

# COLORADO WOMEN FLY FISHERS.®

*A sociable club for women who fly fish*

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## CELEBRATE THE SEASON AT THE 14TH ANNUAL CWF HOLIDAY PARTY



The final countdown is on for reservations to our CWF Annual Holiday Party on Saturday, December 11th, at the Denver Merchandise Mart, 451 East 58th Avenue, Denver. We begin our evening with hors d'oeuvres at 5:30 p.m. and our dinner buffet at 6:30 p.m. We will have choices of assorted salads, roast prime rib of beef, grilled salmon with tequila mango salsa, vegetables and assorted desserts. There will be a full bar; bottles of wine for your table will be available for purchase. The annual Club fly-fishing slide show will run on the big screen throughout the evening, and dinner will be followed by announcements and presentations.

Don't forget our white elephant gift exchange. If you would like to participate, please bring a wrapped fishing-related item not to exceed \$10.

There will also be some excellent door prizes. We have a special treat for those attending the party – a CWF lapel pin! Only those attending the party will receive one. The deadline for reservations is December 6th. Sorry, we cannot accept late reservations. See page 7 in this newsletter for the party reservation form.

We look forward to seeing you there! — *Marion Roper, Special Projects Director*

**How to Get There** Take I-25 to the 58th Avenue exit, turn east one block to the traffic light at Logan. Turn left into the parking lot and continue left behind the Steak Escape Restaurant. Look for the awning at the Showroom Bar and Grill. We will be there! (Other entrances will be signed but this is the best way to find the CWF Holiday Party.)

# HAPPY HOLIDAYS

## CWF Calendar

Dec. 6 . . .Registration Due for CWF Party  
Dec. 11 . . . . .CWF Holiday Party  
Dec. 16 . . . . .Gift Wrap at Bass Pro  
Dec. 18 & 19 . . . . .Hot Dogs and Brats at  
Bass Pro  
Jan. 4 . . . . .Monthly Meeting  
Jan. 7 - 9 . . . . .The Fly Fishing Show  
Jan. 11 . . . . .Board Meeting, REI

### Reminder

**There is no Tuesday program meeting or board meeting in December. Celebrate the season and come to the annual Holiday Party instead.**

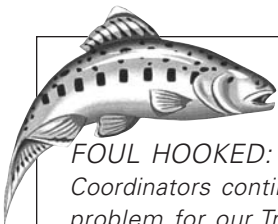
### Welcome New Members

Jody Lynn Megill . . . . .Aurora, CO  
Janet Morgan . . . . .Littleton, CO

### Membership

- 67 New Members Enrolled in 2010.
- Current Membership: 196

**Don't forget to send in your dues for calendar year 2011.**



*FOUL HOOKED: A lack of Trip Coordinators continues to be a problem for our Trips Director, Amy Slaughter.*

*Amy has been very dedicated to her board position and handled the responsibility for the majority of the trips in our 2010 season, but how long can we expect her to create fabulous trip schedules to suit everyone, if she must do it all?*

*The job is not difficult. Once you commit for a trip (of your choice), Amy will send you a list of attendees. You will obtain a head count, and write a short summary of the trip. Expert angling skills are not a requirement!*

*A new schedule will be announced in February 2011. Here is your chance to get involved!*

## BACK CAST

### NOVEMBER MEETING

BY DEB TOOLEY, SECRETARY

**A**t the November 2, 2010 CWF Annual Business Meeting, the 2010 Board of Directors' elections were held. Deb Tooley, from the Nominating Committee, read the slate of candidates as follows: Vice-President, Mary Manka; Treasurer, Betty Peterson; Special Projects, Marion Roper; Membership, Sue Holton and Fundraising, Cheryl Gerlitz.

The votes of the current CWF membership were counted by the Nominating Committee chairs, Deb Tooley and Anne Zadrazil, respectively, and all candidates were approved by the membership. Welcome to the Board! ■

## Flyfishing Resources at Your Fingertips!

BY FELICIA OLSEN

**F**ollowing the Annual Business Meeting, Technology Director Deb Nelson had a presentation on the CWF website: [www.colowomenflyfishers.org](http://www.colowomenflyfishers.org). Many of the members have found the Club by performing a search on the Internet, and chances are those members are already familiar with the website and what it holds.

For the members who have been with the Club longer, or perhaps don't care to spend hours staring at a computer screen, Deb's presentation illuminated the abundance of knowledge that she has entombed on the website, organized by the nature of the information one is seeking. The majority of the information is web-based, so plan on spending some time clicking links on your computer. It will not be time wasted! The information to be found here is complete.

The key to unearthing the information lies on the CWF website screen, to the left, in the blue bar. There is a list. Just move the little arrow over the tab you are interested in, and click once.

There is a treasure trove of information to be found here. The return on investment for a little time is worthy:

**CWF Home** This is where you will find information on the location, time and place of the monthly meeting. You will also find a copy of the trip calendar for the year.

**About CWF** Here you will find general information about the Club, monthly meeting location, times, purpose and everything about Club activities: Newsletter, Trips, Education, Special Functions, and Committees.

**News and Events** It is somewhat redundant — In a good way. This tab offers another look at our monthly meeting and the Trips Calendar

**Photo Gallery** Pretty self-explanatory here. Who doesn't like to see photos of friends laughing and fishing!

**Flyfishing Information** This one is a goldmine of information. Resources abound including recommendations on books and videos. Online resources include Colorado flyfishing information, how-to fish articles online, the Flyfishing Guide, and a link to Killroy's Flyfishing site.

**Plan Your Own Trip** Click here for information on where to go, how it is fishing, weather forecasts, and Colorado Department of Wildlife information.

**Fly Tying Corner** This tab lists websites for flytying patterns; it is also a great resource for beginners who are learning to identify flies.

**Other Flyfishing Links** Here are links to area flyfishing shops, women's flyfishing clubs around the U.S, Trout Unlimited, and Carol Neville's Fishing Blog!

**Colorado Stream Flow Information** Here is an invaluable information when planning a trip. This tab links to Colorado Division of Water Resources.

**Members' Only Section** This section can only be accessed by a user ID and password, and you must be a CWF member. Contact Deb Nelson or Aprille Hill if you need the user ID and password. ■

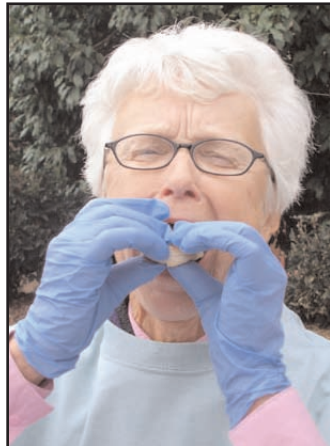
# WHAT'S COMING UP FOR CWF CLUB MEMBERS?

## VOLUNTEER/FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES-THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO GET INVOLVED!

BY DAWN BLOM, PUBLIC EVENTS DIRECTOR AND CHERYL GERLITZ, FUNDRAISING DIRECTOR

**W**ow, this is going to be a busy winter season for CWF Public Events!! I'd love to have your help on some of these events and we always love to have our members coming out to support the events.

### DECEMBER



PHOTOGRAPH BY FELICIA OLSEN

**Jane Francen, Official Club Taster.**

On Thursday December 16, CWF is wrapping gifts at Bass Pro Shops as a fund raiser. We will be there from 3-9 p.m. It looks like we have a great group already lined up to wrap! The best part of this event is that it is pure profit, as Bass Pro provides all the supplies for wrapping beautiful presents.

On Saturday and Sunday, December 18 & 19, CWF will be outside Bass Pro selling hot-dogs and brat — dress appropriately for the weather! I heard

rumors there may be breakfast burritos and hot chocolate as well. *We are very short on volunteers for Saturday afternoon, and all day Sunday.* Sign up with me to give a helping hand.



PHOTOGRAPH BY FELICIA OLSEN

**Deb Nelson, Technology Director, has also been to culinary school!**

### JANUARY

The Fly Fishing Show will hit the Merchandise Mart in Denver on January 7, 8 & 9. CWF will have a booth at the show where we will talk to the public about membership and sell raffle tickets. We most definitely need your help to work the booth all three days, as well as setting up and breaking down the booth. And when you work the show, you will have an all-day pass to see the exhibits, vendors and demos. If you know you'd like to go to the show and want to save a few bucks, I will be placing an order for tickets in early December. I will buy a prepaid ticket for you along with my order if I receive a check from you by December 1st.

### FEBRUARY



PHOTOGRAPH BY KIM GREENFIELD

**Phyllis Vinson was a guest fly-tyer at the 2009 TU Fly Tying Clinic.**

Saturday, February 12, is the 35th annual West Denver Trout Unlimited Fly Tying Clinic. CWF will have a table or two at this show, too. The Fly Tying Clinic is held at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. I am looking for a few members to work our table to talk about membership and sell raffle tickets. If you are a tyer, this is a great clinic to attend. There's always something new to watch and learn!



PHOTOGRAPH BY SIMONE GEOFFRION

**The fishing pond at the spring event is always a huge success.**

And finally, the Bass Pro Spring Fishing Classic is scheduled to start February 26 & 27. This is a huge event, which includes selling hotdogs and brats, the kids' fishing pond, and a membership table inside. Although it seems like it's far in the future, I'm recruiting volunteers now. Don't be shy; this is a fun event and with so much going on, CWF really makes our presence known. Please sign up to help us.

We appreciate members that continually support the club in our fundraising efforts and encourage all member to give the greatest gift of all . . . your time. Sign up sheets are available on CWF's website or contact Dawn Blom at [browntroutnlabs@gmail.com](mailto:browntroutnlabs@gmail.com) or Cheryl Gerlitz for additional information or to volunteer. Be specific about which event and roughly what shift you want to work. I will post all the signup sheets on cwfTalk so you can see what is available.— Dawn Blom

**Have a worry free night at the CWF Holiday Party. Stay over at the Comfort Inn (in the same building as the party!), where CWF has made arrangements for Saturday night at a special rate.**

**Prices are \$72.00 for one queen bed, \$76.00 for two queen beds, \$76.00 for one king bed. Call the hotel at 303-297-1717 to reserve a room. Be sure to mention CWF to get the special rate.**

# CWF FALL FLYFISHING CLINIC

## FIRST ANNUAL FALL CLINIC AT THE NORTH FORK RANCH

BY ANNE ZADRAZIL, EDUCATION DIRECTOR

Over 30 CWF members took a chance in attending a late October clinic. It could have been windy, snowy, and cold, but the weather goblins never showed and saints came down from heaven and treated all to a near-perfect Halloween day, flyfishing at the North Fork Ranch. The morning began with a large continental breakfast: fresh fruit, homemade bakery items, Karen's



Pat Shepard, Arlys Warfield, Felicia Olsen, and Amy Slaughter appear to be morning people!



PHOTOGRAPH BY FELICIA OLSEN

Phyllis Vinson and Pat Nilsson talking flies.

notorious baked oatmeal, eggs, yogurt and hot drinks. Students rotated through entomology taught by **Phyllis Vinson**, and casting classes taught by **Kerry Caraghar** and **Dave Lovell**, before breaking. The volunteers who helped them were **Nancy Sherman**, **Sandy Wright**, **Joanie McCord** and **Anne Zadrazil**.



PHOTOGRAPH BY FELICIA OLSEN

Anne Zadrazil welcomes our very own Happy Halloween Sumo wrestlers, Amy Slaughter and Sandy Wright who put the squeeze on whomever and wherever they waddled.



PHOTOGRAPH BY FELICIA OLSEN

Kerry Caraghar and Dave Lovell teach participants how to cast in spite of the wind!



PHOTOGRAPH PROVIDED BY RHODA MARSHALL

Rhoda Marshall lands a resident of the North Fork Ranch.

Lunch consisted of the North Fork Ranch ever-popular Mexican buffet. All participants on the private waters at the Ranch enjoyed the afternoon. Many gals caught large rainbow trout. Not bad for our first-ever fall fishing clinic. Consensus had it that it was a perfect way to end the season. ■

## **MEMBERSHIP**

### **RENEW YOUR 2011 MEMBERSHIP EARLY**

BY APRILLE HILL, DIRECTOR

It's the wonderful members that make this organization a recognized leader in providing flyfishing education to women and girls. In recognition of your continued support, each member who includes a membership renewal with her Holiday Party reservation will receive a special gift. Booking your reservation and renewing your membership using our web order form could not be easier! The party is just a few weeks away, so don't delay!

### **CALLING ALL NEW MEMBERS!**

NEW! Beginning October 1st, 2010, when you join CWF as a *New Member*, your membership fee will be applied toward the entire 2011 calendar year. By joining today you'll get access to the Members' Only area of the website, where you can read about past and future club trips or buy great CWF-logo apparel and items. Joining the conversation on cwfTalk puts you in touch with members today. And, don't forget the Holiday Party in December! The online application makes it easy. Now there is no reason to wait until January to join one of the top flyfishing organizations in the country! ■

### **TIPS TO HELP YOU SURVIVE THE COLD**

BY THE FISHING GRANDMA

#### *You have read this before, but it bears repeating.*

Using the following advice when winter fishing can make your fishing day fun and exhilarating — and will give you that chance to stave off your city cabin fever.

- Eat a good, hot breakfast consisting of protein and carbs.
- Wear three layers of warm clothing — use a base layer of light weight fleece or silk under a middle layer of heavier weight fleece; add a warm wind-resistant and waterproof (not water-resistant) jacket.
- Wear a warm hat with earflaps and always put on a neck gaiter;
- Use hand and foot warmers.
- Keep a bag in your car of extra warm clothes (and extra waders if you have them), in case you take a spill.
- Take plenty of water to stay hydrated.
- Consider buying fishing boots with rubber soles and metal studs since snow and ice often build up on felt soles.
- Watch for floating ice in the river; it can startle you or even knock you down.
- Use caution when walking near the bank, where ice can be slippery and thin (this is also where fish may be holding).
- Make sure your First Aid Kit is packed in your vest, not in your car.
- Exercise reason when you feel overly chilled; leave the water and head for the car to warm up.
- Take warm beverages in a thermos (or use a camp stove to heat water for tea, coffee or hot chocolate, although hot soup is much more nourishing). Hypothermia is not fun! ■

## **From the Presidential Suite**

The following is the President's annual report for the year 2010

Since my last annual report, we've had a fabulous Holiday Party with a whole different purpose and feel to it. There were several new people on the board that sparked lots of new ideas. In the first two months we worked only one trade show instead of two and followed it with T.U.'s Fly Tying Clinic, selling lots of raffle tickets at both. We also had another very successful fund-raising event at Bass Pro.

March and April brought us our first "official" trips of the season, more new members, our annual Spring Clinic at the North Fork Ranch, and we donated \$500 to Casting For Recovery earmarked specifically for the projects and events in Colorado.

May was a very busy month. There were many of us trying to get in as much fishing as we could before the runoff began and about 70 of us participated in our annual Salida trip, hoping to catch the caddis at just the right moment. We also had our second annual (successful) Women's Flyfishing Weekend and a trip to a lake that was still frozen over.

June and July brought us some more new members, our family picnic and more trips — mostly 9500 feet above sea level and higher!

By August, September and October we'd come down a bit in altitude (but not attitude)! We were still fishing and now well-armed with many fishing tales. These were three extremely busy months: one more fundraiser, a CWF team walking in the Race for the Cure, our new online store opened to the membership, more trips, our annual river clean-up (but with a new twist), and finally, a new fall clinic has had its debut. Phew!

Now, behind the scenes, while all this was going on, the members of your Board of Directors were hard at work. They've set goals for the Club and made some tough policy decisions, but they've also organized all those monthly programs, public events, fund raisers, trips, special projects and educational clinics. They've tackled membership issues, public relations and keeping a quality newsletter. They've worked on our technology component by having our website updated and expanded, by having the option to use PayPal when you're paying for events, and by developing our own internet store so all members have access to CWF logo items — no matter where you live.

As Always, the Board has been fiscally responsible, too, and constantly looked for ways to give back to the members. This year we have all benefited by the subsidizing of the spring and fall educational clinics, the spring Salida/Arkansas trip, the summer picnic, the holiday party and the newsletter — totaling approximately \$7,200.

It's been another productive year for the Club ... the future looks bright and this is truly an amazing group of women - I am proud to be your President. Thank you.

**Joanie McCord, President**

## North to Alaska

MEMBER PHOTOS FROM RECENT TRIPS

PHOTOGRAPH PROVIDED BY TANYA LELO



Tanya Lelo traveled to Alaska, and caught a pink salmon.

PHOTOGRAPH PROVIDED BY FRAN STURGIS



Fran Sturgis traveled to Alaska, and caught a Dolly Varden. Fran says it put up quite a fight!

### CLUB INFORMATION APPEARS ONLINE

Club Board of Directors' minutes, financial statements, by-laws and membership roster appears in the Members Only section of the CWF website at [www.colowomenflyfishers.org](http://www.colowomenflyfishers.org). For access, email Aprille Hill at [alhill1040@aol.com](mailto:alhill1040@aol.com).

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# 14TH ANNUAL CWF HOLIDAY PARTY RESERVATION FORM

We have the pleasure of hosting our 14th Annual Holiday Party at the Denver Merchandise Mart on Saturday, December 11th. This special event's social hour, with a cash bar and an assortment of hors d'oeuvres, will begin at 6:00 p.m. and continue to 7:00 p.m.

Our buffet dinner will include roast beef, grilled salmon, assorted salads, vegetables, fresh baked bread, and a selection of desserts. You will also have the option of ordering wine for the dinner table from the cash bar.

\_\_\_\_\_ \$35.00 **Buffet Meal** Please mark the number of orders and include this form with your check.

Member Name \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

RESERVATIONS AND CHECKS ARE DUE no later than Monday, DECEMBER 6th — this is a FIRM deadline since the Merchandise Mart must have a final headcount on that date. Sorry, no late reservations will be accepted.

**EARN A BONUS GIFT — Renew Your Yearly Membership with Your Party Reservation!!**

## CWF 2011 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Membership for Calendar Year (January - December)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Newsletter Delivery Preference: (circle one) Mail On-line

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

### REMITTANCE

Dinners: No. \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO COLORADO WOMEN FLYFISHERS.

No. \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Plus: \$30 Membership Renewal \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount Remitted** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Membership renewal incentive**



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