-27 Arkansas River Club
Weekend Trip
July 8 CWF Family Picnic

Welcome New Members

Sue Baker Arvada
Karen Decker Fort Collins
Kim Hawkins Arvada
Janet Humphrey Evergreen
Liz Johnson Littleton
Barbara Kelly Bailey
Ginny Kramer Pine
Carol Mentassti Evergreen
Denise Nack Castle Rock
Nancy Rumsey Fort Collins
Mary Jo Shaffer Colorado Springs
Roxie Speer Golden
Denise Walter Wheat Ridge
Nancy Weiler Wheat Ridge
Melissa Witkiewicz .. Denver
Cindy Young Centennial

• 61 New Members Enrolled in 2008.
200 members currently enrolled.



FOUL HOOKED: Good news, bad news. Spring is here and our Club trips are starting! We've endured the cold and low water flows on the tailwaters this winter, and the snow kept falling. Now we can expect high flows this spring to midsummer on all the river Club trips —freestones and tailwaters. Ultimately, the water is good for the fisheries, so let's try not to grumble too much too often. Just grin and bear it. — Ed.

BACK CAST

MARCH MEETING — BEGINNERS' GET LUCKY

BY ARLYS WARFIELD

The March program was devoted to helping beginner anglers. Dinner tables were cleared, vests and rods were uncovered from under the tables and experienced anglers set about showing the beginners their use of their gear. Members who demonstrated the various uses of their vests showed the newbies the most useful flyfishing tools to use, assorted methods of keeping their fly boxes in their vests (and not floating down the river) and where to put lunches, first aid kits, rain gear and cap leashes.

"Rods of different manufacturers and weights were displayed, and their application discussed."

Rods of different manufacturers and weights were displayed, and their applications discussed. EX: use low weight rods for smaller fish; a 4 or 5 wt. rod is a general all-purpose rod to use for trout in the rivers of Colorado. A 6 wt. rod is useful on windy days since its weight cuts through the wind better than the lower weight rods. Save that 2 or

3- weight for little cutthroat on streams. Some discussed the differences between slow flex rods, medium flex rods and fast action rods.

Many beginner members who could not attend requested additional help of this kind. Note that the Board has asked experienced members to come a little early (*see page 1 of this issue*) to the monthly meetings to accommodate these requests.

The Raffle

As luck would have it, many newer members (many of whom are beginner anglers) took away the most prizes. However, their names escape me (as do those long-time members who also won) since somebody's dog ate my homework. Regrets to all winners. ♦

Member Password Alert

On April 1, there will be a new password for the members-only section of the CWF website. The new password can be found on the bottom right-hand corner of the members' roster, which is enclosed in this issue of the newsletter. Please do not share the password with non-members. The roster is intended for internal CWF member use only. Also, note that periodic updates of the roster will appear in the members-only section of the CWF website.



Cowgirl Up, Cupcakes! Be a Trip Coordinator

BY ANITA ENGLISH, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

This is a great way to get to know other members — and you don't have to be a great flyfisher. All that is required of you is the following:

1. Show up for the Club trip;
2. Be willing to maintain a list of members going on the trip;
3. Provide information to members in the newsletter about flies, lodging and directions (we, the Co-Trip Chairs will provide all this);
4. Be prepared to call participants if a trip is changed;
5. Recall details of the outing and write an article for the next newsletter. (If this scares you, don't worry — give us your notes, and somebody will do the article.)

Call Jeanette Bourdon at 303-777-3773 (email jetllomtg@earthlink.net) or Anita English at 303-424-2354 (email sb33mvp@aol.com). Come, be cowgirls, cupcakes. ♦

GO FISH THE ARKANSAS RIVER

"Mother's Day Caddis Hatch" Weekend Trip April 26-27, Salida, CO

BY ANITA ENGLISH, TRIPS CO-CHAIR (WITH AN AUTHOR'S NOD TO DAWN DOBSON)

PHOTOGRAPHS BY ARLYS WARFIELD



GOOD FORM ON THE RIVER Dawn Dobson not only dresses for the changing weather but also shows proper technique in catching trout.

After our "warm-up" trip to the Blue, we will use the skills attained at the April CWF Clinic to entice the wild brown trout of the Arkansas. We feel our timing is right to hit the renowned

"The Super 8 Motel will be home base for the trip."

ANITA ENGLISH

"Mother's Day Caddis Hatch," since this year high water flows mean warmer water — increasing the like-

lihood of an early 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 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 \$64.88/room. Call (719) 539-6689 and let them know

you are a CWF member to get this benefit. If you want to RV it, check out the 4 Seasons RV Park (719-539-3094).

Note that the Super 8 will be home base for the trip. If you are staying in a campground, another motel or somewhere else off campus, stop by the Super 8 if you want to coordinate fishing spots with other members.

What to Bring

You will want to bring a 4-, 5-, or 6-weight rod (it can get quite windy and the heavier rod can save the day) with 4 or 5x leader and 4 to 6x tippet. Dress in layers, as the weather can change, and you won't want to leave if the Blue Wing Olives start hatching.

Saturday Night Chili Cook-Off

The Chili Cook-Off will be at the same place as last year — the Senior Rec Center near the Super 8 Motel. There will be instructions on how to get there at the desk at the Super 8.

Start time is 5:00 p.m. We need 8-10 volunteers to provide the chili entries to feed everyone. Contact Anita English at sb33mvp@aol.com or (303) 424-2354. If we don't get enough we will just feed you beanie wienies.

Other members are asked to contribute by bringing appetizers, sides, and desserts.
 Appetizers : Members A - H
 Sides: Members I - Q
 Desserts: Members R - Z
 Of course, drinks are BYOL.
 We look forward to seeing you all on the



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. 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. Remind him that you are with CWF when booking.

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 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

High Water Caution: At presstime, we have learned that heavy snows in the area will cause very high flows on the Arkansas in late April. I suggest members book at least one day of float fishing for that reason — it will be extremely difficult to wade out into the river, although there will still be good fishing at the edges. If ArkAnglers is fully booked, consider contacting the Royal Gorge Anglers in Canon City (719-269-3474) to arrange a float with his guides. Also, note that Bill Edrington will soon start to publish Arkansas River conditions two times daily on his website at www.royalgorgeanglers.com. — Anita English

SNEAK PEEKS

THE SOUTH PLATTE RIVER Deckers Area

Day Trip: Saturday, May 10

The South Platte below Cheesman Canyon has survived whirling disease, forest fires and rains that bring sludge into the river for miles below Deckers. Still, it is worth a trip. There are big fish that lurk in the canyon and between Deckers and the Wigwam Club. DOW stocks the lower river with "catchables."

A highly scientific study was conducted two years ago by Nancy Sherman and myself (she would go upstream and I would go down). We found the river section for several miles below Osprey Campground held many small willing fish in the 10" – 12" range. Nancy made a great map of the river below Deckers. We will have these to pass out on the day of the trip.

Bring a 5wt. rod, 4x or 5x leader and 4x to 6x tippet. Flies include black beauties, buckskins, RS 2s, pheasant tails, San Juan worm, brassies, BWOs and glo-bugs (eggs).

PELLA PONDS TRIP Boulder County, Colorado Day Trip: Saturday, May 24

Bass on a fly rod! What a hoot! Pella Ponds are located West of Longmont and just South of Hygiene (*in the Colo. Gazetteer on p.30*). The ponds are so small they don't show up on the map — but they fish BIG.

There are warm water species such as bluegill, perch,



Jeanette says belly boating is FUN!

crappie, smallmouth and largemouth bass. The bass will be guarding their nests so they should be very aggressive. And, there is always a chance of catching a fish *smaller* than the woolly buggie you are using.

Bring your 5wt. rod, 3X or 4X leaders and tippet. Sinking lines are best, but you can just sink a long leader with split shot. Flies include poppers (gaudy colored floating flies with big eyes and feather tails), woolly buggers, leaches, minnows and damsels.

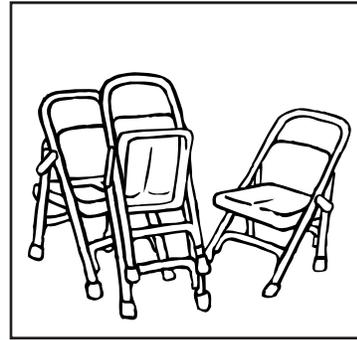
For those who would like to try floating, we will have some extra tubes and fins available.

More details will follow in the next newsletter.

Questions? Call Anita English 303-424-2354 or email me at sb33mvp@aol.com.

Update: cwftalk@ GoogleGroups.com

BY KAREN WILLIAMS, COORDINATOR



able communication link works.

To Begin

Here's what you need to do. If you are already a member of CWFTalk, do nothing. Now that we have a new roster, we will send out emails to the new members for whom we have an email address. The sender will be noreply@googlegroups.com. It will say you have been invited to join the members-only group for Colorado Women Flyfishers.

There will be two links. If you do not have an account on Google, you must click on the second one. It will take you to a page to create an account. You will enter your email address (they will not sell it) and a password. You will then get an email from account-noreply@googlegroups.com. This is to confirm so you have to click on the link (gibberish that is underlined). It will take you to a Thank you page. You close that and now you have a Google account.

Next Step

When you have a Google account, you can click on the first link in the email from noreply@googlegroups.com. This will confirm you want to join cwftalk.

Once you are a member, you can sign on to Google (account you set up previously). It will list cwftalk as one of your groups. You can go to cwftalk and read past emails, set up a profile and/or edit your membership.

This is the cool part. You can control how many emails you will get. Go to Edit Your Membership. You can select 1) you want no emails. Instead you will manually get on and read what is going on (not recommended). You may miss important trip information if you don't know to look for it; 2) get every email as it is posted or 3) my personal favorite, get a once a day summary of all the emails posted that day if any.

Questions? See Karen

So that is all there is to it. If you don't get the invitation email, be sure to look in your junk email first. If you still have trouble feel free to email me at karenwilliam@comcast.net to set up a time for me to help you. If you did not give Membership your email address, you may send it to me and I will get you an invitation.

Very Important Note

When you reply to an email from cwftalk, it goes to everyone on the list. It would be best to reply directly to the person who posted if you have a response — unless, of course, the whole group needs to see it. Also, please help all of us readers by signing your full name to any posting. ♦

PUBLIC EVENTS

CWF SHINES AT FLYFISHING AND FLY TYING SHOWS

BY DAWN BLOM, CHAIR

PHOTOGRAPH BY SHARON VON BROEMBESEN



LOOKING SHARP
Anita English and Mary Ellen Freas study new member applications, while Connie Rogers ties flies at the TU Fly Tying Clinic this past February.

With the approach of April, I'm breathing a huge sigh of relief. This season's shows, each and every one a successful venture for CWF, are behind us, and the 2008 Retailer Show is months away!

The Bass Pro Shops Fishing Classic was our grand finale, and we couldn't have asked for a better way to wind things up!! **Simone Geoffrion** made sure we had a prime location for our tables, and plied us with lunch, snacks, water and anything else

we needed. **Janet Canaan** lured in men, women and children with her water tank of woolly buggers and an assortment of flies. Next to her, our volunteers talked up the club, handed out applications and even signed up a few new members. Thank you **Ann Howell**, **Ginny Krammer**, **Joanie McCord**, **Rebecca Pasquariello**, and **Marion Roper**.

Our members who volunteered to work the Trout Unlimited Fly Tying Clinic did not receive mention in the previous newsletter. **Anita English**, **Jane Francen**, and **Mary**

Ellen Freas spent time recruiting members; **Connie Rogers** kept the customers coming, while she tied flies at the table. Somehow, she even roped **Phyllis Vinson** into spending some time at the vise.

I cannot say "thank you" enough times to let you know how much I appreciate all the time and effort our members donated to CWF at all of these shows this year. Without your support, it just wouldn't be possible!!

"Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!" ◆

From the Presidential Suite

There's an event coming up on Thursday, April 24th that will be really fun to attend. It will only cost you \$25, and you will have a great couple of hours, filling yourself with hors d'oeuvres and supporting a wonderful organization.

This event is a silent auction, which will be held from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Space Gallery, located at 765 Santa Fe Drive in Denver.

Now that I have you checking your calendar and the CWF list of events but you're not finding anything, here's the surprise: This is not a CWF event but a Casting for Recovery event. Just why I am writing about this in a CWF newsletter? Because

CFR is an organization we support. Casting For Recovery holds a silent auction event each year, and we support it by donating CWF items, which includes a membership or two. We support them by attending the event, donating items to the silent auction, being a sponsor of the event —and, in turn, we have gotten several wonderful members who have learned more about flyfishing.

Therefore, if you happen to have that evening free and would like to have some fun, bid on some items or just attend, please let me know and I'll tell you how to make a reservation.

Hope to see you there.

Joanie McCord, President

MEMBER NEWS

BIG NEWS FROM CASTING CONTESTS & THE SAN JUAN

BY THE NEWSLETTER STAFF

WE ARE PLEASED TO REPORT THAT **Phyllis Vinson** won the Best of the West Distance Casting contest at the ISE Sportsmen Show in January. **Craige Stainton** took second place. The results are as follows:

First Phyllis Vinson 82' 3"

Second . . . Craige Stainton 80' 0"

Third Kathleen Wagner . . . 77'4"

Phyllis continued on to Salt Lake City for the finals, held March 13-16. At presstime, we heard she cast over 90 feet and placed third out of the five champions who competed from previous casting contests. Kudos to you, Phyllis!

San Juan River News

Nancy Sherman took a detour on her way back from visiting her stepfather in Ari-

zona in early March. She stopped off at Abe's Motel at the Navajo Dam and sent this information about the San Juan to members:

"If you were planning a trip to the San Juan River, NM (below Navajo Dam) in March or April and decided not to because of the 3,000 cfs flow, rethink that. I fished there for three days in early March and did well. With cleated boots and a wading staff, I was able to wade the Braids with no problems. There were no Blue Wing Olives, but the fish liked San Juan worms, a Rojo midge and a light BLUE egg. Visibility was about 15 to 18 inches. The flow will be raised to 5,000 cfs sometime in May, and float trips will be your only real option then." ♦



PHOTOGRAPH FROM PAT NILSSON

WINTER'S BRIGHT SPOT Pat Nilsson demonstrates why Boxwood is worth the price!

Thank You, Steph Stouff

Steph stepped in last month when I, the newsletter editor, left for a trip to Vietnam before the production of the March issue was completed. It is always difficult to jump in at midstream, and my hat is off to her for taking on the responsibility with good grace. Without her help you would be reading the March issue, and not the April, about now. — *Arlys Warfield, Editor*



CWF Fashionatta Update

BY MARY ELLEN FREAS, PR/OUTREACH CHIR

The on-stream shirts have been ordered from Columbia. The colors selected are Fossil (light khaki) and Gulf Stream (light aqua). The final cost, still to be determined, will probably be in the \$40 range. We are still working on the polo

shirts. Those of you who expressed an interest in the shirts, by signing up at the last meeting or emailing me, will have first choice when the shirts are ready. ♦

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The Raffle Corner - April 2008

We are all looking forward to the BIG Club trip to the Arkansas River for the Mother's Day hatch. In support/celebration/anticipation of the trip, our Raffle items are good for the Arkansas River.

I have two Arkansas River maps, which detail fishing locations. And we have seven sets of twelve flies that should be good for the trip: Blue Wing Olives, if it is cloudy (or snowy!), Caddis, San Juan Worms, Bead Head Prince nymphs, and Bead Head Pheasant Tails.

We have two packs each of Rio 4x and 5x Fluoroflex leader and Pat Dorsey's March Fly of the Month donation of a Tim Heng's Flashtail Hot Mini Egg, with tying instructions.

And, Yet, There's More

For a special treat I have a \$40 gift certificate for dinner at the Laughing Ladies restaurant in Salida. We usually invade the Laughing Ladies on Friday night and believe me a lot of laughs are heard. By the way, the Laughing Ladies is the only freestanding restaurant in America that is a Trout Unlimited Business Sponsor. Thanks to Marge & Jeff for the donation.

For the fly tyers among us, we have Elk Body Hair in Dark and Olive for caddis ties.

Door Prizes

The door prize tickets this month include a Doug Whitlock fishing DVD, fly tying material, flies tied by Doug Borer, a Winchester knife and mini tool, trauma salve, wool socks (gently used) and from Loon some Top Ride.

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

LAST CAST

"No matter what type of rod you choose, make sure you try casting with it before you buy."

**DANA RIKIMARU,
"WOMAN'S GUIDE TO FLY
FISHING"**

CWF 2008 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
Outreach/PR	Newsletter	Raffles/Funding	Trips
Public Events			

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