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FEBRUARY MEETING

DATE:

Tuesday, February 1, 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 February meeting...

CANINE FIRST AID: PART DUEX

with Kathy Howard

Back by Presidential Demand!

At our August, 2009 meeting, Kathy Howard of the American Red Cross gave an excellent presentation on dog first aid. She kept us in stitches talking about stitches and giving demonstrations of various first aid tips on her trusted canine companion.

The presentation covers emergency wound care, splinting, hypo and hyperthermia, and other first aid topics.

If you have a dog, this is a must-attend presentation. If you don't have a dog it's worth attending just for Kathy's comic approach to caring for our pets!— *Mary Manka, V. P. and Program Chair*

PUBLIC EVENTS

FLY FISHING SHOW AT THE MERCHANDISE MART WAS A SMASHING SUCCESS

BY DAWN BLOM, PUBLIC EVENTS DIRECTOR

For those of you who missed it, the Fly Fishing Show at the Merchandise Mart was awesome! Aside from walking the show, visiting all the booths, I managed to pick up a new rod at a great price, some beautiful pottery dishes and a ton of information at the seminars I attended. Our booth totally rocked, thanks to our amazing volunteers who talked up CWF, signing up close to 15 new volunteers and selling \$2100.00 in raffle tickets. What can I say, except you ladies are the bomb, thank you!!

If you're ready to get in on the action, there are two events in February, the West Denver Trout Unlimited Fly Tying Clinic on Saturday, February 12, and the Bass Pro Shops Spring Fishing Classic on February 26-27.

The Fly Tying Clinic is held at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds from 9 a.m. -3 a.m. . This clinic features dozens of excellent fly tyers from Colorado and neighboring states. The entrance fee is \$10.00, but \$2.00 coupons are available at your local fly shop. Kids under 12 years are free. If you'd like to find out more about the clinic, go to <http://www.westdenvertu.org/Fly-Tying-Clinic.html>

The BP Classic actually runs beyond February 26-27, but that is CWF's big weekend. We will be at the Classic en mass from 10 a.m. -5 p.m.both days. There are still many oppor-

tunities to get involved with the fun by volunteering. CWF will be grilling out front, fishing with kids at the trout pond, recruiting new members, demonstrating fly tying, and selling raffle tickets. We will be drawing the winning raffle ticket on Sunday afternoon at the Classic.

To get signed up to volunteer at the BP Classic, email me at brown-troutnlabs@gmail.com and be sure to include your full name, phone number, and preference for day and shift (a.m. or p.m. shift). ■



Fran Sturgis shows off her new Club recruit.

Fly Box Raffle

BY DAWN BLOM, PUBLIC EVENTS DIRECTOR

Some of you may not know that CWF has a great raffle going on this year. It is a collection of 500 flies organized into four nice boxes - dries, nymphs, streamers and midges. Tickets cost \$5.00 each. The drawing will be held on Sunday, February 27, at the Bass Pro Shops' Spring Fishing Classic. This lucky person will win all 500 flies and the boxes.

The flies were donated by generous CWF members and Randy Hicks at Rocky Mountain Anglers. If you pledged flies for the raffle, but missed the deadline for the public raffle boxes, we will still gladly accept your donations and put together collections for our membership. Please bring your flies to a meeting or mail them to Dawn Blom or Cheryl Gerlitz.

Tickets for the raffle will be sold at our February meeting. ■



The fly boxes on display at the Fly Fishing Show.

FUNDRAISING

SPRING CLASSIC FUND RAISING EVENT AT BASS PRO

BY CHERYL GERLITZ, FUNDRAISING DIRECTOR

Ladies, this is a reminder that on February 26th and 27th CWF will be conducting our largest fund raising event of the year. For the third straight year, CWF has been granted permission by the Bass Pro Shop to help children learn to catch fish, demonstrate fly tying skills, to encourage other women to join our fantastic club, and sell hot-dogs and brats. The proceeds of our concession sales help fund CWF

educational programs and other Club events throughout the year. This is a great opportunity to meet other Club members, give back to the Club to ensure our programs continue.

With your help we can make this the biggest and best fundraiser CWF has ever had. Don't wait, email Dawn Blom at brown-troutnlabs@gmail.com or Cheryl Gerlitz at cagerlitz@yahoo.com and be a CWF volunteer. ■

vol•un•teer: *noun* a person who freely offers to take part in an enterprise or undertake a task.

WHO SAYS VOLUNTEERING ISN'T FUN?

CONFESSIONS OF A CWF VOLUNTEER

BY CATHY POIRIER, CWF CLUB MEMBER AND PREVIOUS MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

What a treat to open the show alongside the masters of smooze, Pat Nilsson and Arlys Warfield! Pat set the tone like a barker in a side show with her opening line, "Do you like flies?" Ah duh. We're at a fly show. Who doesn't like flies? That just stopped them dead in their tracks." Huh?" Pat sets the hook. They were as good as sold. "This show's all about the raffle, honey", Pat explains. "The membership will follow."

It was the perfect opportunity to dress in skirt and cowboy boots and blatantly pander to the crowd. I was definitely in flirt mode. For the price of five hand tied flies I even gave out my email address.

A group of four gentlemen were cruising by. I approached them with "Could I interest any of you gentlemen in our raffle? Five hundred flies, five bucks. Help support the Colorado Women Flyfishers, a very worthy cause." One says, "I've already been to you," or some such thing to which I replied, "Well, was it good for you?" We all just lost it and I got a hug from the gentleman I was addressing.

I seized the opportunity to say "And what was your name again?" (And sincerely meant it to the self-righteous ex Bronco with access to private water on the Blue River. When I saw him working his way toward our booth. I knew

I had fished with him, even stayed at his house by the Blue several years back with previous member Lisa Rattini. I just could not remember his name.)

Then there was the man who wanted to ask



PHOTOGRAPH PROVIDED BY CATHY POIRIER

Cathy Poirier and Barbara Walters

me an off-the-wall question. I say "sure," and point to Arlys who's standing next to me, "I have backup." The question is, "are you a dental hygienist?" It turns out I had treated him at my previous place of employment. It took several visits. We would always talk fishing and had established a rapport. I couldn't help myself. I had to ask, "Are you still practicing that technique I taught you?" Gotta love it when you can make them

blush! Turns out he fishes at a private club with Pat N.

One of my favorite conversations of the show was with a delightful young couple, recent transplants from Alaska, my home back in the late 70's and early 80's, the pipeline days. They were still glowing from eight days of flyfishing the Frying Pan. I'd wager a Chardonnay she becomes a new member and we all get to meet her at our next meeting.

But perhaps the sweetest part of this show was getting to know a new member, Lucy Wirth. We had shared conversation a few meetings back. The day before the show she sent me an email and wanted to know, if I'm not already going with someone, would I like to go with her? Since I'd would be working the show we decide to meet up at the end of my shift. We head off to tour the floor on a mission to get her some new waders. Our mission was more than accomplished at Wright & McGill. Not only did we find waders to fit her svelte 34 inch-inseam, but also purchased their show special, a stunning flyfishing jacket.

This show was a blast! I hear we produced over \$2000.00 in those three days. Wow! With two more shows to go, I hope we break records. Go U CWFers! ■

SAVE THE DATE!!

CWF SPRING FLYFISHING CLINIC DATES HAVE BEEN SET!

BY ANNE ZADRAZIL, EDUCATION DIRECTOR

The CWF Spring Flyfishing Clinic at the North Fork Ranch is set for Saturday, April 30, for the beginners clinic and Sunday, May 1, for the intermediate/advanced clinic. The cost will remain at \$100. Look for complete information and clinic registration forms in the March issue of the newsletter. ■

WANTED - Trip Coordinators.

No experience needed.

Contact Amy Slaughter at:

home2paws@mindspring.com

ARE YOU A NEW MEMBER?

MISSING YOUR NEWSLETTER? NOT GETTING cwfTALK MESSAGES?

HELP IS ON THE WAY.

If you are a new member, please do not forget to fill out an Acknowledgement of Risk and Release of Liability Form. The good news is that the form is kept on file, and you will only need to do it once. Join cwfTalk@googlegroups.com to be kept up-to-date on club activities. It is easy — contact Karen Williams at karenwilliam@comcast.net and request enrollment.

For current members, if you have moved or changed your telephone number or email address,

you need to contact our membership chair, Sue Holton. Sue maintains the CWF Roster and provides the newsletter editor with address labels for mailing each issue. Email her at Sue.holton@comcast.net.

If you are a subscriber to cwfTalk and have changed your email address, please contact Karen Williams at karenwilliam@comcast.net so you can continue receiving cwfTalk messages. ■

From the Presidential Suite

The tides ... they are a-changin' ...

If you've checked our Google online group you know Wright-McGill gave us a heads-up on a great Fly Fishing Show deal on some 9ft., 5 & 4 wt. Fly Girl rods. Well, the club took action on this great deal. Working with Al from Wright-McGill and Taylor from Royal Gorge Anglers, CWF now owns eight of the 9ft. 5wt. rods and two 4wt. rods. This was a big step for us.

The way we do our fundraising has changed, too. Due largely to the efforts of Simone, a CWF member and our Bass Pro contact, we raise a good portion of our money by doing two to three events there every year. If you add up the money we've spent over the past one to two years on renting that extra grill, we could have bought one by now! This seemed like a future waste of money. Why not buy one of our own? Yes, the Board took that next leap ... we bought one or will have by the time you read this article.

There was a time when we needed a computer, so we borrowed a member's computer. When we needed a grill we borrowed a grill or rented one. Over the years, we the directors of any given area, have kept boxes, plastic containers, tables and all sorts of CWF items and equipment in our living rooms, front hallways, basements, garages and in almost any nook we could find that would hold all this extra "stuff." If we didn't have a place big enough, we found another CWF member who had a big basement.

So, with all this equipment accumulating it was time to get the boxes, tables, plastic containers, and other equipment out of our homes. In typical CWF manner, action was taken at the January Board of Directors' meeting. We now have a climate-controlled storage unit in which to put all of our items that are important for our various events and activities. Yet, another big step ...

Yes, the tides, they are a-changin' ...

**Joanie McCord,
President**

Bulletin Board Edition: Cut and Clip 2011 CWF Club Trip Schedule

The 2011 CWF Trip schedule has been reviewed and approved by the CWF Board of Directors. You will notice that all the trips are listed as weekend trips. It is not a typo, it is intentional. The idea is to give the members as many options as possible. For those who want to spend the weekend, you can; for those who do not, you can make a day trip out of it.



More detailed information for each trip will be published in future newsletters. If you have any questions or would like to sign up for a trip, get in touch with Amy Slaughter via email: home2pws@mind-spring.com; home phone 303-823-9618, or cell phone 303-817-3272. Members are *encouraged* to call Trip Director Amy Slaughter to sign up as a Trip Coordinator.

- March 26 - 27** ----- Dream Stream, South Park, CO
overnite is optional
- April 9 - 10** ----- Blue River, Silverthorne, CO
overnite is optional
- May 7 - 8** ----- Arkansas River, Salida, CO
- June 4 - 5** ----- Eleven Mile Canyon, CO
overnite is optional
- June 25 - 26** ----- Green River, Dutch John, UT
- July 16 - 17** ----- Rio Grande River, Creede, CO
- July 29 - 31** ----- Yampa River, Steamboat Springs, CO
- August 20 - 21** ----- Big Thompson, Rocky Mountain Natl. Park, CO
overnite is optional
- August 27 - 28** ----- Upper North Platte, Saratoga, WY
- September 10-11** ----- Taylor/Gunnison, Almont, CO
- September 24 - 25** ----- Grand Lake, Colo. River, Shadow Mountain, CO.
overnite is optional
- October 8 - 9** ----- Lower Arkansas, Canon City, CO
overnite is optional

Club trips will be reviewed periodically and location changes made, if needed. Every attempt will be made to have a trip on the specified date; however, the location may change due to water and/or other conditions. Any announcements of change will be made as timely as possible at Club monthly meetings, as well as on the CWF website and on cwfTalk@googlegroups.com.

EDUCATION

YES, PLEASE, WASH THOSE STINKY WADERS!!

BY MARSHALL CUTCHIN

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Question: I recently noticed an unpleasant odor in my car, which turned out to be caused by my waders in the back. Can you wash breathable waders without ruining them? If so, how???

Mark C., via email

Answer: Not only can you wash breathable waders, but you should if you want them to work as well as possible. Dirt, grime, body oils, and abrasions can lessen the effectiveness of the durable water repellent (DWR) coating used in breathable-wader materials. According to Orvis wader developer Tim Daughton, periodic cleaning helps the wader material to breathe better and restores the DWR coating that causes water to bead up and run off the outside of the wader.

Warning #1: Always read the manufacturer's instructions for your particular waders, as there are some variations among the different technologies now in use.

That said, most manufacturers call for hand-washing your waders with a powder detergent that contains no fabric softeners or bleach. There are several specialty cleaners, such as Revivex Synthetic Fabric Cleaner and Nikwax Tech Wash, available that are designed specifically for use with waterproof materials and DWR coatings.

After washing and rinsing the waders thoroughly, air them dry, both inside and out. Of the manufacturers I checked, only Orvis suggests putting the waders in the washing machine on "gentle," and this is for stockingfoot versions only.

Once the waders are clean, you can go a step further and reapply a DWR treatment such as Nikwax TX-Direct or Revivex Spray-On Water Repellent. Because these products set best under heat, you can use an iron (on low setting) or a hair dryer. There's an excellent explanation of how DWR works—and why cleaning and reapplying are effective—on the REI website.

If you poke around on the websites of wader manufacturers, you can usually find all the information you need. But... **Warning #2:** Make sure you read the care instructions that came with the waders.

Some of the best manufacturer "Care & Washing" pages can be found on the Orvis, Simms, and Patagonia Web sites. ■



PHOTOGRAPH BY MARSHALL CUTCHIN

Not only can you wash breathable waders, but you should if you want them to work as well as possible.

EDUCATION, CONTINUED

KEEP A FISHING JOURNAL

I have been a CWF member for several years and have had the opportunity to fish with several avid and experienced members. On many Club trips, I have watched as they worked the water with a grace and skill as poetic as the scenery.

One thing I have learned is that all of them devote more time to observation and thought than to actually fishing. Several of them keep a fishing journal to record their experiences and observations.

The journal is small enough to fit in my fishing pack and has the information that I believe is essential to record:

- Body of Water
- Date

- Location
- Start and Stop Times
- Weather Conditions: (Air Temperature, Barometric Pressure, Wind Speed, Wind Direction, Cloud Cover, % Humidity, Moon Phase)
- Water Conditions: (Water Temperature, Water Level or Flow, Clarity)
- Hatches
- Flies Used
- Fish Caught

The flip side of the paper is used for additional notes.

The All-Weather Fishing Journal can be purchased from the J. L. Darling Corporation, Tacoma, WA, Tel: 1-253-922-5000. — excerpted from Anne Nitching, Feb. 2005 ■

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This is me (Elizabeth Harris) with my first steelhead. It was in Troy, Oregon, in November. I fished three days and only caught the one, but it was awesome.

LAST CAST

"Perhaps the greatest satisfaction on the first day of the season is the knowledge, in the evening, that the whole rest of the season is yet to come."

**ARTHUR RANSOME
1929**

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: _____

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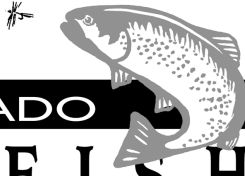
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Programs Special Projects Public Events Outreach/PR Newsletter Raffles/Funding Trips

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