

COLORADO

WOMEN

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A sociable club for women who fly fish

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APRIL MEETING

DATE:

Tuesday, April 6, 2010

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 flyfishing friend

New guests are welcome!

How to Get There

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

At our April meeting...

POND FISHING

with Rob Kolanda

This month Rob Kolanda of Front Range Anglers, Boulder, will present on strategies for fishing lakes.

His presentation will cover the seasonal changes in lakes (regardless of elevation or size), and approaches for covering these different situations.

He will also speak about stillwater entomology, and how to effectively "know your bugs!"

So grab the belly boat and float on in!— *Mary Manka, V. P. and Program Chair*

**Don't be an April Fool,
renew your Colorado
Fishing License!**

CWF Calendar

April 1 New Password for CWF
Members Website
April 6 Monthly Meeting
April 10. Club Day Trip, Pella Ponds
April 13. Board Meeting, REI
April 22 Casting For Recovery
Silent Auction
April 24-25. . . . North Fork Clinic, Shawnee
May 8-9 Arkansas River, Salida

Welcome New Members

Cindy Brown Aurora
Barbara Conroy Evergreen
Selina Davis Golden
Lola Duffey Aurora
Sandra Erickson Longmont
Amy Galyardt Loveland
Tanya Lelo Golden
Anne McGihon Denver
Gwen Pettit Gunnison
Patricia Robertson Denver
Charlene Warneke Littleton
Barbara Wolf Greeley

16 New Members in 2010



FOUL HOOKED: Attention New Members: If you have not returned your signed Risk & Release of Liability Waiver, Please log on to the CWF website, go to the Members only section, enter user ID and password, locate the waiver, print, fill out and sign and return to: Aprille Hill, 367 Nome St., Aurora, CO 80010.

Thank you for joining Colorado Women Flyfishers.

–Aprille Hill, Membership Director.

BACK CAST

MARCH MEETING

BY FELICIA OLSEN

John Perry, Manager of Anglers Alibi in King Salmon, Alaska enlightened the group attending the March meeting on all matters of flyfishing in the Bristol Bay area of Alaska. One thing is certain: It is not a trip for the faint of heart! The only way into the area is by water or air. There are no roads in three hundred miles; access to fishing areas is by hiking on game trails or by float planes. Another small detail: Fishing with bears is the norm – not the exception. This is a National Park. Therefore no hunting is allowed and the wildlife sightings, which include bears, moose and even wolves, are a daily event. There has never been a bear attack on a human in the history of the Alaska Lodge.

The rainbow trout are responsible for bringing the area its fame. Nowhere else can you find wild rainbow trout in the numbers and sizes that you find in the Bristol Bay area. The rivers that flow from Katmai National Park and Lake Iliamna are responsible for putting the area on the sport-fishing map.

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**JOHN PERRY,
ANGLERS ALIBI**

respectively. They will hit on dry flies in June and July.

Salmon fishing in the Bristol Bay area consists of five species. King salmon is the largest and most popular of the salmon. The Kings are the first to enter the rivers in late June, followed immediately by the sockeye salmon. Both species come in on tides daily, with the sockeye run ending in the middle of July, and the king season closing on July 31.

Chum salmon arrive next, in two distinct runs. The first run starts in early July and the second run starts the first week of August. The chum is very aggressive on dry flies and provide the most active and longest fight. According to John, “Chum salmon break more rods in our camp than any other salmon.” You have been warned!

Pink salmon are next: It only runs in even years, starting mid-July and ending in August. These Salmon are very eager to take a fly and are quite numerous. Catching 50 plus in a day is a common occurrence.

Last, but not least, is the coveted silver salmon. Silver salmon start running in late July, and run through August. These salmon are great acrobatic fighters, and they will take flies.

Fishing near the ocean in tidewaters is important. Once salmon enter the fresh waters of the rivers, they will begin to decompose. An important indication of how long a salmon has been in fresh water is the presence of sea lice that attach to the fish in salt water. Sea lice are harmless to the salmon, and begin to fall off after only 24 hours in fresh water.

Alaska is the land of the midnight sun. Sunlight peaks in June, with almost 20 hours of daylight and temperatures ranging from 60 to 70 degrees. According to John Perry, mosquitos are not a problem in Alaska – the “no-see-ums” are! As with any mountain environment, weather conditions change rapidly so preparations should take that into account.

If Alaska is in your destination plans, John Perry at Anglers Alibi is an excellent resource for information. More details on Anglers Alibi fishing packages can be found at www.anglersalibi.com. ■

PELLA CROSSING PONDS TRIP

Hygiene, Colorado

Day Trip: Saturday, April 10

Pella Ponds are located west of Longmont and just south of Hygiene. The entrance to Pella Crossing is located one mile south of Hygiene, east off of North 75th Street. There are warm water species such as bluegill, perch, crappie, smallmouth and largemouth bass — all fun to catch on a fly rod.

The ponds are designated as catch-and-release fishing for largemouth and smallmouth bass. Belly boats and other non-motorized, portable boats are allowed — so break them out and join us. Bring your 5 wt. rod, 3X or 4X leaders and tippet. Sinking lines are best, but you can sink a long leader with split shot and still catch fish.

Flies include poppers, woolly buggers, leaches, minnows, and damselfly. As the trip date gets closer we will provide additional fly selections on CWFTalk and via email (if you have signed up for the trip and provide your email address).

Fishing is allowed at Poplar and Dragonfly ponds on the west side of N. 75th St. and at

Sunset, Heron, and Webster ponds on the east side of N. 75th St. All ponds are open to shoreline fishing. The Colorado Division of Wildlife stocks the ponds with bluegill, black crappie, channel catfish, smallmouth bass and yellow perch.

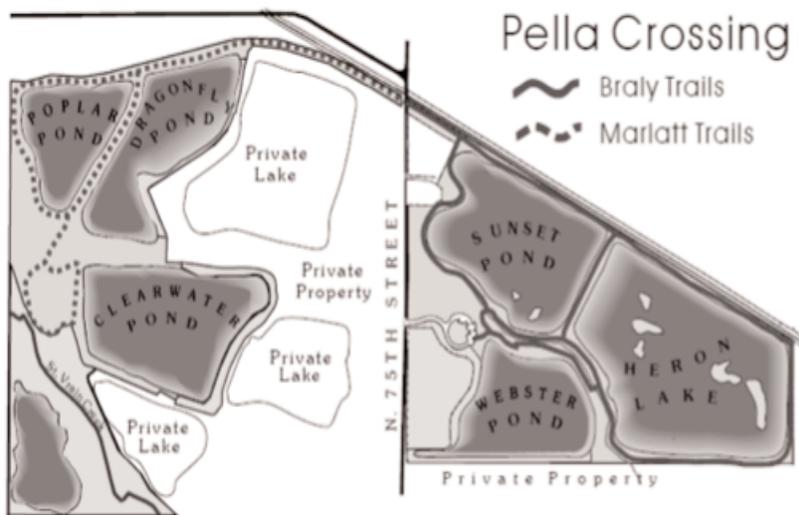
Directions: Take I-25 north to Hwy. 66 (Lyons Exit). Head west on Hwy. 66 through the north end of Longmont, to N. 75th St. Turn left (south) on N. 75th and drive about one mile to the town of Hygiene. The park entrance is south of the main intersection in Hygiene (just past the railroad tracks) on the left side of N. 75th.

As with all trips, If there is a change in date or location due to weather or closures, we will publish the information on CWFTalk, via email for those signed up for the trip, and at the club meetings.

Questions?

Call Amy Slaughter 303-823-9618 or email me at home2pws@mindspring.com.

Trip Coordinator: Fran Sturgis



Pella Crossing Ponds Details

- All ponds are designated as catch-and-release fishing for largemouth and smallmouth bass.
- Anglers must use terminal tackle, such as flies and lures.
- Creel limits for all species other than largemouth and smallmouth bass must adhere to the Colorado Wildlife Commission regulations.
- All boats and single-chambered devices are prohibited on Webster Pond.
- Belly boats and other non-motorized, portable boats are allowed on Sunset, Heron, Poplar and Dragonfly ponds.
- Belly boat put-ins are located in the northwest corner of Poplar and Dragonfly ponds.

Additional information on Pella Crossing can be found at

http://www.bouldercounty.org/openspace/recreating/public_parks/pella_cross.htm#Fishing

EDUCATION

THE WOMEN'S CLINIC

BY ANNE ZADRAZIL,
DIRECTOR

The CWF Spring Clinic will be held over the weekend of April 24th and 25th at North Fork Guest Ranch, located southwest of Denver on US Hwy. 285 in Shawnee, CO. The CWF Flyfishing Clinic will be held over two days this year to accommodate the growing number of members who want to attend.

Participants will receive more individual attention because the class sizes will be kept to a maximum of six to eight ladies. Also, you will find ample space to sit and eat in the lodge without playing musical chairs. Each day will be a full-day clinic. Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. and classes will end at 4:00 p.m. As always, we will have excellent instructors, prime fish habitat and good eats (breakfast and lunch).

Beginner Classes

The beginners' classes will be held on Saturday, April 24th. They are designed to give beginners the basic skills and information to fish safely, ethically, and with confidence. Those who enroll for this day will attend all six classes offered; one just needs to choose the sequence in which she wants to attend them.

Intermediate Classes

The intermediate/advanced classes will be held on Sunday, April 25th. They are designed to give the more experienced flyfishing women the opportunity to learn new techniques and improve old skills.

New This Year

I have several brand new offerings: Line Dancing with **Carol Neville**, and Fish With a Pro with **Dana Rikimaru**. We will also have some repeat classes with special tweaks: Intermediate Casting with Video for Feedback with **Kay DuShane**, and of course, last year's Czech Nymphing with **Sandy Wright**.

If you would like to attend the clinic, the cost will be \$100.00, the same as last year. To register, please fill out the form front or back, depending on what level of experience you have. Mail the form and check payable to CWF to Anne Zadzrazil,

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THE WOMEN OF CWF

Mary Ellen, Jeanette, Anita, Jan, Karen, Deb, and Nancy.

WHO ARE WE?...

We are: women who are well-off financially, women who are doing OK and women who are struggling to make ends meet.

We are: women who are Democrat, women who are Republican, and women who couldn't care less about politics.

We are: women who do not believe in any deity, women who are Christian, women who are Jewish, and women who are a variety of faiths and beliefs.

We are: straight women who are married to a man, we are lesbian women who are committed to a partner, we are women who are divorced, we are women who are dating, and women who have never been married.

We are: women who are secure with our identity and who we are as a person, and we are women who are still trying to figure this one out.

We are: women who have high school diplomas, we are women with college degrees, and we are women with graduate or multiple

graduate degrees.

We are: lawyers, educators, housewives, nurses, accountants, CPAs, and women who are seeking employment.

We are: women who work for companies, women who work for or with husbands and/or partners in a family business, and we are women who run our own businesses and companies.

We are: women who are retired, women who are in the middle of their careers and women who are just beginning.

Clearly, we are not an organization of one type of woman. This diversity is the strength of our club, and we should continue to build on this strength. When CWF members step outside the boundaries and into the world of flyfishing, we are the leaders. IF you are proud of being a member of CWF — then, you, we, all of us —like it or not, need to remember that whenever we are in the fly fishing community we represent the club and we need to be good club ambassadors. *—CWF Board of Directors*

**We embrace our diversity and join in our passion:
FLY FISHING - AND FRIENDSHIP!**

SNEAK PEEKS

**The Arkansas River
Salida, CO**

Weekend Trip: May 8-9

Our most popular trip, the Arkansas River at Salida, will be on Mother's Day weekend. Hopefully we will be lucky and the Mother's Day Hatch will actually be hatching. This is THE trip to go on, so start making plans.

The Chili Cook-off

We will have our annual Chili Cook-Off at the Mt. Shavano Room (across the highway from the Super 8 Motel). Please volunteer to bring a pot of your favorite chili. Members not sharing their great chili will be asked to bring appetizers, sides and desserts. Contact me at 303-823-9618 or email me at home2pws@mindspring.com.

Guided Trips and Accommodations

Start making room and guide reservations soon. Contact ArkAnglers to book a guided fishing trip and Super 8 Salida to get a good deal on lodging.

ArkAnglers, LLC: (719-539-4223) Salida, CO 81201

Wade Fishing Half Day:	2:1 Client/Guide Ratio	\$105/person
	1:1	\$165/person
Wade Fishing Full Day	2:1	\$150/person
	1:1	\$250/person
Float Fishing Half Day	2:1	\$125/person
	1:1	\$225/person
Float Fishing Full Day	2:1	\$180/person
	1:1	\$315/person

Please reserve directly with ArkAnglers by calling 719-539-4223 or emailing Greg Felt via greg@arkanglers.com .

If you need a partner, ArkAnglers can help you with that. Remember: Trips run rain or shine.

Super 8 Rates (719-539-6689) Super 8 in Salida

Queen or 2 Queens	\$64.88
Upgraded Exec King or Exec Double	\$74.88

Ask for CWF Block of rooms: prices good from May 6 through May 12

—Amy Slaughter, Trips Director

From the Presidential Suite

CWF Members, as the fishing season draws near, the Board of Directors would like to take the opportunity to remind everyone of what has made this club great. We are the premier women's club in *THE* premier fly-fishing state. Our strength is based on our members, and their love of fishing.

The members of **Colorado Women Flyfishers** are a diverse group of individuals who join together for a common love — flyfishing. We are able to set aside individual differences and sometimes prejudices to engage in a common activity — flyfishing.

Throughout the state we are recognized as a club of dedicated women flyfishers. We must remember that every time we are in a fly shop, or on lake, or stream fishing we are representing the **Colorado Women Flyfishers**, not only ourselves, but also a larger group of dedicated women.

One of our club's missions is to teach women about flyfishing ethics and stream protocol, but sometimes we forget ourselves. We are the leaders and should lead by example.



CODE OF ETHICS

Because of our growing recognition, and the manner in which individual members reflect upon the club, the Board has compiled the following Code of Ethics, and wishes to remind all members:

● **We will obey all licensing and special area restrictions.** We will fish only when we have a license to do so, no matter what the state. We will respect the fishing regulations of the area in which we are fishing.

● **We will respect private property.** We will respect the private property postings of others. We will not fish on property posted as "Private."

● **We will refrain from using controlled substances in public.** There will be no use of controlled substances in public view (streams, lakes, club-endorsed camping or lodging facilities)

● **We will use alcohol responsibly.** Members who drink alcohol will do so responsibly, and remember that they are representing the club and its members.

● **We will use appropriate stream and lake etiquette.** Remember that others have the same right to the stream and lake as we do. We will share our waters with others.

● **We will use appropriate campground etiquette.** We will follow all campground rules and regulations, and be mindful of others not in our club.

● **We will respect our fishing environment.** Recognizing the danger of contamination to fragile environments, we will follow all recommended equipment hygiene. — *Joanie McCord, President*

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**A LITTLE SUN, SOME SNOW, HOT DOGS, KID'S POND, AND A DUCK BLIND?
The Bass Pro Spring Fling Weekend Event
By Dawn Blom, Public Events Director**

Wow! Our members rock!! The Bass Pro Shop Spring Fishing Classic Event was terrific because of all of you who came out to help. We signed up a few new members, helped kids catch some fish on the pond, showed some cool fly tying, and cooked a few hundred brats and dogs to raise money for the club. I appreciate the time you gave during the weekend; especially considering the weather was brisk for those of you working outside. A special thanks to Cheryl Gerlitz, who jumped in with both feet to get the cookout organized and running like a well-oiled machine.



Simone Geoffrion of Bass Pro



Jane Francen chillin while the fish nap.



Judy McDonald, Cheryl Gerlitz, and Diane Kyncl hawking dogs.



Nancy Weiler and Dawn Blom enjoy the sun.



Jody Yehle is asking Deb Nelson-Do you think this is done?

WOMEN'S FLYFISHING WEEKEND

Now, I'm asking you to give a little more time for our Women's Fly Fishing Weekend, the clinic for non-members we put on in conjunction with the Division of Wildlife the weekend of May 22-23. I need eight to ten volunteers on Saturday to help with parking, setting up, helping in classes and cleaning up. On Sunday we will be buddy fishing, one intermediate to advanced member to three participants. I'm thinking 16-18 volunteer Buddies.

I will post information on CWFtalk with specifics like time and responsibilities. For now, email browntrountrn@labc.com to sign up.



Joanie McCord and Karen Williams woman the membership table.



Yes, That is Jane Francen in there!

PHOTOGRAPHS BY FELICIA OLSEN

Education Clinic

2521 S Monaco Pkwy., Denver, CO 80222-5802. Paypal is a new payment option this year. Find information on the CWF website.

Because CWF subsidizes this special clinic, it is open to members only. Spouses, friends and guests will not be allowed to attend this clinic. Registration confirmation packets will be mailed to participants. Packets will include details on carpooling, directions and equipment lists.

Overnight Bonus

The North Fork Ranch is offering CWF members a special rate to stay overnight for \$90.00 and dinner for \$35.00 during the flyfishing clinic April 23rd, 24th and 25th. Members can make reservations directly by contacting Karen May at *info@northforkranch.com*

Personal fishing at North Fork Ranch will not be allowed during the clinic weekend. If you would like to fish the private stretch of river on the North Fork Ranch, you will need to contact Kevin Gregory at *www.northforkranch.com* for additional cost and reservations. There is free public fishing access about one-half mile from North Fork Ranch.

If you have additional questions, please call me at 303-756-0642, or I can be reached by email at *zadrazilfishes@yahoo.com* ■

LAST CAST

“The fish and I were both stunned and disbelieving to find ourselves connected by a line.”

**WILLIAM HUMPHREY
“THE ARMCHAIR
ANGLER”**

CWF 2010 MEMBERSHIP

Membership for Calendar Year (January - December)

___ RENEWAL (Member since ___)

___ NEW MEMBER (over 18? yes___ no ___)

Enclose a check for \$30 made payable to Colorado Women Flyfishers. Members are required to sign an Acknowledgment of Risk and Release of Liability Form as a condition of membership.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Other Phone [specify CELL (c) or WORK (w)]:

The Club does not sell or trade or give away members' contact information to outside vendors. Rosters are printed 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!) Education Membership

Programs Special Projects Public Events Outreach/PR Newsletter Raffles/Funding Trips

*** MAIL TO COLORADO WOMEN FLYFISHERS, P. O. BOX 101137, DENVER, CO 80250 - 1137**

*** Enclose Signed Acknowledgment of Risk and Release of Liability Form.
Contact Aprille Hill, Membership Director, at *alhill1040@aol.com* for a copy.**



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Who Are We?

Sneak Peek

The Arkansas River

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for the

CWF Fly Fishing Clinic