



COLORADO WOMEN FLYFISHERS.

A sociable club for women who fly fish

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JANUARY MEETING

DATE:

Tuesday, January 5, 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 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...

SOUTHERN COMFORT with Karen Denison

Karen, a happy member of Colorado Women Flyfishers, is a FFF-certified fly casting instructor and owner of Outspire, an outdoor guide service in Santa Fe, NM. She is also former president and organizer of She Fishes!, a women's flyfishing club in New Mexico, as well as a long-time instructor for "Becoming an Outdoors Woman." She will present a power point slide show about waters in the immediate Creede area of southern Colorado, especially the Rio Grande River and its tributaries. She will also discuss the upcoming plans for the 13th year of the Women's Wine & Waders Fly Fishing Retreat in Creede. — *Mary Manka, V. P. and Program Chair*

CWF Calendar

Jan. 5 Monthly Meeting
Jan. 8-10 . . . The Fly Fishing Show
Jan. 12 Board Meeting, REI
Feb. 13 The West Denver Chapter
Trout Unlimited Fly Tying Show

ARCHIVAL INFORMATION: Please send any published articles featuring CWF, or written by a CWF member, to Club Secretary Deb Tooley, Keeper of the CWF Archives.

Newsletter Articles and Photos

Your contributions of articles and photographs are most welcome. Email them to the Editor at drgrce6645@aol.com. Please note that the deadline for contributions is the 15th of every month.



FOUL HOOKED: If you haven't renewed your CWF membership for the year 2010, you will not be able to 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 will not be able to participate in more and expanded educational flyfishing programs, workshops and clinics. Nor can you receive this monthly newsletter, filled with all kinds of fishing tips, educational articles and CWF fishing trip information. And, sadly, you won't be able to meet more women flyfishing buddies.

So join now and reap the benefits of membership!

BACK CAST

THE ANNUAL DECEMBER HOLIDAY PARTY WAS FUN!

BY ARLYS WARFIELD

You got a lot for your money at the 13th annual CWF Christmas Party: a really fine meal, starting off with Chinese shrimp and barbecued ribs; then the buffet of salmon, roast beef, fine salads and mashed potatoes, followed by pumpkin pies, chocolate cake and brownies. Nobody left hungry (we could have backed up a truck and taken home fabulous leftovers!). All guests even received a complimentary bag of goodies filled with Goldfish appetizers and Cherrie Buskohl's delicious rum balls to take home.

And nobody had to come up with money for silent auction items or raffle tickets (a gift more to area fly shops than to Club members). A CWF license plate holder was an additional gift from the party committee. And only a couple of optional bucks were necessary for the Gift Exchange (*see next page*). But donations for door prizes were received from some thoughtful members, Orvis, Rocky Mountain Angling Club and other commercial businesses. These lucky attendees benefited from their largesse:

- Dan Bailey waders, contributed by Anita English (Sandy Wright);
- Casting lesson from Orvis (Nancy Sherman);
- Half-day Spinner Falls wade on the Green River (Dawn Blom);
- McCord and Reiser's Nathrop cabin for 3 nights and 4 days (Betty Peterson);
- Mary Manka weekend at her cabin in Fairplay (Cathy Poirier);
- The beautiful poinsettia at the dais (Cal Stegink won but gave it to Karen Savage);
- One-day private water wade from RMAC (Joanne Sondock);
- Thomas & Thomas 5-weight rod from Fran Sturgis (Charles and Kellie Heatherly) 🍷



PHOTOGRAPHS BY ARLYS WARFIELD

LADIES AT THE DAIS President Joanie McCord introduced the entertainment portion of the program, the Bob Awards presented by Chris Juvan (with a unique light for her script).

The Holiday Party Gift Exchange

It would be surprising to hear that a Club activity has ever been more fun than this event! What began as a gentele unwrapping of gifts turned into a maelstrom of laughter, with party members taking treasured items away from each other as the evening wore on.

While some of the presents were useful flyfishing items (tippet threaders led the way in total volume!), the

big entertainment pieces went from one table to the next, as CWFers took no pity on their friends for their targeted gift. (And you were certain that the singing Billy Bass had lost its appeal — well, honey, you are very wrong! It was *the* hot item of the night.) Our party planner, Marion Roper, emceed the proceedings and tried to keep order — and a straight face — throughout the fun.



MARIA HAD THIS FOR 5 MINUTES Carol Stegink took it home.



ANN LOVES BILLY BASS But Ellie Reiser took it home.



PAT SHOWS MARION HER GIFTS And she got to take them home.



WILL BARBARA KEEP THE FISH RACK? No.

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For those new members who don't know, the Bob Awards were founded in 1997. The Bob 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. I have had the honor to be the one re-telling these stories during this Holiday Party, and many times have actually included some facts. The bottom line is no seriousness is intended. The awards were created on one of the first Club trips, where a member fell in the river with cigar and rod in her hand. She was bobbing 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.

An Apocryphal Tale

Our sport of flyfishing can turn into a total life style, taking all of our time, attention, and finances. Plus, you never know when you will meet someone who can lend you some very helpful hints to catch fish. We all know there are times we would do anything to have the secret of using the right tackle. I have a secret I am going to share that may be a little expensive, but proven to work. I was on my way back from Texas on a plane and noticed the flight attendant was looking around on the floor. I asked her if she lost something. She said no, but the other flight attendant lost her diamond earring, and she knew she had it on the plane because they had talked about how big and beautiful the diamond was. In confidence, she proceeded to tell me the woman had been having a tough year financially and hoped that if the earring wasn't found her insurance would cover it. I said "I so hate to lose things like that". The flight attendant told me a story about the time she had been lap swimming in a pond in her backyard when her brand new diamond earring had come loose, and was dropping to the bottom. The flight attendant felt that if she reached for the earring and hit the bottom, it would most likely be lost in the mud. So, she watched it drop, assuming it could easily be retrieved. She didn't notice the fish swimming toward it until he opened his mouth and swallowed it. Therefore, if all else fails with your fly

selection, use your diamonds! (*The end of the story is she called her insurance company and told them her diamond earring had been stolen.*)

Fine Living on the Conejos

On the Conejos I started to notice one of the big campsites begin to evolve into quite the attention getter. Initially there

THE BOB AWARDS

PRESENTED BY CHRIS JUVAN



PHOTOGRAPH BY ARLYS WARFIELD

OVEN READY Betty's Award was a custom Crocker apron sewn by Barbara Downing.

was the typical tent, camp stove and lanterns on the table. The following day, there were a variety of portable mirrors and make-up kits lined up on the picnic table. On the third day there was an elaborate camp stove with a huge baking oven and hanging utensils. By the fourth day there was a wet tent structure with towels lining the edges. I suspected that the Forest Service was feeling bad since we weren't catching fish and they wanted us to return, so they were planning a special event to keep our attention. This was an error. I soon discovered it was Betty Peterson's campsite. As it turns out, Betty goes nowhere without applying her make-up, which explained the table, where she

invited other CWFers to join her in properly applying make-up for a day of fishing. One day she wanted to show off her Betty Crocker baking skills with her elaborate oven, where she made breakfast and dinner for six CWF members. Then she felt it was necessary to supply a washing area for the members who had not been showering for three days. So to **Betty Peterson** we present the Betty Crocker/Martha Stewart Bob award—a special award made for you, presented to you by Jody and

fellow campers.

A Valuable Secret

As many of you know, I have been in this Club for a number of years. I have assisted many beginner women in how to fish from a belly boat. Since I have been doing this for so long, in error I sometimes fail to reveal all of my secrets. An example of this is when I was sharing with **Jeanette Bourdon** how to get into a float tube with her fins on, holding her rod and then kicking out into the lake. She proceeded to get the float tube out of the truck and followed all of my directions. She did very well getting into the tube and proceeded to kick out to Deb; however, the entire way she was slowly sinking. Fortunately, she made it to Deb, who grabbed hold of her shoulders and helped her and the deflated tube to shore. So, Jeanette, the secret I didn't share was, you should always put the cap on the air plug securely.

Flyfishing For Dummies

As we all know there are a number of books out that are entitled "How to . . . for dummies," i.e. cooking for dummieshow to turn on your computers for dummies. I started wondering who writes these books. Then it dawned on me. It is people who have conquered the task, probably after experiencing problems with not being able to do it initially. So recently, when I was looking at Amazon.com, I became very impressed when I noticed two books for dummies written by Club members. One of the titles is "How to Escape a Sinking Bellyboat," by **Jeanette Bourdon** — and the second is "How to Read your Gas Gauge on a Fishing Trip" by **Deb Nelson**. Deb and Jeanette, could you autograph my copies, please?

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The Good Samaritan

Speaking of car problems, **Anita English** had an incident when she was the driver to the Fryingpan River trip. She had the biggest and best truck in the family, so that she could take her companions up and down the river to catch those big trout. The first day they parked at their chosen spot, fished for a while and returned to the vehicle to move to the next successful catching area. Of course, the most dreaded thing happened ... the vehicle wouldn't start. Dead battery. After a bunch of, "OH, MY GOD, WE ARE AT THE FRYINGPAN WITH NO VEHICLE," Anita insisted her companions join other Club members who had vehicles while she dealt with the dead battery. Her companions adjusted very well by joining other groups and continued to catch fish. After the replacement of the battery, Anita was so happy to have an operating vehicle she decided she would not ever turn off her vehicle again. She proceeded to drive up and down the canyon and offer her assistance in going to the grocery store for those Club members needing ice....okay, in reality, for those needing beer. Needless to say, she did very well with those who said "keep the change" and was able to pay for the new battery. To Anita from one of those members who needed beer, "Thank you for your car problems."

The Diet Queen

At the Arkansas River trip, we had a member who came up with a crash diet for persons who would like to drink and not absorb calories into her body. She formulated the "kill-me-now-diet." The kill-me-now-diet consists of leaving her vodka bottle in her cabin, which was up two flights of stairs from the party campsite.

As she needed to refill her glass, she proceeded to run up the two flights of stairs to the bottle to fix another drink. She tried to tell me the more repetitions she made up and down the stairs to refill the cup with vodka, the less it hurt. To one of my best flyfishing buddies, Starla: Kill me fishing—not dieting!!

Pat Bell's Big Day

During the San Juan trip, one of our members was seriously considering giving up flyfishing. She had been on a few trips and liked the togetherness of the Club. However, she had not caught a lot of fish. She started thinking maybe it wasn't the sport for her. I had explained to her that everyone experiences the same thing, and the hard part would be to continue on with the sport because everyone had to have their time on the water before they were able to catch fish — and it could literally happen overnight. Well, she mustered up enough courage to join us on the river, and, sure enough, she began catching fish. A lot of fish. She caught so many fish that the next day when she arrived at the parking lot she noticed three men pointing at her and hurrying to gear up. As she began to get closer she could hear them say, "There is the woman who was catching all those fish yesterday. Let's hurry to beat her down to the river." She saw them running down to the path to get into the spot where she had been standing the day before.

So, **Pat Bell**, you went from not catching fish to having a reputation on the San Juan with men hurrying to take over your spot. "You work it girl!"

This concludes the annual Bob Awards. My one wish for the holidays is that we'll get lots of diamonds! 🎁

From the Presidential Suite

If you missed the Holiday Party, you missed another good one. What an excellent place to have the end of the year celebration! It is large enough to give us some room to move around, but small enough to give a more intimate feeling. It's such fun to see members off the stream and to see those who cannot come to our monthly meetings.

We had a great time with the new "event," the Holiday Party Gift Exchange. And many of us will be sporting new license plate holders on our cars and campers.

As most of us know, it takes a lot of time and thought to put on a party like our Holiday Party. So, I'd like to thank Marion Roper and her committee for working so hard to make the party a special way to end the year.

The New Board

With each new year always comes a new look to the Board of Directors. I would like to welcome back all the returning board members and extend a special welcome to our new board members: Cheryl Gerlitz (Fundraising), Felicia Olsen (Newsletter), Amy Slaughter (Trips), and Deb Tooley (Secretary). WELCOME ABOARD, LADIES!

One last piece of information:

Remember that there are always a few ladies who like to celebrate the New Year with a fishing trip. The usual places are either Elevenmile Canyon or Deckers, depending on the weather and water conditions. This is not an official CWF fishing trip — just one where members go and have a good time fishing (and sometimes freezing) to bring in the New Year. Everyone's welcome ... so keep an eye on cwfTalk for more information as the day draws closer.

I leave you with this fishing wish:

*"May your days be warm and bright
As you watch your rod bend
With the fish making your line tight
Many times in 2010."*

Joanie McCord,
President

RIVER SAFETY TIP

Caution is the word when turning around mid-stream.

THINK BEFORE YOU LEAP

It is the Rule of the Wise to turn UPSTREAM when repositioning oneself on the river, especially in a fast moving, high-volume river with slippery, loose and large rocks.

If, instead, you turn downstream, the river flow can knock you over in a nanosecond, just ruining your day.

PUBLIC EVENTS

IT'S SHOW TIME IN 2010

BY DAWN BLOM, DIRECTOR

The Fly Fishing Show is just days away, so make your final plans to see the show on January 8, 9 and 10 by clicking on www.flyfishingshow.com. CWF will be there raffling and recruiting and having fun. But we will not be next to that calendar girls' booth this year! If you missed the chance to volunteer at this show, don't worry, you have another chance to support the Club coming up in February.

Fly Tyers Show

The West Denver Chapter Trout Unlimited Fly Tying Show is being held on February 13 at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. If you tie or want to get started tying, this is the show for you! TU has individual tying stations set up, so attendees can watch and learn from the experts. Our very own Phyllis Vinson is a guest tyer this year! Go Phyllis!!

For more information about this show, go to www.westdenvertu.org. I will be passing the volunteer sign up sheet at the January meeting and posting more information on cwftalk.

Bass Pro Shops Fishing Classic

I am still waiting to finalize information about the Bass Pro Shops Fishing Classic; stay tuned for those details coming soon.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

THE HOLIDAY PARTY WAS A BIG SUCCESS

BY MARION ROPER, DIRECTOR

Our annual CWF Holiday Party was held December 12th at the Denver Merchandise Mart. We had over 65 persons attend, even though there was no raffle or silent auction this year. We feasted on roasted prime rib, Atlantic salmon with mango salsa, an excellent assortment of salads, vegetables, and wonderful desserts. We began our evening at 5:30 with hors d'oeuvres and drinks, which preceded our buffet dinner at 6:30.



Chris Juvan presented our annual "Bob" awards to the pleasure of many and embarrassment of others. We had our first white elephant gift exchange. Some gifts changed hands several times, and everyone seemed to have a good time. We were able to present

several excellent door prizes this year. Our thanks to those who donated: *Spinner Fall Guide Service, Dutch John, UT; Orvis; Rocky Mountain Angling Club (Don and Pat Bartz); Pickens Tech Horticultural Dept.; Joanie McCord, Anita English, Mary Manka, and Fran Sturgis.*

I want to give special thanks to Cherrie Buskohl for making the delicious rum balls in the gift bags, and for her help on the committee, and to Evelyn Hauptman for her help.

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Member News

A LARGE VOID WAS APPARENT AT THE HOLIDAY PARTY WHEN Anita English's chair was left vacant, due to her impending knee surgery. Anita missed hearing the accolades bestowed on her by Joanie McCord, who described Anita's many contributions to the Club in her roles on the board of directors.



Anita will be back bending a knee to the fish soon.

She has served not only as a resourceful education director, but also this past term as Trips Director. Neither position is a walk in the park — each requires a good sense of what Club members require to expand their flyfishing skills and experiences. Anita provided all of these, combining her years of experience with a fine sense of fun.

We all wish her a successful recovery and look forward to seeing her back on the river, hopefully by early spring.

— Arlys Warfield

LAST CAST

"That was the most fun I have ever had at a Holiday Party"

**CAROL STEGINK
MEMBER SINCE 1998**

CWF 2010 MEMBERSHIP

Membership for Calendar Year (January - December)

___ RENEWAL (Member since ___)

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.

___ NEW MEMBER (over 18? yes ___ no ___)

Name: _____ Date: _____

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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

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, , , and Holiday Party pictures.