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A sociable club for women who fly fish

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FEBRUARY MEETING

DATE:

Tuesday, February 5, 2008

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 February meeting...

Salmon Fishing on the Upper Alaska Peninsula with Janice O'Shea

CWF favorite Janice O'Shea will guide us through her topic — another favorite — salmon fishing. Janice has been guiding in Alaska for several years, and she's sharing her knowledge of flies, bears, terrain, fly-outs and — best of all — how to get it all on a budget.

We'll see her slide show featuring many rivers, including the Egigek, the American and the Narrows, as well as a multitude of creeks and streams that you may never have heard of but which will provide incredible flyfishing experiences.

So make your way to Piccolo's on February 5th and be transported to the beautiful Alaskan wilderness for an evening with salmon, trout and other cold water species. Just watch out for the bears! — *Jody Yehle, Vice President and Program Chair*

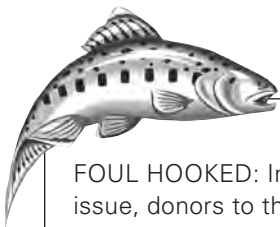
CWF Calendar

February 2 CWF Board Retreat
February 5 CWF Monthly Meeting
February 9 TU West Denver
Fly Tying Clinic
February 12 CWF Board Meeting

Welcome New Members

Amy Belstra Denver
Rita Borer Wheat Ridge
Ellen Bothner Denver
Deborah Brooks Centennial
Cherrie Buskohl Denver
Jeanne Cross Broomfield
Heather Dominguez Estes Park
Kris Haywood Denver
Ruth Hellman Centennial
Bonnie Hirsch Denver
Kelly Kinney Denver
Bev Littlejohn Boulder
Erin Manka Brighton
Marcia Perry Centennial
Brandie Rariden Littleton
Jan Roberts Denver
Peg Thompson Centennial
Cora Whisenhunt Canon City

• 46 New Members Enrolled in 2008.



FOUL HOOKED: In the January issue, donors to the Holiday Party raffle were listed and thanked for their contributions to the CWF mission. Missing from that list was a long-time CWF supporter who supplied a hand-tied fly in the goodie bag given to each attendee. This oversight does not diminish our appreciation to Darrell Sickmon, formerly of The Trout Fisher and lately of D's Flies in Aurora. Darrell is a supplier of flies and fly tying materials (Quill body, darlon, tyer's lace, flashback, re-flash tubing, super eggs, Quills II, webwing). He can be reached at 303-766-5665 or online at darrels@mho.net.
— Ed.

BACK CAST

JANUARY 2008 MEETING - MIXING FISH WITH OIL AND GAS

BY NANCY SHERMAN

Bill Dvorak of the National Wildlife Federation addressed the group with his program, "Having It Both Ways: Finding a Way to Have Oil and Gas Development and Healthy Wildlife in Colorado." Representing coalitions of sportsmen, conservationists and environmentalists, Dvorak gave a thought-provoking presentation on their opposition to current energy policies, with respect to natural gas drilling on Colorado's Roan Plateau. Geographically the Roan Plateau is about 70 square miles of mostly public lands located directly north of Interstate 70 between Rifle and Parachute. It is one percent of the 7,100 square mile Piceance Basin that has large deposits of natural gas. Of particular concern is the Roan Plateau Planning Area of about 74,000 acres (53,000 acres for development and 21,000 as critical habitat). This area has genetically pure populations of Colorado River cutthroat and vital habitats for mule deer, elk and blue grouse.

Stating the Case

We all are beneficiaries of oil and gas development: driving our vehicles, heating and lighting our homes and businesses and the ubiquitous plastics. However, this development and its products can and do have adverse consequences: toxic chemical contamination of air, soil and water (surface and ground waters); siltation of surface waters; public health problems; increased population impacts on local communities and their infrastructures and degradation of wildlife habitats. In Colorado from 1980 to 2005 there were 100,000 wells (gas and oil) drilled. Projections are for 100,000 more by 2020. Surveys of wildlife areas with extensively developed energy drilling have shown significant displacement of deer and elk, as well as population losses.

"At issue now is the leasing [on Colorado's Roan Plateau] of the remaining public lands by the BLM."

BILL DVORAK

About one-third of the Roan Plateau Planning Area is private land and most of this and some public lands have been leased for gas exploration and development. At issue now is

the leasing of the remaining public lands by the BLM: when, how and under what regulations. What decisions are made and implemented will have an impact on Colorado's recreational economy. In 2003 Colorado's economy benefited from more than \$2 billion from hunters, anglers, wildlife watching and commercial rafting.

Eco-Groups Plead Their Case

For Colorado and the Roan Plateau in particular, coalitions of individuals, sportsmen, conservationists and environmentalists are seeking:

- Slower, phased even seasonal development of oil and gas to prevent boom/bust cycles, lessen the impacts on sensitive areas and permit use of better technology as it becomes available.
- Decreased density of numbers of wells per square mile.
- Increased input by nonindustry groups and private citizens.
- Wildlife habitat protection and preservation by national and Colorado legislation.

These organizations have effected change. The makeup of Colorado's Oil and Gas Conservation Commission has changed from seven members, mostly in energy industries, to nine with only three from energy industries. The BLM has reconsidered some prior decisions: it is no longer seeking to sell public lands and has backed off of its plan to lease the entire Planning Area for oil and gas development. Colorado's Sen. Ken Salazar, Rep. John Salazar, Rep. Mark Udall and Governor Bill Ritter have and continue to seek strategies, policies and regulations that will allow for reasoned development without sacrificing the health of the land and its citizens – plant, animal and human.

How You Can Support National Wildlife Coalition

Bill Dvorak asked Colorado Women Flyfishers, Inc. (CWF) to join these coalitions and support their efforts. However, a public stance by CWF would jeopardize the Club's Internal Revenue Service 501(c)3 federal and state tax-exempt status. But individuals can show their support. How?

- Be more conservation minded: greater fuel economy.

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- Advocate increased research and use of renewable energy – geothermal, wind and solar.
- Advocate increases in wildlife budgets (federal and Colorado).
- Advocate an increase in the bond dollars for restoration of leased lands.
- Support organizations and groups advocating responsible oil and gas development.
- Write to newspaper editors and your government officials expressing your views.

Bill Dvorak is a professional outfitter offering trips on rivers in several western states through Bill Dvorak's Fishing Expeditions, www.DvorakExpeditions.com. For his presentation Bill was acting as a representative of the following organizations:

Colorado Wildlife Federation and National Wildlife Action (www.OurPublicLands.org), Sportsmen for the Roan Plateau (www.sportsmenforroan.org) and Sportsmen for Responsible Oil and Gas Development (National Wildlife Federation, Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership and Trout Unlimited).

Postscript

On Jan. 8, prior to our meeting, Sen. Ken Salazar and Rep. John Salazar, in collaboration with Rep. Mark Udall, announced a new position regarding natural gas drilling on top of the Roan Plateau. Their compromise proposals include: allowing drilling but in a phased manner; requiring a minimum lease bonus payment of \$28,000 per acre; increasing the environmentally designated critical areas from 21,000 acres to more than 35,000, with narrow corridors for drilling access and increasing the state's share of mineral-leasing revenues.

In 2007 they sought a one-year moratorium or an outright ban on drilling on the plateau, but this was excluded from the senate version of the energy bill.

THE RAFFLE

Some very nice items – one pair of wading boots, fly box, dubbing, road case, net, Pat Dorsey's Fly of the Month (3 months worth) and the CWF Traveling Fly Box — were won by members (old and new) and guests. **Anita English** was a double winner, **Berta Thimmig** received last year's filled CWF Traveling Fly Box (won but unavailable at the Holiday party) and **Karen Williams** won the 2008 CWF Traveling Fly Box by default. She forgot to bring it! ♦

CLUB TRIPS

GET READY FOR THE NEW 2008 FLYFISHING SEASON

BY ANITA ENGLISH, TRIPS CO-CHAIR

Our first trip, the **Blue River**, may be challenging. After all, March is still winter in Colorado. The good news is we will concentrate on the section below Dillon Dam and will be thankful our cars will be nearby.

Next, the trip to the **Arkansas** is always a hoot ... on and off the river. The Chili Cookoff is always a culinary delight and to witness the hatch coming up the river is ... well, you just have to be there. So, be there.

May has not one but two day trips. The **South Platte at Deckers** has been hammered the last few years. But, it is still worth a look-see. There are miles of public river downstream, and you could hike into Cheesman Canyon, if you like.

Pella Ponds, near Hygiene, is a warm water favorite. There are a lot of small fish, sunfish, perch, blue gill, but don't bring that 3 wt. rod. Several members had fish break them off on 4x tippet last year. Those were

big bad bass. We will belly boat these lakes, but shore fishing is possible.

Back by popular demand is the **Green River** below Flaming Gorge Reservoir. With a little help from Mother Nature we will hit the cicada hatch again this year. If you do come and have a float, stop fishing every once in a while and take a look around. It is a beautiful canyon and river. Look down into the water and you will understand why they call one stretch the "aquarium." You can wade the river, but it is best floated. Make your reservations for lodging and floats ASAP.

Brand new on the schedule is a small reservoir southwest of Loveland. **Pinewood Reservoir** was stocked with the Hofer Harrison cross of rainbow in 2007 (see article "Battling Whirling Disease" by Nancy Sherman in the January '08 newsletter). These fish are not big but they are fierce fighters. This is a belly boat lake but you can fish from the shore. If you go, watch for the tiger muskie

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2008 CWF Club Trip Schedule

March 29 ----- Blue River, Silverthorne

*April 26 Weekend ----- Arkansas River, Salida

May 10 ----- So. Platte River, Deckers

May 24 ----- Pella Ponds: Float Tubes

*June 7 Weekend ----- Green River, Dutch John, Utah

June 21 ----- Pinewood Reservoir

July 12 ----- Bear Creek

*July 26 Weekend ----- Taylor/Gunnison Rivers, Almont

*August 9 Weekend ----- Frying Pan River, Basalt

August 16 ----- Spinney Mtn. Reservoir/Dream Stream

August 30 ----- Elevenmile Canyon

*September 13 Weekend ----- White River, Meeker

September 27 ----- Colorado River/ Williams Fork Rivers

October 11 ----- Waterton Canyon/Chatfield Reservoir

** See page 5 for detailed reservation information.*

More detailed information for each trip will be published in future newsletters. Club trips will be reviewed periodically and location changes made, if needed. Every attempt will be made to have a trip on the specified date; however, the location may change due to water and/or fire conditions.

Announcement of changes will be made as timely as possible at Club monthly meetings, as well as on the CWF website and on cwftalk@googlegroups.com.

From the Presidential Suite

I always really enjoy the January board meetings because this is the meeting where I see a lot of the marvelous work that has been done to get our year up and running.

On Saturday, February 2nd the board will have their annual retreat where we learn and re-learn the legalities of running a 501(c)3 organization, as well as working on our 2008 goals for the organization. We have this year's Holiday Party date already set, as well as the date for the summer family picnic. And our long anticipated 2008 trip schedule is ready to roll!

Give Thanks to Fly Shops Who Help You

Speaking of the trip schedule brings me to another thought. The Club has worked very hard to establish good relationships within the flyfishing community at large and with a lot of fly shops and guide services. We have working relationships with shops not only throughout Colorado but also from the San Juan River up through the Green River and beyond. Therefore, please remember, whether you are on an official CWF trip or just one of your own with a few friends, *you are always representing CWF*. Try to always thank the people in the shop, especially the owners or the people whomight have helped you over the phone while preparing for the trip. No matter how much in a hurry you might be to get to that famous fishing hole, it doesn't take long to give a word of thanks — and it is worth every extra minute or two.

CWFTalk is Your Lifeline on Trips

One more thought. We usually have a little over 200 members in the Club by the time the fishing season is in full swing. It is hard to keep up with everyone, especially on our larger trips. It's darn near impossible to know exactly who is going on which trip and where everyone is staying, much less try to keep up with everyone as to where they might be fishing. Therefore, I ask you to help me/us out — because we are not an elitist Club, and we work very hard to not exclude anyone from anything. Go on the CWFTalk@googlegroups website; you'll usually find lots of information there about where members are staying and if there's going to be a party and so on. Last year for the June Green River Trip, CWFTalk was extremely busy in February, when many of Club members were making their camping reservations. Closer to the time of the trip is also good to find out if there are any last minute changes.

CWFTalk Contact Information

"How do you get on this website, you ask?" You have to be invited: Call or email Karen Williams (karenwilliam@comcast.net); she'll send you the necessary invitation. Call or email me (scottishfisher@comcast.net), and I'll tell you what I know about a trip and what site or cabin I'll be in, if that helps. If I'm not going, I'll let you know whom you can contact to get more information.

So, stay warm, whether you're inside by the fire catching up on your reading or tying flies for the summer or bundled up on the stream ... life is great because we flyfish!

Joanie McCord, President

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rolling in the shallow waters.

Mid-July we will try out the waters of **Bear Creek**. Kerry Caraghar of Cherry Creek Orvis gave us some good ideas on where to fish (*see Backcast, July 07*). Break out your 3 wt. rod for this one.

The **Taylor River/Gunnison River** trip encompasses a large area to fish. Both the East and Taylor rivers have super Green Drake hatches beginning this time of year. The lower Taylor has some great caddis hatches, also. If you want bigger water, there is access along the Gunnison River in the town of Gunnison, and beyond the town are the Cooper Ranch and Neversink picnic areas just above Blue Mesa reservoir.

If we don't catch the Green Drake hatch on the Taylor we have a second chance on the **Frying Pan River**. Even the largest fish will rise to the big olive mayflies. The river is crowded, but there are 14 miles of Gold Medal water between Ruedi and the confluence with the Roaring Fork — much of it public.

Spinney Mountain Reservoir/Dream Stream is a twofer. Both are Gold Medal waters. If you choose to belly boat the wind can be a factor. The good news is you don't have to get too far from the shore to hook a biggy. If the river is your thing, clouds of tricos should hatch at about 9:00 a.m., and the fish go crazy eating the spinners. Warning: they are extremely picky. The right size, shape and color are a must.

Get out your nymphing rigs for the **Elevenmile Canyon** outing. That's what "the book" advises to catch the big boys. They say the big ones eat nymphs most of the time. But, if size doesn't matter to you, bring your tricos for early in the day, caddis for later and Royal Wulffs for the surprise fly. This is a fun place to fish, and you will enjoy the uniqueness of the canyon.

The **White River** out of Meeker is a hidden jewel. This "out of the way" river holds big rainbows, browns and a lot of white fish. The white fish is native to Colorado, and it is fun to catch. The lower river has three public access areas: Nelson Prather, Wakara and Sleepy Cat. Each section holds good numbers of fish, and there is enough river so you won't be fishing on top of each other.

Ahhhhhh. Fall in Colorado. A time to admire the foliage as much as the fish you catch. The **Colorado/Williams Fork Rivers** trip offers both. There is lots of water here. You can hike into the Williams Fork or go to one of the public leases on the Colorado. Each is a great fishery and will not disappoint.

The last trip, the **South Platte in Waterton Canyon/Chatfield Reservoir** is a close-to-home fishery, offering another choice. You can bike or hike up the canyon. The first three miles is put-and-take water — beyond that is wild trout water. There are great numbers of fish here; they just have a tough time surviving. Therefore, they don't grow so big. For the inlet to Chatfield Reservoir go down river, where, hopefully, the browns will be running. This could be good.

Those are the trips for '08 — join us and enjoy them!

Trip Coordinators Needed

One last item is ask not what your Club can do for you, but ask what you can do for the Club. Please volunteer to help us coordinate one of the trips. You do NOT have to be a master angler; you only need to be able to make phone calls if the trip changes and avoid encouraging others to take on unnecessary risks — such as fishing in lightning or boating at midnight without lights. Contact Jeanette at jetllomt@earthlink.net or Anita at SB33MVP@aol.com, if you can help us out. ♦

CWF 2008 TRIPS: DETAILS AND RESERVATION INFORMATION

TRIP, LOCATION, ACCOMMODATIONS, GUIDES AND/OR FLY SHOPS

This list is provided early in the year in the hope that Club members will book early at these popular destinations.

APRIL 26-27 WEEKEND ARKANSAS RIVER, SALIDA, CO

Fly Shop/Guides

ARKANGLERS - SALIDA**
(719) 539-3474
www.arkanglers.com

Contact: Greg Felt

Lodging

SUPER 8 MOTEL**
(719) 539-6689
www.salidasuper8.com

Camping

4 SEASONS RV PARK
(719) 539-3094

Comments

**Mention CWF Club Member. Rates for guides and motel will be published on CWF website and in the newsletter.

JULY 26-27 WEEKEND TAYLOR/GUNNISON RIVERS ALMONT, CO

Fly Shop/Guides

3 RIVERS OUTFITTERS
(970) 641-1303
www.3riversoutfitting.com

Lodging

3 RIVERS LODGE
www.3riversoutfitting.com
3 Rivers has it all: camping, cabins, RV sites!

Camping

ONE MILE CAMPGROUND
ROSY LANE CAMPGROUND
Up the Taylor River Canyon
www.recreation.gov
Several other campgrounds are available in Taylor Canyon – no reservations

AUG. 9-10 WEEKEND FRYING PAN RIVER BASALT, CO

Fly Shop/Guides

TAYLOR CREEK FLY SHOP
Basalt, CO
970-927-4374

www.taylorcreek@ssv.net

FRYING PAN ANGLERS

970-927-3444
www.fryingpananglers.com

Lodging

GREEN DRAKE-BASALT
970-927-4747

Camping

MOLLIE B CAMPGROUND
www.recreation.gov

JUNE 7-8 WEEKEND GREEN RIVER, DUTCH JOHN, UTAH

Fly Shop/Guides

TROUT CREEK FLIES
(435) 885-3355
www.fishgreenriver.com

Contact: Denny Breer

OLD MOE GUIDE SERVICE
(435) 885-3342

www.oldmoeguideservice.com

TROUT CREEK FLIES AND OUTFITTERS
(435) 885-3355

www.fishgreenriver.com

Lodging

FLAMING GORGE LODGE
(435) 889-3773
www.fglodge.com

Camping

Reservations Tele: 1-877-444-6777

DEER RUN CAMPGROUND

www.recreation.gov

www.fishgreenriver.com/campgrounds.htm

ARCH DAM RV PARK

www.recreation.gov

Comments

Book early. Reserve float trips, rooms asap. Limited boats and rooms available.

SNEAK PEEK

**BLUE RIVER,
Silverthorne, CO
Day Trip: March 29**

Spring is just around the corner. Get your fishing gear out of storage! Our first trip of the year will challenge all of us. The "moody" Blue, as some like to call it, is a Gold Medal river west on I-70 below Dillon Dam in Dillon, CO. This is a good warm up for the upcoming season. You can practice your sight fishing skills (yes, you can practice seeing fish), your stealth technique and making the perfect drift. And, there is always the chance of hooking into a really big fish.

SEPT. 13-14 WEEKEND WHITE RIVER, MEEKER, CO

Fly Shop

WATT'S SPORTING GOODS
970-878-4428

Lodging

SLEEPY CAT RESORT
970-878-4413
sleepycatgustranch.com
GREEN CABINS
970-878-4810
Meeker Chamber of Commerce
970-878-5510

Camping

RIM ROCK CAMPGROUND
970-878-4486

CWF COFFEE MUGS AVAILABLE

Stainless steel CWF coffee mugs can be purchased for \$6 at the next program meeting by seeing Jane Francen, Special Events Chair. If you are unable to attend, place your order by calling Jane at 303-777-9332.

OFFSTREAM

THE FLY FISHING FILM TOUR COMES TO DENVER

BY ARLYS WARFIELD

The Fly Fishing Film Tour, promoted by AEG Media, is coming to the Oriental Theater, 4335 W 44th Ave., Denver on February 27.

As the pioneer of the first annual flyfishing exclusive film tour of its kind, AEG has created a new market in the flyfishing industry. The new generation flyfisher has been typically ignored in the past, and AEG is changing that. Last year, the 2007 film tour screened to over 5,000 attendees. Several venues with over 500-seat capacities sold out and pre-show lines have been compared to block buster movie premieres. The Film Tour far exceeded any expectations.

What Will You See?

What can people expect to see at The Fly Fishing Film Tour?

Films shot in extreme, exotic and distant locations; epic scenery, cutting edge music, and conservation pieces that are as entertaining to watch, as they are impor-

tant; and, of course, gigantic fish on the end of a fly.

The Fly Fishing Film Tour™

AEG is a year-round organization dedicated to bringing a new face-vision and scene to the flyfishing entertainment world. Their goal is to inspire flyfishers and filmmakers to make new, innovative, entertaining and cutting edge films. Flyfishing media has been dominated by "How to" or "instructional" programs. You will find none of that here. What you will find is pure flyfishing entertainment, according to AEG.

AEG, an adventure media company based in Merlin, OR, believes in catch-and-release and has avid members of 1% for the Planet and AFFTA. Their mission is to revolutionize the world of flyfishing one epic adventure at a time.

This annual event will be traveling to 125 U.S. venues this year. In 2009, AEG Media will take the film tour international to destinations including Europe and Japan.

Prices

Prices for the event are \$15 Adult; \$12 Senior; \$10 Child. Visit their web site at www.aegmedia.com for more details. ♦

EDUCATION

CLINIC RETURNS APRIL 12

BY ANNE ZADRAZIL, CHAIR

The CWF Spring Clinic will be held Saturday, April 12th at North Fork Guest Ranch, located one hour southwest of Denver on US Hwy 285 near Shawnee.

We will repeat the Beginners 101 classes designed to give beginners the basic skills and information needed to fish safely and with confidence. It is highly recommended that beginners sign up for the entire strand to optimize their educational experience. For the intermediate/ advanced anglers, we will offer classes in casting, pocket water techniques, streamers and wet flies, nymphing, dry flies and entomology.

Class size will be limited to 7-10, and we reserve the option to cancel classes due to lack of interest.

This is a full day clinic. Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m., and classes will end at 3:45 p.m. As always, we will have expert instructors, prime fish habitat and g-o-o-o-o-d eats. All this for \$90 (\$100 late registration).

To register, please fill out the enclosed form completely and mail with check payable to CWF to:

Anne Zadrazil, 2521 So. Monaco Parkway, Denver, CO 80222-5802.

Because the Club subsidizes this special clinic, it is open only to members. Spouses, friends and guests will not be allowed on the ranch grounds. Sorry.

Registration confirmation packets will be mailed to participants no later than March 29th. Packets will include details on car-pooling, directions and equipment lists.

If you need information earlier or have questions, please call me at (303) 756-0642, or email me at anne.zadrazil@uch.edu. ♦

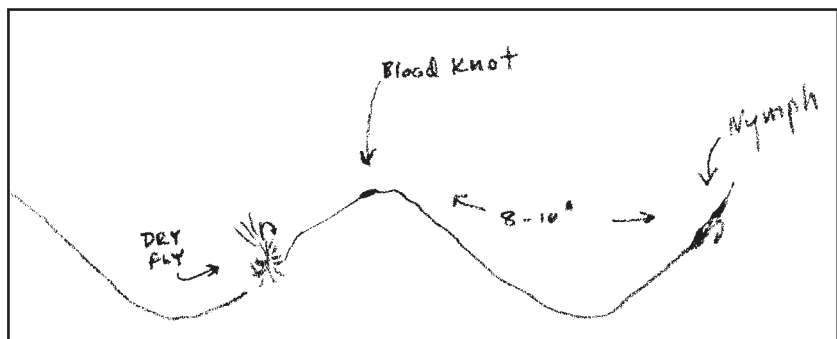


PHOTOGRAPH BY ARLYS WARFIELD

MEET THE PROS
Mike Lawson (l.) of Henry's Fork Anglers and author John Gierach compare notes at the Fly Fishing Show West.

Mike Lawson's Nymph Rig

"When trout are feeding on nymphs at the surface, you should fish the nymph very much like a dry fly."
— Mike Lawson, *Fishing Spring Creeks*. Lawson does not tie the nymph to the dry fly hook but rather strings the tippet through the dry fly hook eye, then ties the nymph below on 8-10 inches of tippet, which is attached with a blood knot. The dry floats freely. He applies dry fly floatant to the tippet, except for the last inch above the nymph. This keeps the nymph suspended just under the surface film.



APRIL 12 CWF Clinic Registration Form - CWF MEMBERS ONLY - No Guests

Complete this form and write check payable to CWF. Mail both registration form and check to:
 CWF Clinic, c/o Anne Zadrazil, 2521 So. Monaco Parkway, Denver, CO 80222-5802

Don't miss out on the Early Registration* Discount!!!

If you have questions, contact Anne at (303) 756-0642 or email anne.zadrazil@uch.edu

***REGISTRATION = \$90.00 MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2008**
 Late Registration = \$100.00 Must be Postmarked no later than Saturday, March 22, 2008

Fee includes lunch and Club subsidy for instructors. **Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____**

Member Name: _____ **Eve. Phone:** _____

Address: _____ **Other Phone:** _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____ **Email:** _____

INDICATE YOUR 1ST AND 2ND CHOICE FOR EACH SESSION

Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. and classes will end at 3:45 p.m.

SESSION I:	1ST CHOICE	2ND CHOICE
A. Trout 101: Trout tactics, terminology, entomology (*Recommended for Beginners – can be taken in either Session I or II)	_____	_____
B. Casting 101: Basic Casting, pick-up, lay down, false cast (*Recommended for Beginners – can be taken in either Session I or II)	_____	_____
C. Intermediate Casting: Loop Control, accuracy, distance (Intermediate)	_____	_____
D. Fishing High and Dry: Dry Fly Techniques (Beginner-Intermediate)	_____	_____
E. Entomology: It's a bug's life (Intermediate)	_____	_____
SESSION II:	1ST CHOICE	2ND CHOICE
A. Trout 101: Trout tactics, terminology, entomology (*Recommended for Beginners – can be taken in either Session I or II)	_____	_____
B. Casting 101: Basic Casting, pick-up, lay down, false cast (*Recommended for Beginners – can be taken in either Session I or II)	_____	_____
C. Adv./Intermediate Casting: Double Haul; above H ₂ O mends (Intermediate/Advanced)	_____	_____
D. Streamers and wet flies: When nothing is working.....or just for the fun of it (Intermediate)	_____	_____
E. Fishing High and Dry: Dry Fly Techniques (Beginner/Intermediate)	_____	_____
SESSION III:	1ST CHOICE	2ND CHOICE
A. On the Water Basics: Safety, reading the water (*Recommended for Beginners – part 3)	_____	_____
B. Advanced Casting: Extending the Double Haul; Salt water techniques (Advanced)	_____	_____
C. Nymphing: What you can't see CAN hurt you (Intermediate)	_____	_____
D. Fishing Technical Pocket Water: Flies, Presentation, Landing (Intermediate/Advanced)	_____	_____



THE CWF WELCOMING COMMITTEE Pat Nilsson, Event Chair Sharon von Broembsen, President Joanie McCord, Public Events Chair Dawn Blom, Donna Keefover and Brandie Rariden took charge when the crowds got thick on Saturday morning.

PUBLIC EVENTS

THE 2008 FLY FISHING SHOW WEST DREW CROWDS AND DOLLARS FOR CWF MISSION

BY SHARON VON BROEMBSEN, EVENT CHAIR

After a slow start on Friday, the show really took off on Saturday and finished strong on Sunday. There was much to be learned and acquired at this outstanding educational event. We had a great turnout of enthusiastic volunteers. We would like to thank **Cathy Poirier, Anne Zadrazil, Mary Ellen Freas, Anita English, Kathy Selles, Donna Keefover, Brandie Rariden, Pat Nilsson, Tricia Curley, Susan Thomson, Chris Sterkel, Barb Keller, Jeanette Bourdon and Deb Nelson.**

The volunteers sold lots of tickets for the guided fishing trip with Pat Dorsey and John Keefover and for the digital camera — both of which will be raffled off at the end of the upcoming International Sportmen’s Expo. **Deb Nelson**, the third member of our public events team, is the chair for the CWF booth at the ISE.

Rehabbing the CWF Booth

The team decided to revamp the Club’s displays and to buy or make new booth equipment so that setting up Club booths for these shows will be easier in the future. Many thanks to **Janet Canaan** for the CWF member slide show we displayed on our new laptop — and also for supplying the 2007 photos used for the display. It drew interest from many women in attendance — and garnered new memberships in the Club.

We saw a lot of you at the show and got loads of positive comments about how great the booth looked. If you didn’t get to the show, you missed a great opportunity to learn new information and skills, to demo fly fishing equipment and to pick up those must-have fly-fishing gear items. We really enjoyed the weekend! ♦



EFFECTIVE SALESFOLK Barb Keller and Chris Sterkel were just two of the cadre of persuasive volunteers selling raffle tickets. Check out the revamped booth, complete with computer slide show.

FLY TYERS CORNER

The Legendary George Grant Stone Fly

George Grant is 101 years old and lives in Butte, Montana. His stone fly is no longer in production because of the time-consuming tying process, but it was so effective in its heyday that flyfishers who once used it continue to mourn its passing.

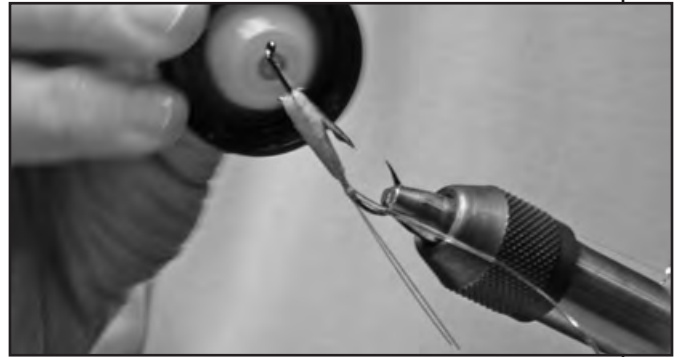
After Grant lost his job on the railroad in the Depression, he lived in a log cabin on the Big Hole River, studying the stone fly. He began fly tying by copying the horsehair flies of Franz Potts, a local wigmaker who became famous for his flies.

Grant began his innovative style of fly tying in the early 1930s. He was one of the first anglers to realize that large trout fed primarily beneath the surface on nymphs — especially large stone flies — and that one needed to imitate and learn to fish this insect stage if one wanted to consistently catch large trout. In recognition for this work he received the Fly Fishing Federation's coveted Buszek Award for excellence in fly tying in 1973.

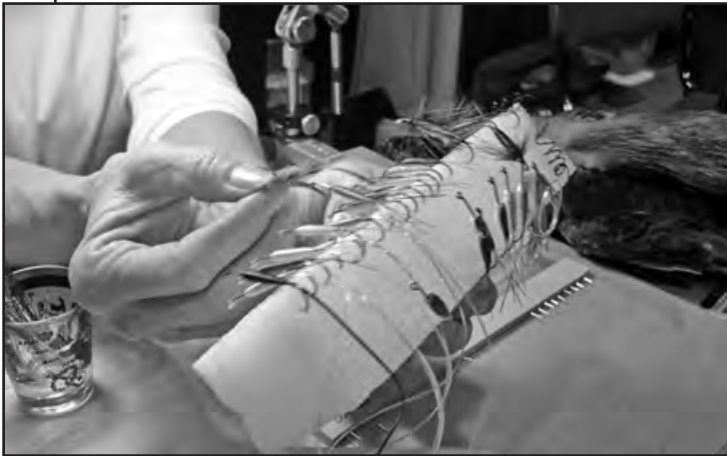
A few years ago a group of fly tyers became interested in reviving interest in the fly and have recently held classes teaching its intricacies. One of those teachers, Sue Armstrong, is a former Club member now living in Nebraska. We found her in January, demonstrating the techniques used to tie this complicated fly at the 2008 Fly Fishing West Show, where she always played to a captivated audience. If you missed her there, catch her at the ISE Show January 24-27 or on February 9th at the TU West Denver Fly Tying Clinic.— *Arllys Warfield*



SUE ARMSTRONG is one of several fly tyers who are trying to keep George Grant's fly-tying expertise alive. It takes over two-and-a-half hours — and many intricate steps — to complete tying just one of his world-famous stone flies.



BODY ARMOR Sue applies furniture lacquer to the pheasant tail feather, which is the final body layer and provides the fly's striking colors. Tynex is used for the tail.



GETTING READY In stage one, Sue ties a variety of bodies in which two silk pins on either side of the body are used to form the shape.



ONE STEP TO GO The fly before the elk hair hackle is attached.



THE FINAL TOUCH Sue finishes the fly by applying the woven elk hair hackle, a method made world-famous by George Grant. This technique, which involves dipping each hair's tip into cement before adding it to thread, is so time-consuming that prices for just one fly can reach \$150. (!)

The Raffle Corner - February 2008



Waiting for Spring

When we are facing February it seems like spring will never come. For those of us who don't fish when it is cold, it seems like forever. However, in all my eight years in Colorado, I've learned that the thaw will come, and I'll be on the river again at least by the Mother's Day Hatch on the Arkansas River. In the meantime, I'll do all the house projects so when it is fishing time I can lock the door and go.

Raffle Items

A set of four plastic fish wine glasses (think around the campfire); \$25 gift certificate from Your Fishing Partner in Idaho Springs; Rio Windcutter fishing line WF 5F; Loon reel; a floating fly box with 34 of the hottest flies from Steve Johnson at Royal Stevens and a very cool expandable fishing net donated by an anonymous CWF member.

We always look forward to Pat Dorsey's Fly of the Month Club donations. Pat is at the Blue Quill Angler at 1532 Bergen Parkway in Evergreen. This month we have Pat's January flies (6) – Egans' Rainbow Warrior (red) # 20. All come with fishing advice and recipe.

Door Prizes

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

Tie One On!

DAWN BLOM, PUBLIC EVENTS CHAIR

This is your chance to get looped at the West Denver Trout Unlimited 32nd Annual Fly Tying Clinic, taking place at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds on February 9th from 8:30-3:00 p.m. Now you can learn new patterns and see what's new in materials and techniques. And you can buy tickets for the numerous bucket raffles.

This clinic has hands-on learning opportunities for beginners — and plenty of top-notch local and national tyers will be demonstrating. Our own **Connie Rogers** will be teaching a few tying tricks as well in the afternoon; please contact me at 720-299-9890 if you are able to tie in the morning.

Food and beverages will be available at the show, featuring TU members working the grill. Proceeds from the show will support WDTU's mission to conserve, protect and enhance Colorado cold water fisheries through volunteerism, education and outreach. For more information and a \$2 off coupon for admission, visit www.westdenvertu.org and go to the activities menu.

Come see us at the CWF Table — and enjoy the show! ♦

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CWF CLASSIFIED ADS

Musical Group Forming

The Old Time Fish Mongers (formerly known as the Mother Pluckers + 1) are looking for a banjo player and fiddler to join the group. Some experience necessary. First gig: the July CWF Picnic. — *For more information and proposed song titles, contact Jane at 303-777-9332.*

FROM MY BOOKSHELF
FISHING BAMBOO

BY JOHN GIERACH
PAPERBACK, 112 PAGES, \$14.95
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This book has a subtitle: "An Angler's Passion for the Traditional Fly Rod." Gierach covers all aspects of the bamboo rod, from tracing its history to the kinds of rods available today and to their care and feeding (never oil the ferrules — clean them with acetone or alcohol).

Split bamboo rods began to appear on the scene in the mid-1800s in England and a hundred years later lost their place in the angler's tackle to lighter weight fiberglass and then graphite rods. Today's rekindling of interest for the classic stick has encouraged more rod makers to enter the field. Gierach gives the reader an analysis of what to look for in a bamboo rod before making that purchase. This is a book for all owners of flyfishing rods — bamboo and otherwise. It's a John Gierach book; therefore, it is interesting, educational and very readable. If you can't find it locally, go on line to www.TheAnglingBookstore.com to buy it.

LAST CAST

"I did a little research about health for fishermen and was surprised to learn one hour of wading and waving a stick in the air burns 521 calories.

"Whoa — back up just a moment — that means my time on the river is actually healthy."

**PAUL GOETZ, SALIDA MOUNTAIN MAIL
 NEWS EDITOR
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with our thanks to Carol Neville

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Flyfishing Ability: (circle one) Professional Advanced Intermediate Beginner

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

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