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*A sociable club for women who fly fish*

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## JANUARY MEETING

**DATE:**

Tuesday, January 4, 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 January meeting...*

## EUROPEAN CASTING TECHNIQUE

**with Jan Michael Mauri**

Our January meeting will be a unique presentation by Jan Michael Mauri, who will be presenting several clinics on effective fly casting technique at the Flyfishing Show, and has graciously agreed to arrive a couple of days early in order to speak to our club.

Jan Michael is a professional flyfisher and guides extensively in Europe from Italy to Norway and Greenland, and has created his own unique casting technique. The secret of his style is a natural movement which makes it easy to learn for everyone.— *Mary Manka, V. P. and Program Chair*

## CWF Calendar

Jan. 4 . . . . . Monthly Meeting  
Jan. 7 - 9 . . . . . The Fly Fishing Show  
Jan. 11 . . . . . Board Meeting, REI  
Feb. 1 . . . . . Monthly Meeting  
Feb. 8 . . . . . Board Meeting, REI  
Feb. 12 . . . . West Denver Trout Unlimited  
Fly Tying Clinic

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## Welcome New Members

Courtney Hurst . . . . .Fort Collins, CO  
Marcy Reiser . . . . .Fort Collins, CO  
• 2 New Members Enrolled in 2011.



*FOUL HOOKED: Photos and articles for publication in the newsletter are welcomed and appreciated, space permitting.*

*When submitting photos, please include information on the subject in the photo, and photo credit.*

*It has come to the Editors attention that photos are being submitted to the Google Groups website, and not directly to the Editor. Please submit photos and articles for publication directly to the Editor at: drgrce6645@aol.com. — Ed.*

## BACK CAST

**THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY HAS RECORD TURN OUT**  
BY MARION ROPER, SPECIAL PROJECTS DIRECTOR



PHOTOGRAPH BY MARION ROPER

**CWF President Joanie McCord shares a laugh with party guests.**

**O**ur 14th Annual Holiday Party was held on December 11th at the Denver Merchandise Mart. This year, members attending received an antique brass CWF lapel pin in their goody bag. We had one of our largest crowds in several years, with around 80 persons attending, and all enjoyed an excellent buffet of Atlantic salmon,



PHOTOGRAPH BY MARION ROPER

**Nancy Sherman, Julie church and Jane Francen discussing plays for the Broncos.**

roasted prime rib, assorted salads, vegetables and desserts. The meal was accompanied by a fantastic CWF fishing slideshow on the big screen.

Joanie McCord, President, introduced the current and outgoing board members. Holding with tradition, the outgoing members received an appreciation gift. This year it was a lovely wooden fly box, engraved with the CWF logo and contained one dozen flies tied by Phyllis Vinson. Joanie then introduced the incoming board members. Unfortunately, we did not have our Bob Awards. We are hoping they will be back next year.

Our white elephant gift exchange was exciting, with more participation this year. There were some excellent gifts and of course it wouldn't be complete

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without a singing Billy Bass. Mary Ellen Freas hosted the exchange and provided excellent commentary.

The raffle returned this year, organized by **Cheryl Gerlitz**, our Fund Raising Director. There were some excellent prizes, including a Brodin ghost net. The party ended with a few door prizes; coincidentally, one of which was a Brodin ghost net. As luck would have it, **Marcy Reiser** won both Brodin ghost nets!

I want to express my sincere thanks to those special members who gave generously of their time: **Cherrie Buskohl, Aprille Hill, Mary Ellen Freas,** and **Cheryl Gerlitz**. Our 2011 Annual Holiday Party should be even better!



PHOTOGRAPH BY MARION ROPER

**Kerry Caraghar of Orvis, Cherry Creek and Pat Shepard. Kerry is a generous contributor to the CWF.**

**The 2010 CWF Holiday Party entertained one of the largest crowds in several years. There were 80 members and guests who attended.**



PHOTOGRAPH BY MARION ROPER

**Mary Ellen Freas calling play by play as Tanya Lelo opens her white elephant gift.**



PHOTOGRAPH BY MARY MANIKA

**Anne Howell models a pink flyfishing vest she aquired in the white elephant gift exchange.**

**RENEW NOW** If you haven't already done so, make it your New Year's resolution to renew your CWF membership for the year 2011. With your annual dues of \$30.00, you can attend monthly meetings where you will listen to knowledgable speakers discuss flyfishing techniques, equipment, latest ecological developments and all the hot fishing spots in Colorado and around the world. You can participate in educational flyfishing programs, workshops and clinics. You can receive this monthly newsletter, filled with fishing tips, educational articles, and CWF fishing trip information.

## **FUNDRAISING**

### **THE RAFFLE RETURNED TO THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY**

BY CHERYL GERLITZ, FUNDRAISING DIRECTOR

**T**he 2010 CWF Holiday Party was a great time and the raffle was well received. We had ten items that had a combined retail value of over \$1,500.00. We appreciate club members who supported our fundraising effort and are happy that you enjoyed your evening with the Club.

A very special thanks goes to **Kerry Caraghar**, from Orvis in Cherry Creek, as the Club was able to purchase multiple items at a discounted rate for the raffle. The Club is very fortunate to have vendors that assist us in many ways throughout the year. The CWF Board of Directors would like to remind our members to frequent the local fly shops and let them know you are a CWF member, as it would be beneficial for them to know who we are and that their generosity to the Colorado Women Flyfishers is appreciated.

Club members **Kellie Keenan-Heatherly** and **Julie Church** donated the Thomas and Thomas fly rod and the Spey Casting lessons. These two items were the highest valued and created the greatest interest of all raffle items. The items and winners were:

1. CWF Essentials I – Orvis Fly box, Curved Forceps, Nipper with Zinger and 2-pack of leaders and CWF cap and polo shirt. Retail value \$100, won by **Deb Tooley**.
2. Ear Warmers, Handi Fish Measure and a CWF polo shirt. Retail value \$70, won by **Jane Pratt**.

3. Pro Series Angler Gloves and a Columbia Shirt. Retail value \$75, won by **Andy Savage**.
4. CWF Essentials II – Orvis Fly box, 20/20 magnetic tippet threader, a package of 5 Orvis Thingamabobbers, Orvis 2-Pack of leader and CWF fish cap. Retail value \$ 55, won by **Marcy Reiser**.
5. Flyfisher's Guide to Colorado, CWF Fishing Cap and a Columbia fishing shirt. Retail value \$80, won by **Kim Greenfield**.
6. Orvis – Clearwater Fly-Fishing Vest –and a CWF Fishing Cap. Retail value \$60, won by **Judy McDonald**.
7. Orvis – Safe Passage Large Chest Pack. Retail value \$98, won by **Rita Grover**.
8. Orvis – Brodin Catch & Release 24" Ghost Net - Retail value \$119, won by **Marcy Reiser**.
9. Thomas and Thomas 4 piece Fly Rod. The condition is "near new" as it was won at last year's holiday party by CWF member **Kellie Keenan-Heatherly** The estimated value of this rod is \$400, won by **Mary Ellen Freas**.
10. Two Spey Casting Lessons - This prize is a donation from **Gene Shimel** who is CWF member Julie Church's father. Approximate value is at least \$500, won by **Joanie McCord**. Congratulations to all of the winners! ■

## Member Photos to Whet Your Fishing Appetite .

PHOTOGRAPH PROVIDED BY JULIE CHURCH



Julie Church caught this steelhead when flyfishing with her dad.

PHOTOGRAPH PROVIDED BY JANET LOPEZ



Janet Lopez demonstrates her skill once again at the Grey Reef in 2010.

## **PUBLIC EVENTS**

### **COME SEE THE FLY FISHING SHOW, JANUARY 7,8,9**

BY DAWN BLOM, PUBLIC EVENTS DIRECTOR

The Fly Fishing Show opens at the Merchandise Mart on Friday, January 7 and runs through the weekend. This is one of the best events for our sport, focusing exclusively on every aspect of flyfishing. Once inside, you can shop for gear, demo rods, watch tying demonstrations, talk to experts, take a class, learn about exotic trips, book your

own trip and best of all stop by the CWF booth to buy raffle tickets for an amazing collection of flies...500 to be precise!

Keep your eyes open for info about upcoming events, including the West Denver Trout Unlimited Fly Tying Clinic, [www.westdenvertu.org/Fly-Tying-Clinic](http://www.westdenvertu.org/Fly-Tying-Clinic) and the Bass Pro Spring Fishing Classic.



Fly-tyers Phyllis Vinson, Anita English, Connie Rogers, Nancy Sherman, and Sue Holton, met at Arlys Warfield's house in mid-December to sort and pack the donations of flies from Club Members (and one very generous guide, Randy Hicks of Rocky Mountain Anglers in Boulder). Raffle tickets will be sold at the Fly Fishing Show in January, and The Trout Unlimited Fly Tying Clinic in February.



Four fly boxes carefully arranged for the Fly Fishing Show and Trout Unlimited Fly Tying Clinic raffle.

PHOTOGRAPHS BY ARLYS WARFIELD

## **From the Presidential Suite**

For my last article of 2010 ... or my first for 2011, depending on how you look at it, I'd like to thank the Board for all of the hard work they've put in – way more than just going to that extra meeting, most months. My gratitude goes out to those Board members who have graciously agreed to stay the course for another couple of years and I'd really like to thank **Aprille Hill** for being our Membership Director. I'll miss her innovative technology ideas for this position.

So, with the New Year come new challenges, new ideas and new members – both to the Club and to the Board. I'd like to welcome **Sue Holton**, our new Membership Director, and I know she will undoubtedly bring her own new exciting ideas to our meetings.

On another note, by the time you receive this, we will be wondering where 2010 went and what 2011 holds in store for us. The one thing we know for sure is 2011 will eventually bring sunny days, running clear water through our streams and rivers, and fun CWF trips. We also know there will be two things we'll work hard for: the money and time to go on those wonderful trips and then finding those elusive fish once we're there!

But until the trips begin again:

I'll dream of the days when the sun makes the water warm

And I get to entice the fish to cad-dis on the surface.

My every step in the river and every cast done with purpose

And with winter gone once again an old angler will be reborn.

~JGMcC '10

**Joanie McCord,**  
**President**

Don't forget to renew your Colorado Women Flyfishers Membership and your Colorado Parks Pass for 2011.

Your Colorado State Fishing License is valid until March of 2011.

## Education

# Some Thoughts on Stream Etiquette

BY SUE ARMSTRONG, REPRINTED FROM JULY 2001

This article was written by Sue Armstrong with the assistance of and printed with permission from Mike Dawson.

### Be Prepared

Being prepared really begins in the days before your trip. If you are just learning, practice your knots for tying on leader, tippet and flies so you can be fairly independent. Carry a knot guide in your vest for reference.

Check your leader. Well-used short leaders stretch less and will cause you to break off both fish and flies. If it is shorter than four feet long, replace it.

### Negotiations

Once on the water, remember that you must negotiate the water and negotiate with other anglers, including your partner. On our many small to medium sized Colorado streams, there is good fishing for only one person per run or hole. On club trips, the water may be crowded, and there may be only a few fishable runs. Decide at the time what you think is sporting. Especially if people are nymphing with double rigs, remember that each person casting fifteen times in that run pass thirty hooks by the fish. Multiply that by three or more anglers, and you have a not-so-fair environment for fish.

If you would like to fish below your partner in the same run, ask yourself "Is there room to do so without interference?" If you would like to fish just above your partner in the same run — re-think the idea. Your partner has probably been methodically working the run from the rear toward the head with the intent of saving the larger fish at the head of the run for last. They have also wisely chosen to leave these fish until last because once hooked, fish generally race downstream spooking any fish they pass. If you would like to fish another run upstream of another angler, ask if they mind. Most anglers appreciate your consideration and tell you to go ahead.

### Rising Fish

If you must pass an angler on the river who is fishing to rising fish close to the bank, give her plenty of room. Walk a good distance around and away from the bank. If you can see into the water she is fishing, the fish can see you; you will effectively end the rise. If someone spooks the fish you were attempting to catch, consider it a good "education-

al opportunity".

### Small Streams

Small streams can accommodate only one or two anglers at a time. If you are fishing with a partner, agree to hopscotch each other as you progress upstream. That way each of you has fresh water to fish. If another angler has come before you, you may need to follow about an hour behind in order to rest the water. If anglers are below you, they deserve undisturbed water also. It is noble to leave some holes and runs un-fished so that other anglers below you might enjoy the stream as much as you.

### Drift Boats, Rafts and Wading Anglers

As a general rule, wading anglers have fewer places on the river that they can access than do floating anglers. Waders usually have the right-of-way. Boaters should float well to the opposite side of the wade angler's water. Anglers in the boat should reel in their line or cast to the opposite bank as they drift by. Waders must remember that they need to give boaters a clear message of the water they are fishing

### Peace and Quiet

Fishing is an escape from the never-ending noise of the city for many anglers. The sounds of moving water, birds singing, and if we are lucky, the slurp of feeding trout are the reasons we are drawn to the sport. Though we all wish to yell a loud "yahoo" upon catching a fish, most neighboring anglers (including your best buddy) have tolerance for few more than one. Out of respect for your buddies and those other anglers nearby, keep your celebrations to a minimum.

### Landing and releasing fish

Properly landing and releasing fish begins with barbless or crimped barb hooks. Once hooked, the longer you play the fish, the more fatigued and stressed the fish becomes. A big fish is especially vulnerable because as it tires, it moves less. Lactic acid builds up rapidly and can incapacitate the fish.

Use the strongest tippet possible to land the fish as quickly as possible. Very fine tippet requires you to tire the fish in order to prevent it from breaking off while trying to land it.

Use nets with soft, fine netting and, if possible, keep the fish underwater as you remove the hook. ■

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**LAST CAST**

***"If you spend enough time on the water, you will meet all kinds of fishermen who are drop-outs and ne'er-do-wells, men bent on cheating time and ducking out of the world. But you will find very few hopeless fishermen. For fishing forces a little optimism into even the most hard-bitten cynic. So cast a few dry flies in winter, and do so without apology."***

**MATT LABASH  
THE DAILY CALLER**

**CWF 2011 MEMBERSHIP**

**Membership for Calendar Year (January - December)**

\_\_\_ RENEWAL (Member since \_\_\_ )

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**It's time to renew**

**Colorado Parks Passes**

**And CWF Memberships.**

**It's Flyfishing Show Time**

**Holiday Party Photos**