



COLORADO WOMEN FLY FISHERS[©]

A sociable club for women who fly fish

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JANUARY MEETING

DATE:

Tuesday, January 8, 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 January meeting...

**WESTERN
LANDS
CONSERVATION
with Bill Dvorak**

Public lands contain well over 50 percent of the nation's blue-ribbon streams and are strongholds for trout and salmon in the Western United States. Under the 1872 mining law, signed by President Ulysses Grant, mining takes precedence over all other public land uses, including hunting and fishing. The Secretary of the Interior must sell public land to mining companies, often foreign-owned, for as little as \$2.50 per acre.

How do we protect our natural environment while allowing the extraction of material to meet our expanding economic and energy needs? This month's speaker will be Bill Dvorak of the Colorado Wildlife Federation.

Bill will be speaking about western lands conservation and the Sportsman's Bill of Rights. This is an important topic to all of us who enjoy, not just Colorado, but any U.S. public lands.

Don't miss this interesting presentation, January 8th at Piccolo's.— *Jody Yehle, V. P. and Program Chair*

CWF Calendar

Jan. 4-6 The Fly Fishing Show
West

Jan. 8 CWF Monthly Meeting

Jan. 15 CWF Board Meeting

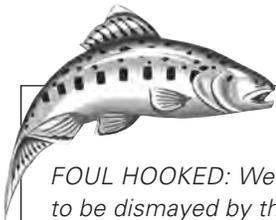
Jan. 24-27 . . . The International
Sportsmen's Expo

Feb. 2 CWF Board Retreat

Archival Information Please send any published articles featuring CWF, or written by a CWF member, to Club Secretary Barb Keller, Keeper of the CWF Archives.

Welcome New Members

Darlene Stack Aurora
• 1 New Member Enrolled in 2008.



FOUL HOOKED: We continue to be dismayed by the repetition of the same names in all Club activities where volunteers are needed.

Our Club is magnificently large in membership but sadly short in the percentage of contributing members. This may not be the fault of the membership, but rather it may be the assumption of many that the responsibilities for providing the activities that members require are performed by an executive director and paid staff that is the case with so many non-profit organizations like ours.

Let us put that notion to rest. CWF is a sociable club for women who like to flyfish. Its activities are limited to those where members will take responsibility for them.

2008 is a new year and one that we hope will see a variety of old and new members taking leadership positions in Club activities. — Ed.

BACK CAST

2007 HOLIDAY PARTY

BY ARLYS WARFIELD

The snow was snowing, the wind was blowing, but the holiday party did weather the storm. Only 13 people were stranded and did not make the scene. And what a scene it was — a new venue, a new chef but the old, tried and true fabulous fish decorations. It was cozy; it was fun.

The festivities centered around the Raffle and Silent Auction tables, all brought to you by Fundraising Chair **Karen Williams** and her very creative hunters for donated items. (Ex: Overheard at the Retailers Show in September, "I am shameless," **Pat Nilsson**.) The cashiers were kept busy, while Club members debated their many and varied choices of fishing gear, flies, trips — and even aprons (!) to support CWF's mission.

Some of the big Raffle winners were **Judy Norman** (the Cloudveil winter zip jacket), **Cheryl Gerlitz** and **Nancy Sherman** (St. Croix rods), **Carol Leonard** (Oakley polarized sun glasses), **Jane Francen** (Super 8

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Motel one night's stay and two full-day lift tickets to Monarch Mountain), **Sally Fant** (Pat Dorsey's 2008 Flies of the Month), **Cordy Medina** (Nancy Sherman's 100 boxed flies), **Arls Warfield** (Rim Chung's RS2 fly box), **Julie Church** (Korker boots and the Togiak Float Tube, complete with fins and pump), and **Berta Thimmig** (the CWF Traveling Fly Box).

The Grand Prize (Thomas & Thomas 4wt, 8'6" 4pc rod with a Ross Rhythm reel) was happily retrieved by **Fran Sturgis**

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KING OF THE DINNER HOUR Chef Armando delivered slice after delicious slice of prime rib for the eagerly carnivorous crowd.



PHOTOGRAPHS BY ARLYS WARFIELD

LET THE RAFFLE BEGIN Karen Williams announces the lucky winners.



THE PARTY SCENE Janet Canaan's slide show is the backdrop to the eating, drinking, talking, shopping activity in the ballroom.

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 (finally celebrating after many years of trying for the big one!).

The evening program began with **Jane Francen** welcoming the partygoers to the new location and thanking her hard-working committee of **Mary Ellen Freas, Anita English, Diane Kyncl, Nancy Sherman** and **Ellie Reiser**. She also thanked **Janet Canaan** for providing the slide show featuring



scenes from 2007 fishing trips. **Chris Juvan** was then introduced as the presenter of the annual Bob Awards (*see separate article on page 6*).

Vice-president **Jody Yehle** asked the outgoing board members to come forward to receive their just rewards — accolades from the audience and also a CWF logo-ed wader mat to each, conceived and produced by that talented embroidery artist, **Betty Peterson**.

President **Joanie McCord** then took the podium to introduce the incoming board members and to welcome the attendee from the furthest distance, **Sally Fant** from Indianapolis. **Judy Norman** from Aspen may take that title next year when Sally returns to the Denver area from her two-year sabbatical in Indiana.

Festivities ended with one happy group retiring to their Comfort Inn rooms to continue the fun, while the rest of the party shovelled their cars from the parking lot snowbanks and headed home. Safe trips to all. And to all, a very Happy New Year! ♦

Silent Auction Winners

- South Platte Anglers Trip:
Sabrina Boston
- Pesca Maya Trip: Sherri Moore
- Bamboo Rod: Ann Zadrazil
- Hatch Fly Shop Trip: Pat Nilsson
- Day with Diane Brians: Pat Nilsson
- Guide Trip with Chris Wells: Pat Nilsson
- Breckenridge Outfitters Trip:
Ellie Reiser
- Rocky Mountain Anglers Trip:
Marcie Reiser
- Day with Sandy Wright: Cathy Poirier
- The Fly Book (online booking service):
Judy Norman
- Fish Eye Wine #1: Carol Stegink
- Fish Eye Wine #2: Diane Kyncl

FUNDRAISING
THANKS TO THOSE WHO MADE THE EVENING A SUCCESS
 BY KAREN WILLIAMS, CHAIR

The Holiday Party Raffle and Silent Auction was a big success in spite of the snow. We raised \$5,795 for the mission of the Club. Thanks to all who turned out and participated. We are sorry for those who could not make it there, due to the weather.

My thanks go to these committee members who helped solicit, retrieve, bag, act as

cashiers at the party, draw winning numbers and write thank you notes: **Craige Stainton, Pat Nilsson, Sandy Wright, Janet Lopez, Jeanette Bourdon, Barb Keller, Joanie McCord, Nancy Sherman, Jane Francen, Arlys Warfield, Dawn Blom, Ann Howell, Carol Stegink, Kathy Selles, Betty Peterson, Jody Yehle, Gayle Civish,** and **Diane Kyncl**. ♦

A BIG THANKS TO ALL THE DONORS TO OUR HOLIDAY PARTY

BY KAREN WILLIAMS, FUNDRAISING CHAIR

We want to thank all our contributors of items and services for the Holiday Party Raffle. As you use their services or products, be sure to identify yourself as a member of Colorado Women Flyfishers and thank them for their support.

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From the Presidential Suite

If you missed the Holiday Party, you missed a good one. Excellent place, excellent food, excellent party! I heard several people say next year they're going to skip the salads and go straight for the prime rib!

It takes a LOT of work and a LOT of thought to put on a party like our Holiday Party. So I'd like to say thank you to **Jane Francen** and **Karen Williams** and their respective committees for working so hard to make the party something special on which to end the year. I would also like to thank all of you who came to enjoy the party and dug deep into your pockets — and we all know some are deeper than others — but no matter, whether they were deep or shallow, thank you for your support.

So with the new year come new ladies to your Board of Directors. I would like to welcome yet another group of ladies who will put in extra hours to run our Club. I would like to welcome **Barbara Keller**, our new board Secretary; **Anne Zadrazil**, who will head up our Education committee; **Mary Ellen Freas**, who will be the PR/Outreach gal and **Jeannette Bourdon**, who will be at the headwaters for our Trips.

I would also like to thank **Anita English** for “re-upping” in the position of Trips Co-Chair for Donna-Lynne Keefover, who because of work conflicts, discovered she wouldn't be able to do both and had to resign. Another set of thank yous goes out to **Artys Warfield**, Newsletter Editor, and **Dawn Blom**, Public Events — both were kind enough to “re-up” for another couple of years. AWESOME!

Remember that there are always a few ladies who like to celebrate New Year's Day by fishing either Eleven Mile or Deckers. This is not an official CWF fishing trip, just a few flyfishing nuts who go up and have a good time fishing (and I would presume freezing). Everyone's welcome — keep an eye on *cwfTalk* for more information as the day gets closer.

In the meantime, I would like to leave you with these thoughts:

*From life we come – all a different walk,
Some older, others young –
some quiet while others talk.
Our club of 200+ women strong.
Is because we all sing the exact same song.
The melody is the sweet sounds of a stream's flow,
And the words are the caddis and an egg pattern's glow.
It's the love we all have for the sport of flyfishing —
And to the experienced our beginners
will be listening.
While some lady anglers are of the serious type
Others talk and laugh while catching
the ones that bite.
For a friend and camaraderie is the best —
Before and after we've taken off our vest.
So, no matter which you are or where you go . . .
Remember, other flyfishing people always know,
We are THE flyfishing club of 200+ women strong
Because we all sing the same song!*

— JKG McCord 12/07

Joanie McCord, President

JANUARY FISHING SHOWS ARRIVING SOON!

BY DAWN BLOM, PUBLIC EVENTS CHAIR

Ladies, two of our biggest public events are just around the corner. The Fly Fishing Show West and The International Sportsmen's Exposition are excellent opportunities for fund-raising and connecting with potential new members. With two fabulous Raffle items — a digital camera and a guided trip for four — we are certain to generate a lot of interest in our Club.

It was wonderful to see all of you at our holiday party, and I am looking forward to seeing you again at these shows.

THE FLY FISHING SHOW WEST, Denver Merchandise Mart, January 4 - 6, 2008

Sharon von Broembsen (*sharonvb@aol.com*) has been hard at work organizing member volunteers and the booth for the show but may still need a few helping hands. Please contact her to confirm your shift or to offer some help. For more information about this show, check out www.fly-fishingshowwest.com and download a brochure to see dates and times of all the seminars!!

HOURS: Friday: 10 am - 6 pm. Saturday: 9 - 5:30. Sunday 9 - 4:30.

TICKETS: Adults: One-Day pass \$15, 2-Day pass \$24, 3-Day pass \$32, Children under 12 \$2 per day.

Special: Saturday is Family Day! Two parents and any child under age 16 for \$24.

WHERE: 451 East 58th Ave, Denver. From I-25, exit east on 58th. A left turn at Logan Street will take you directly to the Pavilion. Parking is free.

THE INTERNATIONAL SPORTSMEN'S EXPO, Denver Convention Center, January 24 - 27, 2008

Deb Nelson (*debra_nelson@comcast.net*) is putting the finishing touches on her projects for the ISE. Please contact her to get involved in volunteering for a shift or two — or to confirm your name on her list. For information about this show, including dates and times of seminars and to purchase tickets on line, check out www.sportsexpos.com

HOURS: Thursday and Friday, Noon - 9:00 p.m.; Sat 10:00 - 8:00 p.m.; Sun 10:00 - 5:00 p.m.

TICKETS: TBA See web site.

WHERE: Colorado Convention Center, 700 14th Street (the closest major intersection is Colfax Avenue and Speer Boulevard).

PARKING: Park at Coors Field for \$5.00 and ride the free shuttle to the Convention Center. Ride light rail to the Convention Center station. Talk to other Club members and carpool!!

For those new members unfamiliar with Club history, the Bob Awards were founded in 1997. These awards have been used to recognize members who have participated in Club activities that resulted in making us laugh at the time and when remembering individual trips.

The awards were created during one of the first trips when a member fell in the river with cigar in one hand and rod in the other. She bobbed down the river toward another CWF member, who couldn't decide what to save first, the member, the rod or the cigar — so she did nothing.

I have had the honor to be the one retelling these stories during the annual Club holiday parties — and many times have actually included some facts. The bottom line is that no seriousness is intended.

Lawyers Get Free Passes

During the Arkansas River trip one of our active attorneys and I were talking about how we needed more time in Salida. The trip had been so much fun, and she especially did not want to depart on Sunday morning. In our encounters Friday and Saturday she kept bringing up how she was trying to figure out how to stay at least one more day. I cautioned her that there had been several previous attempts of extending the trip by other members, and none of them worked out very well employment-wise.

Being the attorney she is, she asked me for the details of each situation. The manner in which she sought information from me was much like she was taking a deposition.

I said, "Well, one member called in healthy and her employer said don't come back; another one called in sick and she was laid off. The third one I knew about called in with an injured leg, which resulted in being on crutches for the next week. This also turned out not to be so good."

Sunday morning came way too fast and everyone was preparing for departure. Except for **Connie Rogers** — although she was pretending to load her gear into her car. Pretty soon I see Connie going from member to member, shaking her head but not looking very upset. I find out Connie was telling everyone she had misplaced her keys and couldn't leave Salida. I never did find out what happened to the keys, but Connie didn't leave that day, nor did she lose her job. However, her employer did see through her

story and contacted me to ask me to issue Connie a new piece of office equipment to use in the event that she remained behind. She could work on the firm's cases instead of looking for her "lost" keys.

Joanne Sondock demonstrated Connie's new office equipment: a rod and reel that turns into a pen.

THE BOB AWARDS

PRESENTED BY CHRIS JUVAN

A Cloud of Dust Attracts The Law

CWF is known as the Club that not only catches a bunch of fish, is full of professional knowledgeable women and frequently makes headlines in local newspapers.

This news story occurred this year on the Green River trip. The Sunday morning newspaper headlines read, "Dust Bowl Reported in Local Campground." The sub-head was "35 Women Found Safe."

The story begins with how a local resident looked into the western sky around dusk and saw a huge dust storm in the area of the campground. She was extremely concerned because she was aware that a women's group was staying there. She called the local authorities to make the report.

As the sheriff approached the campground he had to drive very slowly and also had to turn on his head lights due to the large number of dust particles in the air. Upon approaching the campground he noted the huge dust cloud looming over Campsite 24. Since driving was no longer safe, he got out of his car.

Upon approaching Campsite 24, he felt vibrations under foot but was still unable to see through the dust. As he reluctantly walked closer, he started hearing bewildering sounds that were growing louder — and then he felt ground vibrations. He was much relieved as he neared the fire ring and heard the song, "We are Family..." The campsite was full of CWF members dancing and creating this dust storm. Their lead boogie dancer, **Jody Yehle**, was encouraging everyone to "feel the beat."

For her leadership Jody received a dashboard-ready, grass-skirted hula dancer.

Short People Can Walk on Water

CWF has a group of members that are frequently referred to as the "Little People." We refer to them as the "Little People" due to their vertically challenged stature, which I do not suffer from. I had the opportunity to fish with several of them in January and have developed a new name for them. On the way up to Deckers, I was informing them that the snow was very deep and they would most likely need my assistance to help them out of the snow

banks; however, they might have to wait for me if I were catching fish. They were happy I was going to help them but were insistent that I must respond right away to their cries for help.

Of course I agreed to this so they would stay calm but knew in my heart I wouldn't. So we got to the parking lot, got geared up and then the "Little People" began to scamper away — none of them getting stuck in the snow. I was relieved, thinking that the conditions had improved.

However, after leaving the car I was soon up to my waist in a snow bank. It dawned on me at this time that the "Little People" were so light that they could walk on top of the snow without sinking!! "Those rats," I called out! Hence, their new name: "The Rat Pack." They are **Nancy Sherman, Jane Francen, Carol Stegink** and **Joanie McCord**.

Each received a miniature rat action figure award.

Given an Inch, She Tried to Take a Yard

Of course size is relative even for the Queen of the Little People. **Nancy Sherman** thought she was as light as an inch worm one day when she got her fly stuck in a tree. She inched her way up the side, inched her way along the limb which held her fly — and was soon dumped into the water because the limb couldn't handle even this little person any longer. Nancy, you may be able to walk on snow, but size does matter.

Nancy was awarded a tiara and a miniature inch worm perched on a branch.

It's Not a Horse, Of Course

Recently I was informed that one of our members was confronted on a fishing trip by what she described to me as a jackass. Now I envisioned a stranger not using proper

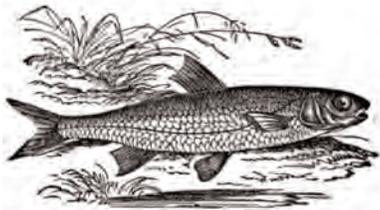
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GOOD NEWS IN THE BATTLE AGAINST WHIRLING DISEASE IN COLORADO

BY NANCY SHERMAN

Whirling disease (W.D.) is endemic in Europe. It first appeared in Colorado in 1986 and 1987 and rapidly spread in its rivers, lakes and hatcheries. With this came devastation; there has been no natural reproduction of rainbow trout in the major rivers for ten plus years. However, collaboration among aquatic researchers in the United States and Europe over the past ten years is showing encouraging results. The following summarizes an article, "Not Just Another Fish Story," by Joe Lewandowski (Colorado Division of Wildlife Public Information Specialist) appearing in Colorado Outdoors, November/December 2007 (Vol. 56, No. 6, pp. 24-27).

Early W.D. research was delineating and understanding the life cycle of the parasite. With the knowledge from this, research shifted in the last ten years to 1) identifying and propagating Tubifex worms and 2) finding a strain of W.D. resistant rainbow trout.



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stream etiquette by moving into **Anita English's** space or by walking through her fishing spot — or some other irritating action. However, I have since learned she actually was cornered by a horse-like animal we call a jackass.

So, Anita, in the future here is a bunch of carrots you can put in your vest in the event you again encounter a jackass at streamside.

Based on Anita's story, I would like to announce an addition to CWF "secret handshake." The first was tying a bandana on your car to indicate CWF members are fishing in the area. The second is on your next negative confrontation with an angler on the river, reach into your fully stocked vest and hand them a carrot.

This concludes the 2007 Bob Awards. We should all stand and raise a glass to toast ourselves in continuing our efforts to make this Club fun — and to wish for many more great fishing trips in 2008. ◆

Identifying and Propagating Tubifex Worms

There were extensive efforts to collect Tubifex worms at numerous sites in Colorado, then identify the varieties and determine their population densities. There are six varieties of tubifex worm, but only one can be infected by the W.D. parasite and produce spores. Unfortunately, this variety is the most prevalent worm in Colorado. Efforts now are focused on raising a large brood stock of non-susceptible worms with the goal of stocking them in rivers to dilute and/or breed out the numbers of W.D. worms.

W.D. Resistant Rainbows

A strain of rainbow trout from Germany, named for the Hofer family hatchery, has been shown to be significantly resistant to infection (2002) and has an added bonus of fast growth. However, it also possesses a negative. It has been hatchery bred for so long that it has no instinctive predator avoidance response — that is they are tame. In Colorado the Division of Wildlife (DOW) has long used Tasmanian, Bellaire, Harrison and Colorado River rainbow strains — all very susceptible to W.D. So research began on cross-breeding the Hofers with these strains, looking for a cross that has significant resistance to infection, grows fast, has a predator avoidance response and can survive and reproduce in the wild.

Pinewood and Flatiron Reservoirs were stocked with catchable Hofer-Harrison crossed rainbows in the spring of 2007. The high catch rates show they survived very well and they provided a positive catching experience — they are plump and put up a good fight. More hatcheries will be raising Hofer crosses and additional lakes and reservoirs will be stocked with catchables in the coming years.

In 2004 Hofer-Colorado River crossed rainbow fry were stocked in the Gunnison River. In 2007, the first possible year for spawning by these now sexually mature rainbows, electro-shocking found a young rainbow trout. Pending DNA analysis will determine if it is the Hofer cross. If 2008 fish surveys of rivers that were stocked with Hofer crossed rainbows show natural reproduction, DOW will increase hatchery production for river stocking. But it will take time before we see the results — five or more years for significant numbers of wild rainbows to be there. I'm looking forward to that. ◆

CLIP AND SAVE

The Safe Removal of Flies from Your Face, Fingers or Other Body Parts

A lesson which bears repeating

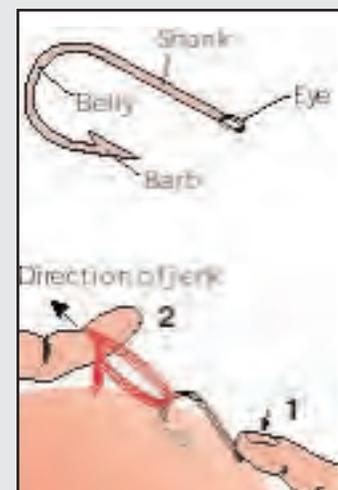
From the Medical Journals of Harvard College

The successful technique for removing fishhooks was first described in 1961 by Dr. T. Cooke, a general practitioner from south Australia. He had seen commercial fishermen in New Zealand remove hooks from themselves using only a piece of string.

Nobody knows how long they have been using this technique, or who should be credited for its invention. But as Cooke pointed out, "fishers have long used the string flick technique because it allows them to remove the hook, dip the finger in the sea, and carry on fishing within a minute."

Dr. Cooke published his account in an article titled, "How to remove fish hooks with a bit of string." Since then, it has been described multiple times with a few slight variations; the basic principle is as follows:

- A piece of strong string/suture (or, you could use the fly line) is tied to the bend of the hook.
- The shank of the hook is depressed to disengage the barb.
- While the shank is being depressed, the string is given a hard, sharp, decisive jerk in the direction in which the hook entered the skin. This extracts the hook along the path of entry.
- Clean wound with a bit of antiseptic.



FROM THE MEDICAL JOURNALS OF HARVARD COLLEGE

NOVEMBER 17, 2007. A DAY THAT WILL LIVE IN . . . MANY FISH A NEO-NATAL ADVENTURE ON THE SOUTH PLATTE IN LONG MEADOW

BY JOANNE SONDOCK

It was an auspicious day back about 43 years ago. A day like no other, at least to my family, on November 17, 1964. But wait, I'm sure ya'll want to hear about my birthday, not my day of birth — and a spectacular day it was, the 17th of November, 2007. The sun was out, the birds were chirping, and as Steph and I left the Hatch Fly Shop it was about 50 degrees warm at 9:00 a.m. Upon meeting Jeremy, our guide, we proceeded down the highway just past Shawnee to the private fishing spot of our choice: Long Meadow. It was beautiful. Even though the flow was quite low, around 30 cfs, it sure looked yummy! We were able to find plenty of runs and holes.

Steph nymphed with a single split shot weight, a size 18 egg, and a size 20 BLM pretty much all day. I figured that BLM was the land we were on. I had no idea that BLM was just a “black little midge.” Sounds complicated, doesn't it? Don't we make things hard sometimes?

It is kinda like the dress everyone needs. Ya know, the “little black dress.” As if one ever NEEDS a dress – I sure hope to not.

Here we are, fishing for the big ones. All the fish were at least 14” and ranged up to my 21” rainbow pig. We even got some of the largest brookies known to man, or at least known to Steph and me. Jeremy said they were some of the largest brookies HE had ever seen, up to 18”! So, I figure they could be the largest WE ever see. They were so beautiful.

After I caught myself few slabs of meat and watched Steph catch a few, with such a low flow, I decided I wanted to take the chance that a fish could be confused and rise for something. Anything! Jeremy, being the excellent guide he is, took that feeling I had and im-



PARTY GOERS Stephanie Stouff and Joanne start the celebration early . . . and catch often.

mediately strung me up with an Amy's Ant instead of an indicator. Plus I kept the same nymphing rig we had been using all morning: about 2 feet of 4x tippet to the first fly, one split shot about 10” above the chartreuse or orange egg, and about 18” of 4x tippet to the Mercury BLM with crystal flash wing (a.k.a. “flash-a-boo,” to Anita).

Then, before I knew it, SLAM! There went my ant into the mouth of a great big brown. Steph and I caught a few more fish along the next run. Then Jeremy and I wandered past Steph down to the next intersection, a really cool ox-bow, or split, in the river. This is where we found the monster brookie. It was in a shallow area near the bank, over a branch, which was stuck in the middle of the water, in a part of the river that was only about ten feet wide. So, a great place to get stuck on something. Somehow, somehow, I actually cast to the lone monster and, with Jeremy's help, I landed that 18” brookie. Wow, little brookies are fun, but just imagine how hard a big brookie can fight.

After a few more fish in the ox-bow, we started realizing that it had not only been a while since we had seen Steph, but also that she was not carrying any flies. We had left all that to Jeremy. By the time we got back to the last spot where we had seen her, she was gone. So, we scurried back to the car, where we did finally find her. Whew! But, hey, we still had about another hour of daylight so we went just below the cars to a hole near the culverts, where we both caught a few more fish, pulling them out, one after another, from the “one butt hole.” I realize that doesn't sound very good — it was just that the hole was only big enough to fit one person at a time. Kinda like my brother's first kitchen in NYC where you had to go out to turn around. That was a “one butt kitchen.”

Anyway, by the end of the day we managed to catch some 15 to 20 fish each. The only disappointment was that Marley and Frida had to stay home; no dogs are allowed. But, we sure had fun and we can definitely recommend fishing there.

So ... go! Have fun! Catch lots. ♦



PARTY FAVOR Joanne catches her monster birthday present.

PHOTOGRAPHS FROM JOANNE SONDOCK

MEMBER NEWS

SANDY WRIGHT SCORES INVITATION TO NO TIE EVENT

BY ARLYS WARFIELD

WE ARE PLEASED TO HEAR THAT our own **Sandy Wright** has been invited to participate on the women's team in the America Cup Fly Fishing Tournament this coming September.

The invitation-only event is sponsored by Ireland as part of the World Cup Fly Fishing Tournament. Two Irish anglers, John Buckley of Killarney and Mike Drinan of Cork are members of the Irish flyfishing team which had sought to host a World Cup fishing event in the United States. Regarding what the Irish thought about amenities offered in the Arkansas River Valley, the local event coordinator and organizer David Pehle answered, "They lost their minds."

International fishing teams will arrive September 8 and fish through September 12 at specified locations on the Arkansas River. Many of the beats will be located in Brown's Canyon. Sandy has never fished Brown's Canyon but told us "... I have

time to practice!!"

"I hope this is an event that CWF can volunteer for," she continued. "They basically will use the FIPS-Mouché rules. They will need controllers and maybe drivers!"

"Travel to and from beats during the event is only 30 minutes (as opposed to many World Cup locations where travel time exceeds two hours), and the only thing they will have to pay for is their fishing license," said Pehle. "Short travel times are because Mt. Princeton Hot Springs Resort confirmed it will be the official venue of the tournament."

So far, 15 teams, plus a junior team and a women's team, are confirmed. Each team consists of four anglers, for a total of 68 competitors. Each team will fish two sessions per day, and no one will fish the same beat twice. Beats will be marked about 150-200 yards apart, but the entire river will remain open to anglers not involved with the event.



PHOTOGRAPH FROM SANDY WRIGHT

ACE COMPETITOR Sandy placed first in the Women's Division of the NFFT last year.

"Spectators are welcome, people can come and watch the event," Pehle said. "It's not a closed event."

"The World Cup has existed more than 100 years," Pehle said. "The event is similar to the Olympics but specifically for people who want to fish." ♦



PHOTOGRAPHS FROM KAY DUSHANE

NEW YEAR PRIZE: EXCEPTIONAL BONEFISHING Kay Dushane will be hosting two weeklong women's flyfishing trips in the southern Bahamas in April. One trip will be to Crooked Island and the other will be on Acklins Island, both of which are lovely, sparsely populated family islands in the chain. Contact Kay at ked@wildblue.net or call (303) 838-0115 for more information on how to join.

Liz's Casting Clinic Quiz

BY LIZ WATSON

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1. What action in the casting stroke loads the rod?
 - a. The drift move
 - b. Stopping the rod
 - c. Follow through
 - d. Acceleration to a stop
2. The size of the casting arc should:
 - a. Vary from 45 to 50 degrees
 - b. Increase as the rod bend increases
 - c. Never exceed 45 degrees
 - d. Decrease as the rod bend increases
3. Which of the following is true? Large arbor reels . . .
 - a. require less turns (and time) in retrieving line.
 - b. spin faster when a fish takes line.
 - c. are louder than small arbor reels.
 - d. increase memory in fly lines.
4. An off shoulder cast:
 - a. Is useful only for left handed casters
 - b. Changes the position of the rod hand
 - c. Is useful in a right hand wind (for a right handed caster)
 - d. Requires changing your rod to your nondominant hand

Answers:

1. (d); 2. (b); 3. (a); 4. (c)

The Raffle Corner - January 2008



New Year Greetings from Karen Williams

The January Raffle items were bought from **Discount Fishing Tackle**, on Santa Fe, at a deep discount. These guys have been great and love to see CWF expanding. They have offered to sell any CWF member a pair of Hodgman boots, women's sizes 5, 6 or 7 for \$10. They also have more 2-piece rod cases, selling for \$15.

Raffle Items

Galatin Ghost Net from Brodin Nets (this is the one with the rubber netting); 2-piece rod case with reel attachment; Hodgman wading boots, size women's 5; Prism 12-pack of sparkle dubbing; C&F Design M size fly box,

Flies of the Month

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 October six flies: Sowbug #18; the November six flies: CDC Emerger, Parachute #22 and his December six flies: Mercury Brassie # 20. All come with fishing advice and recipe.

Door Prizes

The door prize tickets are for everyone who attends — prizes include lots of tying materials and assorted stuff.

Hope to see you there on January 8!! —*Karen Williams, Fundraising Chair*

NOTICE: The newsletter editor welcomes contributions. Send articles and/or photographs (with captions) to arlys@earthlink.net. Deadlines are the 15th of every month. If you have an item to submit to the "CWF Contest Series," please indicate that on your email. Many thanks for your continuing support.

MEMBERSHIP

GIVE A TOOT FOR 2008 . . . AND RENEW NOW

BY ELLIE REISER, CHAIR

If you haven't already done so, make it your New Year's resolution to renew your CWF membership for the year 2008. With your annual dues of \$25, you can attend monthly meetings, where you will listen to knowledgeable speakers discuss flyfishing techniques, equipment, latest ecological developments and all the hot fishing spots in Colorado and the world. You can participate in more and expanded educational flyfishing programs, workshops and clinics. You can receive this monthly newsletter, filled with all kinds of fishing tips, educational articles and CWF fishing trip information; and . . . best yet, you can meet more women flyfishing buddies! ♦



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SPECIAL PROJECTS

A GOOD YEAR FROM THOSE WHO DONATED THEIR TIME

BY JANE FRANCFEN, CHAIR

Big helpings of thanks are due the many members who raise their hands when the call goes out for CWF volunteers. Many members volunteer year after year, and they need special acknowledgment. **Marion Roper** and **Marion Nutt** have each found their calling with the River Clean-up and the Girl Scouts respectively. They continue to give their time and energy to these activities.

The Summer Picnic was chaired by **Sherry Schranz**. Her committee consisted of **Mary Ellen Freas, Diane Kyncl, Anita English, Janet Lopez, Nancy Sherman** and anyone who showed up early. Good food, gearage sale, raffle and bellyboat races finished out the evening.

Because of late snowstorms, the River Clean-up was moved from spring to fall. **Marion Roper** had a great location and plan, but some of us decided to deviate from the plan — but that's another story (see your *October newsletter*). In spite of this, Marion has again agreed to chair the River Clean-up for 2008.

Carol Stegink organized the "Race for the Cure." Fifteen members and friends walked the walk, talked the talk — and then met at the Blue Bonnet for brunch. Thanks to everyone who took the time to support the very worthwhile Susan G. Komen Foundation.

I am sure we are the most popular activity at the Girl Scout Fitness Fair held at Washington Park. A team of volunteers, led by **Marion Nutt**, taught beginning fly casting to the Girl Scouts — and their parents and siblings — before adjourning to Reivers for lunch.

The grand finale to our year is the December Holiday Party. This year we made some changes: different evening, new location and a buffet rather than sit-down dinner. So far the comments have been positive, and we will do it all again next year. Thanks to all the volunteers, especially **Mary Ellen Freas, Anita English, Diane Kyncl, Nancy Sherman** and **Ellie Reiser**. Happy New Year from all of us on the Special Projects Committee. ♦

LAST CAST

*"So many fish,
so little time."*

JOANNE SONDOCK
WORDS TO LIVE BY,
2007

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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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