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JUNE MEETING

DATE:

Tuesday, June 3, 2008

TIME:

5:15* - 6:30 Social Hour

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

7:30 - 8:30 Program

* 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.

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!

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

At our June meeting...

TIE A FLY FOR RUNOFF
with Hyrum Taylor

Spring fishing can be temperamental. If runoff is racing down your river of choice, and you can't see any fish through the flotsam and jetsam, maybe you should just take an assessment of your flybox and start tying up the most irresistible flies ever used on that river.

And we can help you do that. This month's speaker is Hyrum Taylor from Discount Fishing Tackle in Englewood. Hyrum is going to demonstrate, via Belly Cam, the best techniques for tying those yummy little morsels that no fish can resist.

So, whether you tie or knot (Ha! I crack myself up), don't miss this program because, if nothing else, the Belly Cam will provide a very interesting perspective on the art of fly tying. Or, on Hyrum's belly. One or the other. — *Jody Yehle, V.P. and Program Chair*

CWF Calendar

June 3 CWF Monthly Meeting
June 7-8 The Green River,
Club Weekend Trip
June 10 CWF Board Meeting
June 21 Pinewoods Reservoir,
Club Day Trip
July 8 CWF Family Picnic (is the
July program meeting.)

Newsletter Articles and

Photos Email your fishing stories and photos (include some details about where and what you caught and who took the picture) to our new email address: arlyswarfield@comcast.net.

Send photos to Janet Canaan at jcanaan@jcanaan.com to be shown on the CWF website.

Welcome New Members

Suzanne Allen Aurora
Jane Conrad Evergreen
Kiko El Commerce City
Heather Hermeling . . . Littleton
• 68 New Members Enrolled in 2008.



FOUL HOOKED: Poor presentation is the worst mistake in dry fly fishing. • There is generally only one ideal position for presenting a dry fly — figure out what it is before casting. • Minimize excessive wading; it just puts fish down no matter how careful you think you are. Try to get to where you want to go by looking for stream features that will mask your movements. • If you are fishing to risers, pick your target on the basis of location and then size. • Learn how to make different and accurate casts and how to handle long leaders. • Don't over-do false casting. • Understand your casting range and limitations. • When you can, keep a low profile and wear drab outfits. • Above all observe and then act! — Reprinted with permission from the May issue of the Front Range Angler Newsletter.

BACK CAST

MAY MEETING — HIDDEN GEMS OF THE UPPER ARKANSAS RIVER

BY ARLYS WARFIELD

The largest crowd of the season (56, including 6 guys) came to hear Carol Neville's secret (or at least some of them) alpine lakes and high mountain streams for flyfishing in remote areas — especially during the June-July run-off period. Carol's list was long and varied, with her slide show emphasizing not only the unique features of the various lakes and streams but also the surrounding spectacular flora and fauna.

"Thanks to [Chaffee] county's position as the first watershed east of the Continental Divide, the northern end of the county enjoys the highest concentration of high alpine lakes anywhere in the state."

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A sidebar segment gave attendees a quick tour of the uppermost Arkansas River region. Fishing sites and techniques during runoff's high water were highlighted. Her most important tip was to fish the river's edges.

Many of her clients pictured were relative newcomers to the sport, thrilled to be taken to areas where they could catch wild rainbows and stocked cutthroat trout waderless from shorelines. Most of the fish were caught near the inlets and outlets, and just beyond the flat, 20-30 foot rock shelves that extend into the lakes.

Carol cautioned that anglers should consider getting early starts to their high country fishing days since summer thunderstorms roll in, sometimes as early as 11 a.m., which is grave concern to graphite rod owners. Normally, most mountain lakes are stocked with decent size trout and start opening by mid-to late June.

Key Flies & Equipment for High Lakes

Dry Flies: Royal Wulff, Parachute Adams, Griffith's Gnats (especially one with a red tail), Orange Asher, Renegade, Caddis, Scuds, Beetles and Ants (Carol's favorites: a grey hackle peacock and most anything black, red or orange).

Nymphs & Wets: Black or gray midges, pheasant tail, woolly buggers, streamers.

Equipment: 4-6 wt. 9' rod, 5x-6x 9' leader, 5x-6x tippet. (Opt: Sink line, or sink tip)

Key Flies & Equipment for Small Streams, Beaver Ponds

Dry Flies: Royal Wulff, Parachute Adams, Griffith's Gnat, Humpty, caddis, emergers, 'hoppers, ants.

Nymphs: Black, gray midges, pheasant tail.

Equipment: 2-4 wt. 6 or 7.5' rod, 5x-6x 7.5' leader, 5x-7x tippet, (Opt. Tiny indicator)

Those who brought their steno pads and pencils recorded Carol's detailed information on how to get to the hidden gems, their geological makeup — and how to fish them. Others will have to depend on their memories and the following reference books and maps.

BOOKS;

Flyfishing the High Country — John Gierach

Flyfishing Mountain Lakes — Gary LaFontaine

MAPS:

Google Maps — Satellite View

San Isabel Forest Map

National Geographic Trails Illustrated — Nos. 129, 130

Collegiate Peaks TU Fishing Guide Map

Michael Shook's Arkansas River Fishing Map and Guide

The Raffle

New members enjoyed winning the Pat Dorsey's Fly of the Month (**Diana Chatham**) and the Marmot fishing shirt (**Sue Allen**). The happiest winner was **Marion Roper**, who won the Brodin "ghost" net; the saddest was **Carole Leonard**, winner of the renowned CWF Traveling Fly Box ♦

*** Check your personal information in the March 2008 roster and send any corrections to Ellie Reiser at elliejr@earthlink.net.**

GO FISH THE GREEN RIVER

Club Weekend Trip to Dutch John, UT, June 7-8

BY ANITA ENGLISH, TRIPS CO-CHAIR

If you haven't made your reservations yet, you better get a move on. The cicada hatch returned last year after a three-year absence. This is going to be a popular river! You can book a float at Trout Creek Flies Shop (435) 885-3355, Ole Moe Guide Service (435) 885-3342, or Flaming Gorge Recreation Services (435) 885-3191.

Camping and Lodging

Reservations for camping and RVs can be booked at *Recreation.gov*. Quite a few members are staying at the Deer Run Campground, which has running water and showers. If you don't get a kick out of sleeping in a tent, call the Flaming Gorge Lodge, (435) 889-3773 email www.fglodge.com. Flaming Gorge Recreation Services have cabins and RV hookups (435) 885-3191 or email www.fishthegreen.com.

What to Bring

5 wt. rods with 4x tippets. Big flies: sz. 6-10 cicadas, sz. 10-12 Chernoble ants, sz. 12-14 foam beetles, with peacock or black bodies and sz. 10-14 crickets. It might be a good idea to check with the local shops in Dutch John to see what they recommend.

**"Good news!
Saturday, June 7
is a FREE fishing
day in Utah."**

Utah License Required

Go online to wildlife.utah.gov/licenses. Or, at Trout Creek Fly Shop (Hours 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.). Or, Flaming Gorge Recreational Services, located at the Conoco station (Hours 7:00a.m. – 9:00 p.m.). Both are in Dutch John, Ut. Or, go to the Flaming Gorge Lodge fly shop.

But if you are only fishing Saturday and Sunday, you can get away with buying a one-day license, since Saturday is a FREE fishing day in Utah!

Directions

From Denver take I-25 north to Cheyenne. At Cheyenne head west on I-80 to Rock Springs. Just past Rock Springs take Highway 191 south to Dutch John, Utah.

Or you can take the more scenic route via I-70 west to Rifle, then Hwy 13 north to Meeker. Just before you get to the town of Meeker, take Hwy 64 west through Rangely. Nineteen miles past Rangely, you will connect with US 40. Take US 40 to Vernal, Utah. Hwy 191 north out of Vernal will take you to Dutch John.

Plan on 6-7 hours for this trip. ♦



PHOTOGRAPH BY ARLYS WARFIELD

FLOATING THE GREEN Club members enjoy one of flyfishing's great delights.

GO FISH PINWOOD RESERVOIR

Club Day Trip, Saturday, June 21, near Loveland, CO

BY ANITA ENGLISH, TRIPS CO-CHAIR

While the rivers are ripping, we will head for the hills and fish a small reservoir southwest of Loveland (*page 30 in the Colorado Atlas and Gazeteer, upper left corner*). Pinewood Reservoir was stocked with the Hofer Harrison cross of rainbow in spring of 2007.

These fish are fierce fighters, coming out of the water numerous times and then diving to the bottom if they can't shake free. Let's hope DOW stocks this lake again.

This is a bellyboat lake, but you can fish from shore.

What to Bring

5 wt. rod 4 and 5x tippet. Flies to bring: Pat's Radiant Ant – this is an ant on steroids! — about the size of a cicada. In fact fish may take a cicada, so bring them. Also, woolly buggers black and olive, sz. 12 grey hackle peacock wet fly, beetles, Adams and 'hoppers.

For those who would like to try floating, we will have some extra tubes and fins available. A word to the wise: It is highly recommended that you wear a flotation device. Cautionary notes: The park allows only 3.2% beer. Pets must be leashed at all times.

Directions and Larimer Parks Permit

Take I-25 to Berthoud (Exit 250). Go west on Hwy 56 past the town of Berthoud. You will come to a T. Go north on 23 Rd. Go less than a mile and turn west onto 8E Rd. Along this road there will be a booth or a pay station (\$7 per vehicle). Turn north onto 31 Rd. You will skirt Carter Reservoir. Turn west onto 18E Rd. Flatiron Reservoir is on your left. Continue on to Pinewood Reservoir. Check out www.larimer.org/parks for more information.

Questions?

Call Anita English 303-424-2354 or email sb33mvp@aol.com. ♦

ANITA ENGLISH'S SNEAK PEEKS

THE BEAR CREEK TRIP Denver Metro Area Day Trip, July 12

Fishing close to home is a happy occasion for every gas-challenged angling Denverite. And Bear Creek offers some fine fishing for small fish. By July we should be doing the dry dropper thing.

Kerry Caraghar gave us some hints on where to go:

- Fox Hollow Golf Course,
- Lair of the Bear, and in the ...
- Kittridge City Park.

Break out your 3 wt. rod for this one.

Cautionary Note

Because of heavy run-off this year we will keep an eye on this trip in case we need to change the destination.

TAYLOR-GUNNISON TRIP Almont, Colorado Weekend Trip: July 26 - 27

Hopefully, green drakes will be the main item on the menu on the Taylor and East Rivers. These giant mayflies attract even the biggest fish on the river. The Gunnison is a bigger river and there are numerous places to fish below Almont, all the way to Blue Mesa Reservoir.

Make Reservations PDQ

If you haven't made reservations yet, try to make them soon. This time of year is very popular because of the green drake hatch. Call 3 Rivers Lodge 970-641-1303, email 3riversresort.com.

Campers can reserve some sites at Recreation.gov. Other sites are first come, first served. More info can be obtained at the Chamber of Commerce at www.gunnison-co.com; Tel: 970-641-1501.

If you need information earlier than the next newsletter, please call me at 303-424-2354 or email sb33mvp@aol.com. — Anita

REMINDER

It is not too early to make reservations for the following future destination trips.

Frying Pan River — August 9-10

Green Drake Motel, Basalt Tel: 970-927-4747.

Some members are camping at the Mollie B campground; reserve spaces at recreation.gov.

White River — September 13-14

Sleepy Cat Resort Tel: 970-878-4413,

White River Inn Tel: 970-878-5031,

Green Cabins Tel: 970-878-4810,

Meeker Chamber of Commerce Tel: 970-878-5510

Colorado Greenback Trout Restoration Project May Be Tainted

THE FLY FISHERMAN, FEBRUARY 2008 ISSUE

A 20-year effort to restore endangered greenback cutthroat trout to their native Colorado habitats was misdirected because biologists over the years inadvertently stocked Colorado River cutthroat in the belief they were descendants of greenbacks.

The discovery was made by University of Colorado researchers using advanced DNA analysis that was unavailable when the subspecies was declared extinct in 1937. It was rediscovered in the 1950s, then added to the federal endangered species list in 1978.

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Greenback History

Greenbacks were found historically in the Arkansas and South Platte river drainages east of the Continental Divide, in about 142 miles of stream. The study shows that today only five of nine trout populations formerly believed to be (restored) greenbacks, occupy about 11 miles of stream.

The other four study groups showed Colorado River cutthroat DNA contaminated the original brood stock used to repopulate the streams. The same study discovered a population of greenback cutthroat in the Gunnison River basin—west of the Continental Divide—that were formerly thought to be Colorado River cutthroat.

Colorado and federal fish biologists say these findings do not put the recovery program in jeopardy. They hope eventually to restore 20 self sustaining greenback populations. ♦

cwfTalk@GoogleGroups Don't miss important information about Club events and trips. Sign up for the Club's communication link. If you need help setting up your account, or have other questions, contact our coordinator, Karen Williams at karenwilliam@comcast.net.

From the Presidential Suite

The fishin' days have come
Time to go out and catch some
No column this time
'Cause I'm out lookin' for mine.

**Joanie McCord,
President**

PICTURES FROM AN EXHIBITION (THE CWF CLINIC)

THE NEWSLETTER STAFF HAS HEARD nothing but high praise — especially from the many beginner anglers — for the benefits received from this year’s instructors at the CWF Flyfishing Clinic: **Dana Rikimaru** (Trout 101, Dry Fly, and On the Water); **Phyllis Vinson** (Entomology, Trout 101, and On the Water); **Janice O’Shea** (Casting 101 and Nymphing); **Dan Wright** (Intermediate Casting, Intermediate/Advanced Casting and Nymphing); and **Char Bloom** (Dry Fly, Streamers and Pocket water). Many members carried their lessons over to the Arkansas River Club trip, where they practiced their new skills.



PHOTOGRAPH BY JOANIE MCCORD

GEARING UP Sunny but cold is tough on sensitive fingers .



PHOTOGRAPH BY JOANIE MCCORD

COLLEGE WAS EASIER Phyllis Vinson’s entomology students are deep in concentration.



PHOTOGRAPH BY JOANIE MCCORD

FLY CHOICES Tell me, again, which of these flies will be good today?



PHOTOGRAPH BY JOANIE MCCORD

LIVING THE DREAM Dawn Blom puts the lessons into practice.



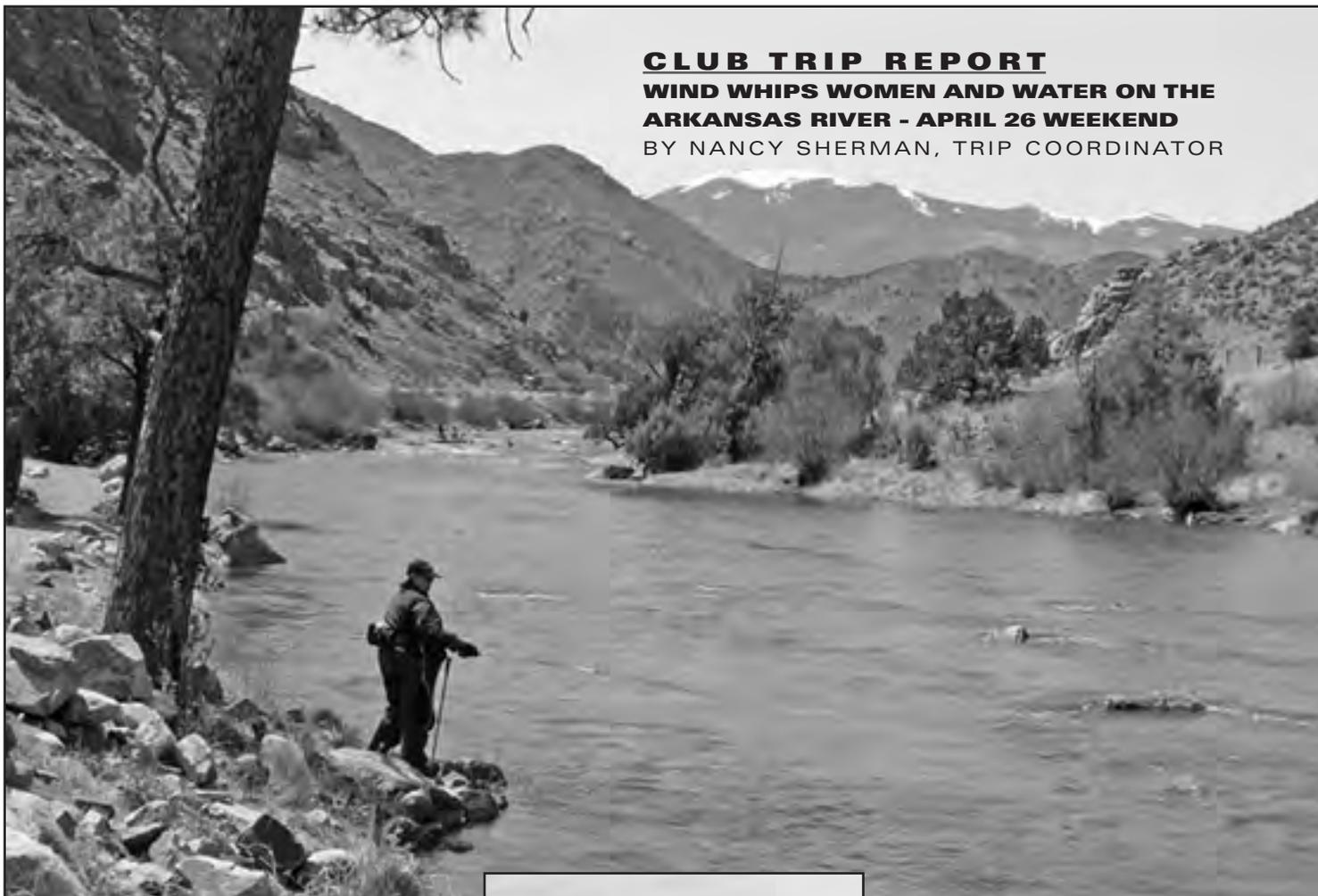
PHOTOGRAPH BY CONNIE ROGERS

SATISFIED CUSTOMER Starla McGuffee catches in the streamer class — and plans to return for more instruction next year.

CLUB TRIP REPORT

WIND WHIPS WOMEN AND WATER ON THE ARKANSAS RIVER - APRIL 26 WEEKEND

BY NANCY SHERMAN, TRIP COORDINATOR



PHOTOGRAPH BY ARLYS WARFIELD

Seventy plus members and guests were in Salida for our annual, late April Arkansas River Trip. Distant travelers were **Suzanne Sneed Faerber** from Cleveland and **Debbie Ratliff** from Sante Fe.

In past years this annual trip had put us there during the caddis hatch. This year it was not so. Although conditions – water flows and

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NANCY SHERMAN

weather – were beyond our control and less than ideal, it was a fun time to be out trying our best. We all learned some valuable lessons.

1. You cannot make the insects and trout do what you want them to do, when you want them to do it: With a large snow pack, the water was colder and the flows were about 50% higher than average. [April 26 at Salida, 675 cfs; average 450]; with that volume of water the sunlight and daytime temperatures were not able to warm the river



PHOTOGRAPH BY ANITA ENGLISH

Wind or no wind, high water or low, Nancy still catches!

enough to overcome the overnight cooling temperatures; thus, the magic caddis hatching temperature of 54°F did not happen, and the caddis remained submerged in their sealed cases; emergence of BWOs and surface feeding by the trout were scarce because there was not enough cloud cover

most days; many trout were holding in deeper water, which was hard to access with the high flows; serious wading was not usually an option. (The little people could have told you that!)

2. Casting into a stiff north to northwest wind for three days (Th, Fr, Sa) was fatiguing and led to casting knots: Your casting arm rested while you untangled your leader and tippet; after being wind-blasted for six hours a day, you were ready to retreat to the Super 8, relax with a drink and swap tales.

3. Any trout you fooled was something to celebrate: Size did not matter; landing the trout was a bonus.

4. There were ample opportunities to enjoy the environs: Watching dippers collect aquatic insects and feed their young in the nest; seeing the first wild plum and chokecherry blossoms; eating sprigs of fresh-picked wild asparagus; spotting deer and Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep; visiting/shopping in the downtown galleries.

This trip should give us all greater appreciation for the days when the fishing is easier and the catching is more abundant. ♦

THE '08 ARK TRIP PHOTO ALBUM

PHOTOGRAPH BY KEN HUMIE



HAPPINESS IS . . . Jen Hume's nice brown.

PHOTOGRAPH BY DOUG NUTT ON DEBBIE SEIDEN'S CAMERA



SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER The gals, a guy and a dog gathered at the Super 8 Motel to memorialize the weekend before the 2008 Chili Cook-Off festivities at the Salida Senior Center.

PHOTOGRAPH BY DEB NELSON



ARE YOU KIDDING ME? Karen Savage took one look at the wind and high cfs flow and . . .

PHOTOGRAPH BY DEBBIE SEIDEN



PAIRS OF FUN Sage eyes Sandy Wright's catch, while Deb Nelson and Dawn Blom (below) share a joke.

PHOTOGRAPH BY DEB NELSON



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WHAT A VIEW

The Sangre de Cristo mountain range is a spectacular backdrop for Sue Thomson's float trip down the Arkansas on Sunday.

FISHIN' BUDS

Phyllis Vinson, Marion Nutt and Carol Neville share a hug.



PHOTOGRAPH BY ARLYS WARFIELD



PHOTOGRAPH FROM CAROL NEVILLE



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CAROL NEVILLE'S STUDENTS CATCH! Sharon vonBroembsen (top) and Starla McGuffee learned how to catch fish on their guided wade trip with Carol Neville.



PHOTOGRAPH BY ARLYS WARFIELD

FIRST THINGS FIRST Linda Price wisely lathered sunscreen on before embarking on her full-day, sunny float trip.



PHOTOGRAPH BY CAROL NEVILLE



MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES Jeanette Bourdon

Big Bangs at the Saturday Night Chili Cook-Off

Many thanks to all the chefs in our Club. They were all winners — the chili cooks, the salad and appetizer makers and the dessert bakers.

Mary Manka was our big Chili Cook-Off winner this year. Her chili pot went empty quickly, and the gals were hooting with delight as the voting was taking place. She won a beautiful rod and reel that I think came from the Wal-Mart toy department. The runners-up got great gifts, too, so thanks for the entries, ladies.

Thanks again everyone for making it all come together and sharing in the fun that evening. Another giant thanks to all the helpers who set up before and cleaned up after the event. Your hard work was greatly appreciated.

— Jeanette Bourdon, Trips Co-Chair



COOK-OFF WINNER Mary Manka with prize.



BONDING OVER CHILI It was a packed hall of diners at the Salida Senior Center.



BONDING OVER MACANUDOS The Porch Bunch enjoyed the spirit (s) of the day.

EDUCATION

Guidelines For Tipping Fishing Guides

BY WALLACE WESTFELDT

This useful article has been reprinted from the Front Range Anglers May newsletter with permission. The author can be reached at wallace@mudbugco.com

In the United States tipping is used to show appreciation and as a form of evaluation.

One is expected to tip servers in restaurants, ski instructors, golf pros, hunting guides, and fishing guides. The base pay for these vocations is intended to be only part of the compensation. Tipping is the other part and it is under control of the customer, not the employer.

Outfitters will usually point out that gratuity is not included, but few will give pointers on how much to tip. Fly fishing clients are frequently and understandably unaware of how their guides are compensated and how much they should tip. Furthermore, clients often find the subject awkward and therefore don't ask questions. The explanations below should give a client a better frame of reference for tipping. Bear in mind that these explanations are generalizations and there are many variations with individual guides and outfitters.

How Guides are Compensated

Guides are hired by licensed outfitters. Outfitters must pay license fees, insurance premiums, keep a supply of equipment for the trips, and pay for the permits for much of the waters that are used for trips.

The outfitter, which is often (but not always) a flyshop, books a trip for a client(s). Then, they assign a guide to that trip from their guide list. From that point, the guide usually takes charge of the trip by calling the client, arranging destination, meeting time and place. Among the many variations is when the guide and outfitter are the same entity. The outfitter usually pays the guide 50% or less of the trip cost, minus rod fees (for private water) and fishing licenses. Take, for example, a full day, two person trip, on public water priced at \$330. The guide would get \$165 from the outfitter. The guide is responsible for food, drinks, gas. Those expenses can easily reach \$25-\$30 depending on individual client needs and destination. Guides are also responsible

for providing tippet, strike indicators, split shot, first aid kits, etc.

In addition to the 8 hours with the client, the guide will spend additional time purchasing and preparing food, rigging and collecting equipment, researching conditions, possibly tying special flies, cleaning equipment, and returning equipment. On average for the season, this adds 2.5 hours to the trip time. It's no surprise that most guides aren't in it for the money. The personal intangible reward of helping folks catch fish, or helping them to become better at fishing, can be tremendous. Nevertheless, it is substantial work and the base compensation from the outfitter is intended to be barely adequate.

Tipping allows the client to control additional compensation. Below are two tipping models that the client may apply to show appreciation and/or evaluate their guide.

Percentage Model

This is the familiar model for most clients (restaurant model) since it is based on the more common experience of dining out. Simply apply a percentage to the "trip cost" to reflect your enjoyment of the trip. Be sure to include any rod fees in the trip cost because private water can have direct effect on your trip. Do not include fishing licenses. If the outfitter charges for flies used, do not include that in the trip cost.

If the outfitter does not charge for flies, the cost of flies is usually an additional expense for the guide.

Your personal evaluation of a trip is highly individualized and subject to your pre-trip expectations if any. While the

number and/or size of fish landed is an important component, fishing conditions, client skills/ strengths/weaknesses may be outside of the control of the guide. Under trying conditions a good guide may be even more valuable than when the fishing is easy. Also, clients find that what they learn from good guides pays off in future fishing trips. (See Box at bottom of column 2. Based on full day, two person, wade trip on public water costing \$330.)

Fixed Rate Model

This is an easier model where percentages do not need to be calculated. It is also useful for gift certificates when you want to include the tip for larger trips when multiple guides are involved.

Evaluation	Tip
Poor	\$25 (-)
Average	\$50
Good	\$75
Great	\$100 (+)

These models are not meant to be applied to all situations. Large trips, float trips, or distant destinations all have an effect on a guide's labor, time, and expenses. Use these models for reference only.

Good luck, tight lines and thanks to all the fish. ♦

Thanks to Connie Rogers for suggesting this article. — Ed.

% Tip	Evaluation	What It Means
10%	Poor	Something went seriously wrong with this trip, and you believe it was related to the guide's experience, performance, and/or attitude. You should speak to the outfitter about this experience.
15%	Average	Trip was fun. But you wish you had caught more fish, or the guide could have coached better, rigged better. Maybe fishing conditions were poor.
20%	Good	Trip was really fun. You caught more than expected. Maybe some good size trout. Learned a lot from the guide or maybe just liked him/her. You want to book again. This is the minimum trip goal for guides.
25%	Great	Everything came together on this trip. Lots of hookups, lots of landings, including one that fought like the rodeo bull. Guide was great. Learned about a new rig or fly that you can't wait to try by yourself. You even want the recipe for that special lunch dish. Want to repeat as soon as possible. If you consider yourself generous, this is the time to show it.

**Based on full day, two persons, wade trip on public water costing \$330.*

Reserve Your Place NOW For The CWF July Family Picnic

BY JANE FRANCFEN, SPECIAL PROJECTS CHAIR

GOT RIBS? Rib City is the new caterer for this year's July picnic, hosted by **Joanne Sondock** and **Steph Stoff**. Everyone is invited: CWF members, your families and friends. It's the annual CWF Family Picnic



and Gearage Sale, to be held this year on Tuesday, July 8th.

It's a catered dinner, with fun and games: belly boat races ... casting contest...raffle ... silent auction.

Cost

\$5.00 CWF members
(includes Member subsidy);

\$7.00 Kids under 12
(includes Member subsidy);

\$13.50 for Non-members

Payment Deadline

Tuesday, July 1st.

Send checks, payable to CWF, to: Joanne Sondock, 4638 Fig St., Golden, CO 80403

Meet at Prospect Park

Just as in the previous couple of years,

we will again meet around 5 p.m. at Prospect Park, on the south side of 44th about 3/4 mile west of Kipling (44th is about a half mile south of I-70). Park allows only 3.2 beer.

The Gearage Sale

The annual CWF Gearage Sale is a good opportunity to buy or sell members' used fishing gear. Go to your garage or attic and collect all that fishing gear that you have outgrown or have in duplicate. Bring your useable boots, waders, rods, reels, etc.— with selling price of each attached — and we will provide the buyers!

Remember

The picnic takes the place of the July Club program meeting.

Until then ... Happy Fishing! ♦

CLUB TRIP REPORT

MAY 10 DAY TRIP TO THE BIG THOMPSON WAS A BLIZZARD OF FUN. NOT.

BY ANITA ENGLISH,
TRIP COORDINATOR

Because the South Platte at Deckers was running over 700 cfs, the May 10th Club trip was moved to the Big Thompson.

Picture the Arkansas Club Trip. Then add 25 mph winds, with snow and temperatures of 38 degrees. Looking toward the west, we knew we were in for worse weather to come. Add water flow rising overnight from 100 to 242 cfs! What were we thinking? Obviously, we were sharing a brain. You would think that one of us would have figured out that if the weather in Denver was bad, it probably wasn't any better up here!

But all this did not deter eight hardy members — including **Joanne Sondock**, **Craig Stainton**, **Chris Juvan**, **Starla McGuffee**, **Diane Kyncl**, **Jane Francen**, **Nancy Sherman** and me — from meeting below the dam at Estes Park Lake.

The first thing we noticed was the water

flow. The flow on May 9th was 100cfs — a great flow for this river. This was *not* 100 cfs! We learned later that they had raised the flow overnight. They dirt-bagged us!

The wind knots were HUGE! And we had to clean slimy gray-brownish stuff off our line on every cast. I swear The Blob must have exploded upstream somewhere. One comment on this outing was "I'm new to Colorado. Do you have summer here?" And what is this stupid, mindless Club tradition — you know, the one where no scheduled Club trip has ever been cancelled?

But still.

Fish *were* caught. And they were caught on a variety of flies, from San Juan worms,

to RS-2s, to a Purple Prince, a Rainbow Warrior and, of course, the "Money Fly." **Starla McGuffee** caught the nicest fish — a plump 14-inch rainbow on a red annelid. Unfortunately, she broke her rod in two places landing it! Fortunately, her fly shop has agreed to replace it. (A benefit of buying equipment through local, reputable fly shops.)

Chris Juvan had the catch of the day. As usual, everyone on the river knew she had hooked up — and waited breathlessly to see what was on the other end of her line. Turns out she landed a brand new Barbie rod and reel! A little girl upriver came racing down to reclaim the rod that she had flung in the river earlier in the day.

What did Chris catch the Barbie rod on? The magnetic Ken fly, of course.

This trip was tough. It made us appreciate the good days even more. ♦

MEMBER NEWS FROM 2007

"Everyone Was Giving Me Advice; One Guy Was Praying"

BY MIKE SPEER

PHOTOGRAPH BY MIKE SPEER WWW.MIKESPEERPHOTO.COM



Roxanne Speer hoists her winning trout after a ten-minute ordeal.

Golden resident Roxanne Speer captured the winning title of the First Annual Granby Fly Fishing Festival at Granby's Edgewater Resort.

Last year, the two-day event, June 23 to 24, consisted of amateur teams on June 23 and Pro-Amateur teams on June 24. The field of 16 amateurs competed in teams and as individuals. Each contestant tried to tally the most fish in inches (of a three-fish total) over both days. Each contestant could fish any barb-less fly pattern they wished, one at a time, with a judge measuring and keeping score for each contestant.

Known for using her pink Elkhorn fly rod and reel, Roxanne's total trout score was 101 inches, edging out the other 15 amateur contestants.

Roxie remembers: "We (with partner Scott Coburn of Boulder, Colorado) drew a good beat (a section of river) and selected fly patterns we believed the trout would take. Our strategy going in was to keep changing flies until we hit on what the trout liked and always had a fly in the water."

Her third trout on June 23 was crucial to her win. With less than 10 minutes to score her third and final fish, her 18-1/2-inch rainbow hit hard and deep, walking her down over three separate rapids and a large bush. As the fish tired, Roxanne worked toward the riverbank, where her fly reel fell off her rod, adding to the chaos. Once in the net and scored by Judge Bruning Rangel, it

was exactly 10:45, ending time for the amateur qualifier. A small crowd of viewers gathered to watch the 10-minute ordeal and cheered her accomplishment.

"I had to catch and land one more fish. My partner suggested that I change up to a different fly and, sure enough, on the second cast I had a fish on! Everybody was giving me advice and talking at once: "Bring him in slow-

ly!" "Don't horse him!" "You have to net him, you have to net him!" One guy was even praying to God. People came out of their houses and over from the other events and were watching. Finally got him in the net and everyone was cheering. It was a moment that I'll never forget. "The funniest thing I remember was that the fish took quite a while to revive, and it was just resting in my hands — and then all of a sudden, with a quick, hard slap of his tail, he sprayed me in the face with water and was gone. What a day!"

ROXANNE SPEER

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Roxanne also won the team event with Scott: 102 total inches put them ahead of the other amateur teams. As a team they were awarded Simms and Cloudveil fishing waders.

"Winning the Orvis rod and Simms waders is just thrilling. I will be back next year!" said Speer. ♦

The 2008 competition is scheduled for June 28-29. If you would like to enter, please contact Granby Chamber of Commerce, Fly Fishing Festival Committee, Box 35, Granby, CO 80446.

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The Raffle Corner - June 2008

WE WILL HAVE A SPECIAL SILENT AUCTION AT THE JUNE MEETING. Thanks to Anne Zadrazil for acquiring a half-day trip at Grey's Reef from Greg Mueller. Here is the description:

"The Platte River Fly Shop would like to offer a half-day of guided service for two people on the North Platte River, which includes shuttle to and from the shop, lunch, flies, leaders and indicators. Date of trip is to be scheduled the last two weeks in July, 2008. Your guide for this trip will be Greg Mueller. Gratuity not included."

I will have a clipboard back by the Raffle table with the sign up for the auction. If you are interested in bidding, sit towards the back (you know how crowded the room can be). The bidding will close at 7:00 p.m.

June Raffle

For the Raffle this month we have an Orvis chest pack; a Girl on the Fly fishing shirt, size M; a White River 8'6" 5 wt. fly rod with case, donated by Bass Pro Shop; and a natural brown hen cape for the fly tyers in the Club. Of course, we also have the Pat Dorsey Fly of the Month Club selection of sz.16 slow water caddis, brown, with recipe for tying.

Door Prizes

The door prizes this month include a book on wet flies, a carabiner, a dream catcher, fly tying materials, a Dave Whitlock video on red fox squirrel hair nymphs, some Loon Top Ride and a trout Christmas tree ornament.

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

LAST CAST

"When encountering muddy water on the Arkansas River, move upstream, above the murk."

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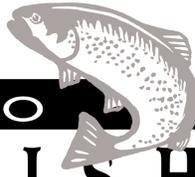
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