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A sociable club for women who fly fish

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AUGUST MEETING

DATE:

Tuesday, August 2, 2011

TIME:

5:30 - 6:15 Social Hour

6:15 - 7:00 Dinner (Optional, \$12.00)

7:00 - 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 August Meeting...

ENCAMPMENT RIVER, SARATOGA, WYOMING

In August our presentation will cover the fishing opportunities to be found in and around Saratoga, Wyoming on the Encampment and North Platte Rivers.

The presentation will be complete with top-secret "insiders" fishing holes and fly recommendations.

If you will be attending the trip, or need some convincing to attend this trip, we will see you at the next meeting! — *Mary Manka, V. P. and Program Chair*

PHOTOGRAPH BY MARSHALL ESTES



Beautiful photo of a brown drake from the Rio Grande.

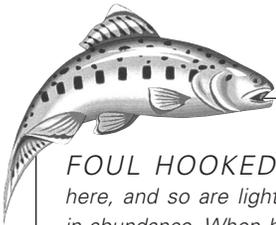
CWF Calendar

- August 2 Monthly Meeting
- August 9 Board Meeting, REI
- August 20 & 21 . . . RMNP, Big Thompson
River, Estes Park, CO
- August 27 & 28 . Encampment and North
Platte Rivers, Saratoga, WY

**Welcome
New Members**

- Catherine Jameson . . . Ft. Collins, CO
- Karen Masterson . . . Johnstown, CO
- Laurel Emory Wheat Ridge, CO
- Kat Scharn Colorado Springs, CO

• 66 New Members Enrolled in 2011.



FOUL HOOKED: Summer is here, and so are lightning storms, in abundance. When heading out for a day of fishing, know what the weather report is for the day, and plan ahead. Know where you are and how far you are from your shelter. When at the river or lake, your car is your best option for safety.

Every thunderstorm contains lightning. The average flash of lightning could light a 100 watt bulb for more than three months. In Colorado, lightning is the number one life-threatening weather hazard.

If you feel your hair stand on end, drop to the ground in a crouched position, hands on knees. Do not sit or lie flat on the ground!

In a forest, move under a growth of small trees the same height. Stay away from water during a thunderstorm. Water conducts electricity, only on the surface, however.

Get off or away from open water and metal equipment (golf carts, tractors, bicycles, boats). Drop flyrods. Graphite is a natural lightning rod.

Keep several yards away from other people. In open areas, go to a low place like a ravine or valley.

The best advice is know the weather, and seek shelter in your vehicle when a storm is approaching. — Ed.

**BACK CAST
THE CWF ANNUAL PICNIC**

BY MARION ROPER, SPECIAL PROJECTS DIRECTOR

Our Annual CWF picnic was held on Saturday, July 9th, at the picnic pavilion in Congress Park, near the Denver Botanic Gardens. The CWF Board and with Marion Roper, Special Events Director, felt that it was a good time for a change. As a result, this was the first picnic held on a Saturday. And a fine Saturday it was for a picnic! The weather cooperated beautifully, with balmy temperatures and an intermittent breeze.

Another change made this year is that CWF provided grilled chicken, brats, hamburgers and sodas. The food was prepared on our recently-procured grill used at Bass Pro Shops. Mary Ellen Freas, Dawn Blom and Dawn's (new) spouse, Tony, stepped up to the grill and did a fantastic job. Members were asked to bring side dishes, and did so without fail. We had an ample selection of wonderful salads, beans, and desserts. After lunch, members were free to participate in games of fish toss and a casting competition. The attendance was good, and participation in the raffle is a must. This year was no exception. The prizes were high quality, useful items and much sought after! There is an odd phenomenon that occurs at CWF raffles, and this one was no exception. The phenomenon referred to is that no matter how hard our Fundraising Director, Cheryl Gerlitz, attempts to shake up those tickets, only a handful of gamblers win the booty!

I would like to send a special thank you to **Cherrie Buskohl**, Event Chair, for all of her hard work putting together the picnic. She spent many hours organizing, slicing, dicing and getting the condiments prepared, and did a wonderful job. Thank you, Cherrie!



Cherrie Buskohl making room for one more dish.



PHOTOGRAPHS BY FELICIA OLSEN

Dawn Blom's new husband Tony volunteered to be grill master.



Cheryl Gerlitz hard at work selling raffle tickets to Jeanette Bourdon.

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Jane Francen perusing items at the Gearage Sale.



CWF President Joanie McCord and Dawn Blom discuss raffle strategy?



Cheryl Gerlitz talks with Diane Roth and Michelle Cummings - both won raffle prizes.



Mary Ellen Freas' second hobby is swinging - who knew?



Club members and guests enjoying good food and conversation.

PHOTOGRAPHS BY FELICIA OLSEN

GO FISH RMNP / BIG THOMPSON RIVER

ESTES PARK, COLORADO AUGUST 20 & 21

BY AMY SLAUGHTER, TRIP COORDINATOR

This is a favorite flyfishing destination for our members. The scenery is incredible and the fishing is usually great. There are a lot of fishing options - you can fish in the park or in the Big Thompson Canyon. There are brookies, brown trout and the beautiful green-back cutthroat. A small rod and attracter patterns are all you need to have a great time. There are numerous lodging and camping options (www.estes-park.com), so come up for the day or stay the weekend. Camping reservations can be made for Mary's Lake and Hermit Park online at www.larimercamping.com or by phone at 1-800-397-7795. RMNP camping information can be found online at www.nps.gov/romo/index.htm, or reservations can be made by phone at 1-877-444-6777. Make reservations soon.

We are teaming up with Sisters on the Fly for this trip. The SOTF are hav-

ing a weekend gathering at Mary's Lake Campground in Estes Park and some of their members have signed up to fish with CWF members. We will "Sister Up" on Saturday and show them what fishing RMNP and the Big Thompson is all about. *Volunteers are needed (at least five or six) to make this a successful day* - so please contact Amy Slaughter. You don't have to know this water like the back of your hand. Amy will provide the locations to fish, the patterns to use, and help to get everyone heading in the right direction. In return for your willingness to share your knowledge, the SOTF have invited the volunteers to attend their evening meal. From what I have heard about the evening dinners, you will be in for a treat! Please help out with this event and "Sister Up"

Directions: From Denver, take I-25 north to exit 243. Go west on Highway 66. Go through the town of Lyons (don't

speed through Lyons or you will receive a "driving award"). You will come to a T and should take a right hand turn - this will be Highway 36. Follow Highway 36 to Estes Park and take a right at the second stop light. Look for the Visitor Center on the right and park in the east parking lot (across the street from McDonalds).

Meeting Place: We will meet at the Visitor Center Parking lot (east side) at 8:30 a.m. and leave no later than 9:00 a.m.

RMNP Fee: The fee per car is \$20. Golden Age members get in free. By meeting at the Visitor Center, we can car-pool into the park and share the cost.

What To Bring: 3-5 weight rod, 5x leader with 4 and 5x tippet.

Flies: Pheasant tails, Copper Johns, stimulators, ants, parachute Adams, caddis dries and larvae.

Questions? Call Amy Slaughter at 303-823-9618. ■

GO FISH THE UPPER NORTH PLATTE

SARATOGA AND SURROUNDING AREA (WYOMING) AUGUST 27 & 28

BY AMY SLAUGHTER, TRIP COORDINATOR

Saratoga and the surrounding area provide several opportunities for trout. This year, late August might be just the right time to be there, with a snow pack that has not been this deep in years. With the water levels just starting to drop, the fishing is improving. The float season is predicted to be longer and very fruitful. You can float or wade for wild rainbows, browns, and cutthroats on the Upper North Platte River, Encampment River, and numerous other streams.

The Upper North Platte River is a freestone river teeming with browns, rainbows, and the occasional cutthroat trout. Golden stonefly and several species of salmon flies provide the trout with the bulk of their protein year round, so these patterns always fare well. Fishing stonefly nymphs and streamers are also very productive. There are also some great insect hatches on the Upper North Platte, starting with midges, BWOs, green drakes, stoneflies, yel-

low sallies, caddis, PMDs, and Tricos. These prolific hatches are often referred to as "Smoke on the Water." Every fish in the river comes alive and you can't keep them off your flies - let's hope so!

We will be staying at the Lazy Acres Campground and RV Park in Riverside, Wyoming (www.lazyacreswyo.com). They also have camping cabins or motel rooms for those that don't want to camp. Call 1-307-327-5968 to make your reservation but do it soon as they are almost full. There are several options in the Saratoga area too.

Equipment: 5-6 weight rods, fly patterns as listed above.

Meeting: We will meet at Lazy Acres Campground on Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m.

Questions? Call Amy Slaughter at 303-823-9618. ■

FYI

Gunnison Chapter Trout Unlimited Super Fly Competition

We would like to invite you to join us for the 21st year of our Superfly fund raiser flyfishing event. It will be held on September 9 and 10 at The Almont Resort, Almont, Colorado. (For details regarding the complete schedule of events, please visit our web site via the address listed at the end of this letter.) Superfly is our major annual fundraiser, and plans to help fund our Youth Conservation Camp in 2012. Each year we sponsor two kids to participate in the Youth Conservation Camp, where they not only learn to fish, but conserve our rivers.

We would like to register teams and collect entry fees by August 15. The entry fee remains the same as last year, at \$500 per team.

Superfly rules, schedule of events are available on our web site. Please send in the enclosed application with the entry fee. Thank you again for your support. We look forward to having you fish with us again this year!

*The Gunnison Chapter of Trout Unlimited-Superfly
http://www.gunnisonotu.org/superfly_main.htm ■*

SNEAK PEEKS

TAYLOR & GUNNISON RIVERS SNEAK PEAK - Weekend Trip: SEPTEMBER 9 - 10

Taylor River:

The Taylor contains deep pools, pocket water, and plenty of riffles and runs. The water releases from Taylor Reservoir provide constant and predictable flows, and consistent hatches throughout the fishing season. The upper section of the Taylor River just below the dam is designated catch-and-release water and provides the opportunity to land a trophy. This section can be very challenging and requires some technical angling skills. The rest of the river is much easier to fish, and reports of 20 to 30-fish days are not uncommon. There is plenty of public access throughout Taylor Canyon. It can be a difficult river to wade; therefore use a wading staff for added safety. Chest waders are recommended. A 9-foot, 5-weight fly rod is a good all-purpose choice for the Taylor River.

Gunnison River:

The Gunnison River begins at Almont, Colorado, where the Taylor River and East River merge to form its headwaters. There are plenty of public access points for wading and it contains a very high density of trout, including browns, rainbows, and cutthroats. There are long riffles and runs, and a lot of deep pools that hold large trout. There are good hatches of stoneflies, caddis, and mayflies. Fall can offer excel-

lent fishing on the Gunnison. The fall kokanee salmon run brings loads of hard-fighting sockeye salmon up the Gunnison River from Blue Mesa as they run all the way to Roaring Judy Fish Hatchery on the East River. Big trout follow the salmon up to feed on their eggs. A 9-foot, 5-weight fly rod is a good all-purpose choice for the Gunnison River; a 6-weight fly rod will give you a little more power if you are fishing for salmon.

Camping & Lodging Options: Camping options near Almont (www.recreation.gov) are One Mile, Rosy Lane, and Lodgepole Campground. Lodging options include the Three Rivers Resort (www.3riversresort.com) in Almont 970-641-1303.

Contact Amy Slaughter for more trip information or to sign up. Email: home2pws@mindspring.com, cell phone: 303-817-3272. ■

THE COLORADO RIVER Shadow Mountain Area September 24 & 25

The Colorado River between Shadow Mountain Reservoir and Lake Granby is some of the best dry flyfishing in the state. The fish aren't big, but there are a lot of them and if you have a 3-weight rod you will think you have a trophy on. This is a fun trip that can be done as a day trip or you can spend the weekend. With the prolonged runoff this year, we may just be hitting this at the right time, so mark your calendars and take a day to fish with your fellow CWF members. ■

SUPPORT THE CWF CASTING FOR RECOVERY TEAM

Participate in the Step Up for Cancer Event

BY MARION NUTT, SPECIAL EVENT CHAIR

Dear Colorado Casting for Recovery Friends,



Please join us on Sunday, August 7th, 7 a.m. to 11 a.m., at Dick's Sporting Goods Park for the 3rd Annual Step Up for Cancer to help raise money for the Colorado Casting for Recovery program.

When you Step Up, you're teaming up with your community in the fight against cancer. Take to the stairs at your own pace as you listen to live music. Wander the concourse and learn about cancer prevention, detection, treatment and more from over 40 non-profit cancer organizations. Stop by the kids zone, get a massage, or try some yoga. No matter how you Step Up, you're speaking up.

Anyone - regardless of their age or athletic ability - is invited to walk, climb, or run the course circling the interior of the stadium. For those who prefer not to do the stairs, there is also a stairless course where no stairs are involved. One can either do a portion of or all 33 rows of stairs.

So how can you help? There are three ways!

1. **SIGN-UP:** Join the Casting for Recovery team by following the few easy steps:

Go to www.StepUpforCancer.org

Click on Register.

When asked which non-profit you'd like to fundraise for, click on Casting for Recovery from the drop down menu.

When asked if you would like to join a team, click on Colorado Casting for Recovery from the drop-down menu.

2. **DONATE:** If you can't be there, but you would like to donate to the cause, we would love your support. If you donate on my page, your donation will go to Colorado Casting for Recovery. To donate, please click on the link below:

<http://www.runningguru.com/FundraisingOption1.asp?CID=147>

3. **COMMUNICATE:** Get the word out. Let friends and family know that this event is going on. Send it to anyone who has been touched by cancer. The more awareness we receive, the better all the participating non-profits will be able to do in the fight against cancer.

None of this would be possible without the support of people just like you. We need a minimum of 20 participants on our team. Please sign up today!

Please contact Marion Nutt for more information on becoming involved through CWF. Marion can be reached by email at rxnutt@aol.com. ■

The Raffle Corner - July 2011

The CWF Annual Picnic Raffle

Congratulations to all of the winners, and many thanks to all of the members who participate in the raffles. A special thank you to **Kristen Weber** for her raffle donations at the picnic. Remember, by purchasing raffle tickets, you're helping to support the clinics and educational activities CWF does during the year.

Gayle Civish	Bug Catcher's Mitt Seine, Bumper Sticker, Six Flies
Kimberly Travis	Frog's Fanny Double Duty Fly Treatment, Line Tamer, Hemostat and Bumper Sticker
Michelle Cummings	Umpqua Professional Guide Fly Box
Michelle Cummings	Fish Pond Flint Hill Vest
Chris Juvan	Pro Gear Wader Bag
Barbara Walters	BW Sport Leader Wallet, Three-Pack of Rio Tapered Leader 7.5 x 4x, Gink Dry Dressing, Nipper
Mary Manka	Fish Pond Wading Belt, Six Flies
Diane Roth	Brodin Net - Cut Throat Model, Bumper Sticker
LuAnn Rex	All Seasons Adjustable Wading Staff
Michelle Cummings	Umpqua Professional Fly Box
Barbara Walters	Small Line Tamer, Bumper Sticker, Hemostat, One Dozen Assorted Flies
Anne Zadrazil	Gift Certificate for one night's lodging at the Red Butte Ranch in Casper, Wyoming
Anne Zadrazil	Two Dozen Assorted Flies
Amy Slaughter	CWF Travel Mug, Small Line Tamer, Bumper Sticker, One Dozen Assorted Flies
Willie Tebow	CWF Violet Polo, CWF Travel Mug
Mary Manka	CWF Teal Polo, CWF Travel Mug
Susan Grim	CWF White Columbia Flyfishing Shirt, CWF Travel mug
Joanie McCord	Large Framed Flyfishing Print
Barbara Walters	Flyfishing Diary
Willie Tebow	A Book on Flies

Congratulations to all of the winners! ■

THE SURVEYS ARE COMING - THE SURVEYS ARE COMING!!

BY SUE HOLTON AND CHERYL GERLITZ

WOW! It's been a whopper of a year for membership, with 221 strong! Here's hoping everyone is enjoying their time with CWF!! Meetings, events, trips, raffle and training – it's all here. We hope that you have had the opportunity to participate.

The Board Members of Colorado Women Flyfishers, like many very active organizations, feel it is vital that we keep in tune with our membership. Your CWF

Board is working very hard to meet your needs and would like your input on what's working, what's broken and your thoughts for making your experience with the Club more rewarding. Over the next few months, plans are for several of the CWF Directors to submit very brief surveys online. When you receive such a survey, please take a few minutes to respond. Remember, this is your Club and you can help us to make it better ■

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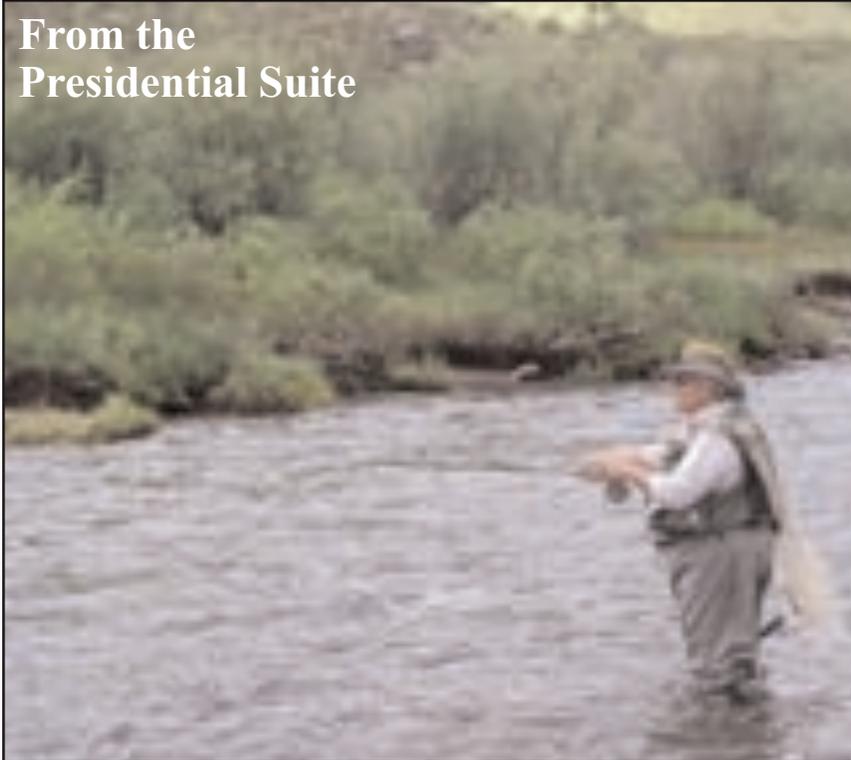
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**From the
Presidential Suite**

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Gone Fishin'! I'll see you in August.

LAST CAST

"If I'm not going to catch anything, then I'd rather not catch anything on flies"

BOB LAWLESS

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 _____

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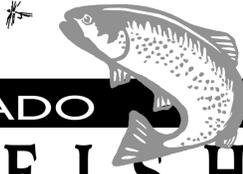
I would like to serve on the following committees: (Circle as many as you like!) Education Membership

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

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