

COLORADO

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A sociable club for women who fly fish

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APRIL MEETING

DATE:

Tuesday, April 5, 2011

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...

THE BLUE RIVER

with Ned Parker

In April Ned Parker of the Breckenridge Outfitters will be speaking on the Blue River.

As you are aware, the Blue River is one of our trips scheduled for April.

Don't think for a moment that colder weather dampens the-fishing spirit along the Blue River. Ned will be giving sneak previews about the best places to fish in the spring, the best flies to use and how to catch fish! — *Mary Manka, V. P. and Program Chair*

Don't forget to renew your Colorado state fishing license before March 31!

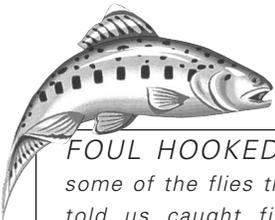
CFW Calendar

April 1 New Password for
CWF Members Website
April 5 Monthly Meeting
April 9 - 10 . . . Blue River, Sliverthorne, CO
April 12 Board Meeting, REI
April 18 . . CWF Clinic Registration Deadline
April 30 - May 1 . . . CWF Flyfishing Clinic
North Fork Ranch

Welcome New Members

Shelley Barrett Dayton, WY
Nancy Berg Denver, CO
Peggy Callan Aurora, CO
Cate Dolan Littleton, CO
Debra Hamilton Armonk, NY
Leslie Haver Evergreen, CO
Tiffney Krueger Lakewood, CO
Dawn Mitchell Aurora, CO
Bonnie Pierce Aurora, CO
Michelle Rediess Aurora, CO
Linda Reinhardt Thornton, CO
Mamie Whitman Aurora, CO

• 34 New Members Enrolled in 2011.



FOUL HOOKED: *These are some of the flies that members told us caught fish during a previous May Arkansas River Club Trip:*

Prince Nymph
Flex Floss Caddis Pupa
Adams
Blue-winged Olive
#18 Palomino Midge
Elkhair Caddis
#14, #16 Peacock Caddis
#16 Garcia's Mother's Day Caddis
#16 Blackfoam Elkhair Caddis
#16 Beadhead Caddis Pupa
#16 and #18 Greg's Emerger
(olive and gray)
#14 Czech Nymph
#16 Red Copper John
#16 Chartreuse Copper John
Blue Copper John
#16 Puterbaugh Olivefoam Caddis
#18 BWO Flashback Emerger
#14 Beadhead Pheasant Tail

BACK CAST

MARCH MEETING THE ARKANSAS AND ARGENTINA

BY FELICIA OLSEN

Taylor Edrington (yes, he is the son of Bill) of Royal Gorge Anglers stopped by our March meeting to talk about two of his passions – the Arkansas sleeper hatch and, flyfishing Argentina and his timing was perfect. The Arkansas Blue Wing Olive sleeper hatch runs from the middle to the end of March when overcast days and temperatures in the forties create the ideal conditions. “Clouds on St. Patrick’s Day equal green beer and BWOs.” (He did mention something about a birthday in that declaration). In Taylor’s opinion, this is the Arkansas River’s best hatch: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. is the best time of day to go and the condition analysis is as follows:

BWO = 40° and a cloud or two

BWO² = 43° and clouds

BWO³ = 43° and clouds with a sprinkle or two make for ideal conditions

It doesn’t hurt that the Lower Arkansas from Cotopaxi on down has the most fish per mile of any section in the corridor; however, the fishing is a bit more technical here. A rather surprising fact from Taylor is that the Arkansas River in Canon City has the most fish per mile of the whole river and the best days ever to fish a Blue Wing Olive are during a Caddis hatch.

As much as Taylor enjoyed speaking about the Arkansas, Argentina was on his mind and he was ready to woo the crowd with the benefits of such an adventure. As if large fish aren’t enough for this crowd, quality, economical lodging, breathtaking waterfalls, and sunsets that are second to none were all a part of the presentation.

Argentina covers over 1,000,000 square miles and is as diversified in climate and topography as the west coast of the United States. Some homework is advisable since the fish and fishing style vary with the area of the country you are in. For example, the Corrientes Province has only one lodge in the whole province, but this is where you can find the very aggressive and predatory golden dorado. Rio Negro province has the Limay River that is clear blue and you can see fifty feet down. This area had brown trout introduced by dropping them out of airplanes sometime between 1920 and 1940, and the current trout have become very large. These are but two examples in a very vast and diversified country.

Plan on traveling to a lodge and staying with a guide if you are an English-only speaker. If you are considering a trip, an important note to remember is that the fishing season is the exact opposite of ours here in the U.S.; it runs from November 1 to April 30 each year. Fishing is very good due to a strict adherence to conservation, a very short fishing season, and little fishing pressure, respectively.

If you have interest in a trip to Argentina, a call to Taylor will be time well spent. He can be reached at Royal Gorge Anglers, 1210 Royal Gorge Blvd., Canon City, CO 80212. Telephone at 888-994-6743, email address www.royalgorgeanglers.com ■

EDUCATION

CWF MEMBERS’ CLINIC AT THE NORTH FORK RANCH

BY ANNE ZADRAZIL, EDUCATION DIRECTOR

Once again the spring CWF clinic should be a fabulous one. There are still some spots left for both the beginner clinic on April 30th and the intermediate/advanced clinic on May 1st. If you haven’t brushed up on your flyfishing skills yet, this is a great way to prepare for the season. Learning the skills and practicing are the best way to gain confidence and know that you are ready for all the trips planned for the year. Some of you haven’t flyfished since last fall. You are probably a little rusty. Come out to the North Fork Ranch, where you can catch a fish averaging 3-6 pounds. Learn how to do it right with the help of experienced instructors. You will have longer to fish at the clinic this year. It has been extended to 5 p.m. Come out and learn, meet other members, eat great food and enjoy the wonderful setting at North Fork Ranch.

To register, you can do it via Paypal or send me your form the old fashioned way, by US Postal Service. Remember, you only have until Monday, April 18th! Yes, it coincides with income tax due date. At \$125 this clinic is still a bargain! ■

GO FISH THE BLUE RIVER

APRIL 9 - 10 SILVERTHORNE, CO

BY AMY SLAUGHTER, TRIP DIRECTOR

Did the March sneak peek grab your interest in fishing the Blue? If it didn't, you must not have had a case of the winter blues. If it did, then shake off those blues and get ready to fish some Gold Medal water. We will be heading up Interstate 70 to the Silverthorne area to try our luck. The tailwater section of the Blue River is technical flyfishing at its finest. Stealthy presentations and perfect drifts are a necessity to fool these highly-pressured fish. Sound too technical and intimidating? Remember, you only get better if you are challenged.

Equipment and Flies

5 or 6 weight rods, 5X leaders and 5X/6X tippets.

Flies: Small (size 20 - 26) – An assortment of reds, blacks, and dark greens are needed. For specifics you can use Brassies, Mysis Shrimp patterns, Black Beauties, and Griffith's Gnats.

Clothes: Dress in layers, be prepared for sun or snow, wear sunscreen, and bring your polarized sunglasses!

Carpooling

For those not staying the weekend you might want to carpool. A great place to meet is the Morrison exit at I-70 in the northwest parking lot. I recommend you meet around 7:30 a.m. and depart close to 7:45 a.m. The drive to Silverthorne takes about one hour.

Lodging

Most of the hotel chains (Comfort Inn,

Best Western, Days Inn, Super 8, etc.) can be found in Dillon or Silverthorne. There are also a lot of homes / condos that are available to rent via Vacation Rental by Owner (VRBO.com).

Meeting Location on Saturday

Cutthroat Anglers parking lot at 9 a.m. (400 Blue River Parkway, Silverthorne, CO). Take Exit 205, Turn right at stoplight (CO-9); shop is on right side just past 4th Street. We will be departing no later than 9:15 a.m. so try to arrive on time. Remember to tie a bandanna on your vehicle to identify you to other CWF members – or look for other members. ■



MEMBERSHIP

COLORADO WOMEN FLYFISHERS WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

BY SUE HOLTON, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

A note to thank everyone for renewing your membership and welcome to those who have just joined. We are 170 members strong as of this publication and look forward to adding to this number throughout the year. I sent out a few notes this month to catch up with some friends from the past and even some that have left us this year. I think you all would like to hear one of the responses and know that you are part of a wonderful organization!

"I am not renewing my membership, but it is not because I don't enjoy the meetings and the great trips that you have to offer- but that I will be moving to Seattle in a month. Time for some deep sea fishing... should be a new experience... some of the things you pull out of the ocean just seem like they could eat you better than you could eat them or come from another planet! Ha! Will miss the Colorado Women Flyfishers, great club! Maybe I will be back one day and would hope the club is still around, so I hope that the club thrives and many more women join! ... What a great hobby, fun and relaxing pastime but I have bigger fish to catch and fry! Good luck and great fishing ladies!" (Sandra D.)

This comment is reflective of many members who have moved out of state and carry with them the special memories of time spent with CWF. Tell your friends and talk with women on the rivers! We still have lots of room to grow – memories to make – fish to catch! ■

NEW MEMBERS - BUDDY UP!

New to flyfishing and the Colorado Women Flyfishers? If you'd like to go fishing, or have questions about what equipment you might need, call Mary Manka at 303-829- 0406. I'd be more than happy to accompany you on a fishing trip, or help you with equipment.

There are many local places to fly-fish and we could spend a few hours practicing casting, knots and hopefully catching some fish!

CWF On-line Store

Just a reminder that when you log onto the CWF website under the "members" section, you can check out all the great CWF logo wear and products available. New items are periodically added so check back often.

CASTING INSTRUCTOR'S CLASS FOR CWF MEMBERS

BY CAROL NEVILLE AND JOANIE MCCORD

Have you ever wanted to teach casting but were hesitant about whether you knew enough to do it – or were a good enough caster to demo correctly? Have you ever taught casting to others and wished you knew more about the techniques and pedagogy methods? Or have you ever wished you had or could get casting credentials to enhance your knowledge? Teachers: Have you ever taken a flyfishing class and wish you could get some recertification credit for it?

Well, this will be the class for YOU! Through the efforts and collaboration of Carol Neville (CWF member) and Orvis endorsed guide; Mark Cole (Adjunct Faculty member Colorado Mountain College/Timberline Campus), and Joanie McCord (M.Ed.), a casting instructor's class has been designed and developed.

Carol and Mark have designed the class to meet the needs of teaching beginning casting, especially to women. Unlike the Federated Fly Fishers Casting certification which emphasizes casting extreme distances, this class will emphasize the pedagogy methods of casting instruction, as well as good casting (but not necessarily extreme distances) for demonstrations.

This class is being sponsored and endorsed by the Colorado Mountain College and has been developed for us. The minimum class size is six students and the maximum is ten. If the class does not fill with at least six CWF members then the college will take other students. Joanie and Mark made sure that the class is long enough to fulfill Continuing Degree Education's Continuing Education Unit (CEU) credits for any

teacher who would like to get one CEU (at no extra charge, you will also receive verification for your school district). All participants will receive a Fly Casting Instruction certificate of completion. Mark and Carol have made sure that it will be rigorous enough to be credible and held in high esteem in the flyfishing community.

You are on your own for lodging. You could camp up near Leadville or in Buena Vista; do the motel thing; or you are welcome to bunk at Joanie's or Carol & Phil's (until we run out of room/beds/sleeping bag space).

Class dates are May 14-15, and the cost is \$110 per person. If you'd like to partake in this adventure, be ready to sign up starting April 18th when registration begins at the college. (Bunk space arrangements may be made earlier.) ■

OUR SECOND CWF CHAPTER NORTHERN CHAPTER KICK OFF!

BY MARY ELLEN FREAS

Spring is here, the streams are starting to open up, members are coming out of hibernation, and this year something really exciting is coming to life - the CWF Northern Chapter. The January Fly show brought forth a serious discussion about starting a Northern Chapter. On March 9th, **Mary Ellen Freas** and **Amy Slaughter** met with **Beth Serniak** and **Gretchen Osborn** to discuss the logistics. Since that time Beth and Gretchen have been working hard to make it happen and the first meeting time and place has been set.

Beth and Gretchen indicate that the meeting will be a "light but informative wine and cheese gathering." If you live up north, or know someone that is not a member and might be interested in joining the CWF Northern Chapter, then mark your calendars. Sounds like a great way to start!

Meeting Location:

St. Peter's Fly Shop, 202 Remington St., Fort Collins, Co,

DATE: April 11

TIME: 7pm



PHOTOGRAPH BY PINK FOG STUDIO

Rhoda Marshall, Cheryl Gerlitz, Club President Joanie McCord, and Karen Williams cooking and selling hot dogs and brats and the Bass Pro Spring Classic.

LOOKING FORWARD STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, YAMPA, COLORADO JULY 29 - 31 BY AMY SLAUGHTER, TRIPS DIRECTOR

The Yampa trip (Steamboat Springs) is scheduled for the end of July so why write about it now? Lisa Ruff, new CWF member and Travel Coordinator for Steamboat Flyfisher, is putting together a great ladies retreat for us.

Steamboat flyfisher is offering discounted guided fishing rates, free hosted fishing excursions including casting instruction in the park, and beginning to advanced flyfishing instruction, and a hosted barbecue on the river. They will provide the barbecues, brats, ice and coolers. You bring wine, and anything else you would like to eat or drink.

Lisa has also provided a list of lodging options and is very willing to answer questions about where to stay, where to go, etc. So in order to do this, Lisa needs to have an estimate of how many people to plan for. Contact Lisa Ruff (Steamboat Flyfisher Travel Coordinator) at 970-367-3679 or Amy Slaughter (CWF Trip Director) at 303-823-9618. ■

SNEAK PEEK MOTHER'S DAY ON THE ARKANSAS RIVER Weekend Trip: May 7 - 8, Salida, Colorado

April is jam-packed, so we decided to celebrate Mother's Day in Salida again this year. Last year the bugs were with us even though we arrived in May. We hope that they will show us mercy again. If not, all is not lost. This is one of the best trips of the year for old friends to catch up, new friendships to hatch, and water that will suit all levels of flyfishers.

Float and Wade Trips Available

Greg Felt with ArkAnglers has provided the pricing for guided trips (see below). You can choose a half or full-day wade trip, a half or full-day float trip, or a combination of the two. Wade trips are held on private property not as heavily fished as the public areas. Trips include great instruction by guides who are very familiar with the waters.

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

Trips meet at 8:00 a.m. for morning half and full-days; 1:00 p.m. for half-day trips. All trips will run whether rain or shine. Please reserve directly with ArkAnglers by calling 719-539-4223 or emailing Greg Felt at greg@arkanglers.com

Never-Ever Wade Package

Do you want to try flyfishing without worrying about all the equipment and arrangements? ArkAnglers popular Never-Ever Package trip includes everything you need to get a taste of this exciting sport. They provide all the equipment and flies. You will be matched up with one of their excellent teaching guides for your first flyfishing adventure.

Call ArkAnglers to schedule. Half-day: 1 Angler \$195, 2 Anglers \$260
Full-day: 1 Angler \$295, 2 Anglers \$370.

ACCOMMODATIONS

LODGING OPTIONS

1. Super 8 / www.super8.com / Direct Phone: 719-539-6689

Discounted Rates negotiated are as follows (indicate you are with CWF):

Standard Accommodations \$69.99 Single/ \$74.88 Double

Executive King \$74.88 Single / Executive Double \$84.88

2. Comfort Inn / www.comfortinn.com / 1-877-424-6423

3. Days Inn / www.daysinn.com / 1-888-440-2021

CAMPING / LODGING

1. Four Seasons RV Resort / www.fourseasonsrvresort.com

RV Park Phone: 719-539-3084 / Toll Free: 888-444-3626

NOTE: Camper cabins available

RV or camper units - they have set aside the Row B area for our group.

2. Reserve America / www.recreation.gov

Where to meet on Saturday and Sunday

The ArkAnglers parking lot - meet by 8:00 a.m. and depart by 8:30 a.m.

Saturday Night - Chili Cook-off

We will have our 6th Annual Chili Cook-Off at a new location this year - the Community Room at the 4 Seasons RV Resort (2 miles east of Salida on U.S. Highway 50). We will start setting up at 6 p.m. Please volunteer to bring a pot of your favorite chili - send Amy an email or give her a call. Great prizes will be awarded for the top three entries! Members not bringing chili are asked to bring appetizers, side dishes, and desserts.

Questions?

Call or email Amy Slaughter at Home: 303-823-9618; Cell 303-817-3272; email: home2pws@mindspring.com ■

From the Presidential Suite

I went out last Sunday with a couple of other CWF gals to a park to have fun casting. It was a beautiful March day with sun, a few clouds and a bit of a March breeze. The three of us had a great couple of hours and at the end we all agreed that it was a wonderful feeling to get outside and throw some line! My car is slowly going through its spring cleaning and transformation. The back of my jeep is being emptied. No more extra jacket or sweatshirt and the 'in case' Sorrels. Now there will be the rods and other fishing gear, with wading jacket and light windbreakers. My park passes will get renewed for the year, as well as my fishing license - all signs of warmer weather ahead - BUT the snow brush/scrapper stays, just in case.

I love April because the Rockies are usually in 1st place, I can leave work in daylight, the clinic is coming up at the fabulous North Fork Ranch and most of us, who are not the winter die-hard anglers, are gearing up for the warmer fishing season. Flies are being checked ... what do I have or do I have any? How many do I have left of one kind from last summer, and in what sizes? Gear is being inventoried to make sure when you take off for a trip "it's all right there." Most say "spring is in the air" but to us it is understood when we say "fishing is in the air." There's lots of anticipation and plans for the summer, too - as in - "this year I'm going to finally catch a fish!, Or this year I'm going to catch that big one I missed last year OR this year I AM going to make it on a trip."

Come on - join the rest of us crazies! Let's go beginners and new members, it's time to get your feet wet - we're all in this together and we're there for each other. Whatever your reason is for getting out and on the stream, river or lake - just get there and enjoy the experience! It is truly unique.

**Joanie McCord,
President**

FUNDRAISING

THE BASS PRO SPRING CLASSIC WEEKEND

BY CHERYL GERLITZ, FUNDRAISING DIRECTOR

The Bass Pro Spring Classic Weekend was a huge success thanks to approximately 50 volunteers that share a part of their weekend promoting the club. The fundraising BBQ netted (pun intended) the club approximately \$2,100 after all expenses were paid. That translates into over 1,100 dogs and brats, 300 bags of chips, 420 bottles water, etc. . . etc. The new club grill was put to quite the test and will surely meet our needs for future events.

April Raffle

There will be a raffle for our April 5th meeting. The majority of the items for this raffle were purchased at Bass Pro. As a club it's very important for us to support the retailers that support us. There will be some very good items available for the new and seasoned members to win.

- Wader Gravel Guards
- Diamond Edge Hook File
- Magnetic Tippet Threader (for those 20 and smaller flies)
- Deluxe Chest Pack
- Tippet Retainer (holds up to 7 tippet spools)
- Magnetic Rod Guard
- Pocket Tool (8 tools in 1)
- One dozen assorted files and a fly box (the flies were donated by a CWF member)
- And maybe a few items not listed here . . .

The raffle tickets can be purchased individually for \$1, 6 for \$5 or the very best value is to get 13 tickets for \$10.

As a reminder, if you have any items you would like to donate for future raffles just bring them to a club meeting and give them to any board member, or give me a call and we can make arrangements to pick your items up. Please tag your items so that the club can acknowledge your generosity. ■



Cherrie Buskohl and Dawn Blom work to sell tickets to the most profitable raffle in Club history.



PHOTOGRAPHS BY PINK FOG SUTDIOS

The kids fishing pond is a popular attraction during the Bass Pro Fishing Event. Even "big kids" enjoy it!

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MARCH MADNESS: Going to fish the Grey Reef in windswept Wyoming during the first week in March is an activity fraught with the possibility of disappointment (as well as numerous backlashes to the face). However, sometimes the monumentally stupid hit a serene day, devoid of the Big W. Such was my experience after visiting in Casper with new Club member Shelley Barrett and her husband Roger, who kindly built a beautiful and smooth cane rod to cast to these spawning cuttbows. Thank you, Roger! — Arlys Warfield

LAST CAST

"Time is but the stream I go a-fishing in. Its thin current slides away, but eternity remains."

HENRY DAVID THOREAU

CWF 2011 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: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

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

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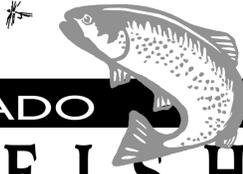
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I would like to serve on the following committees: (Circle as many as you like!) Education Membership

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

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The first ever

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