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FLY FISHERS

A sociable club for women who fly fish

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JULY PICNIC & GEARAGE SALE

DATE:

Saturday, July 9, 2011

TIME:

2:00 - 5:00 P.M.

PLACE:

Congress Park
8th Avenue and Josephine, Denver

COST:

No charge this year.
Chicken, brats, hamburgers and soft drinks will be provided by the club.

PLEASE BRING:

A side dish, salad or dessert.
Flyfishing gear for the gearage sale.
Cash/check for raffle tickets and the gearage sale.
You may bring your own beer, no glass containers and it must be 3.2.

How to Get There

Congress Park is located at 8th Avenue and Josephine Street in Downtown Denver. The entrance to the park is on Josephine Street, a one-way heading north. Eighth Avenue is a one-way street heading west.

At our July meeting...

CWF PICNIC IN THE PARK

Our CWF Summer Picnic will be held this year on Saturday, July 9th at Congress Park located at 8th Avenue and Josephine beginning at 2 P.M. in the covered pavilion.

This park is near the Denver Botanic Gardens. Hamburgers, brats and sodas will be provided by CWF. Members are asked to bring dishes (casseroles, salads, desserts). If you want beer, you must bring your own but it cannot exceed the 3.2% allowed by Denver Parks.

Cheryl Gerlitz will tempt us with a fantastic raffle. There will be some challenging games, such as fish toss, belly boat racing and who knows what else. Don't forget the Gearage Sale! This is a great opportunity to bring unwanted fishing items to sell or your chance to buy that item you are missing.

Even though there is no cost to members this year (except your covered dish), *you must still R.S.V.P. by July 6th* to Cherrie Buskohl (303) 388-8538 or Barb Conroy (303) 674-3751 so that we can plan accordingly.

Hope to see everyone there! —
Marion Roper, Special Projects Director

CWF Calendar

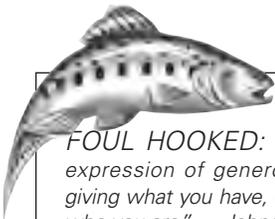
- July 9CWF Annual Picnic**
- July 16 - 17Rio Grande River,
Near Creede, CO
- July 29 - 31Yampa River,
Steamboat Springs, CO
- August 2Monthly Meeting

** No program meeting in July; the picnic takes its place.

Welcome New Members

- Shirley ChristianFt. Collins, CO
- Ellen DaileyLoveland, CO
- Sue FosterCentennial, CO
- Susan GrimmLittleton, CO
- Sandee HillLivermore, CO
- Krissy LewisEvergreen, CO
- Jennifer MethlieFt. Collins, CO
- Barbara PetersonLoveland, CO
- Diane RothParker, CO
- Joan TidwellAspen, CO
- Cho Tin TunSteamboat Springs, CO
- Sherri WignallElizabeth, CO

• 62 New Members Enrolled in 2011.



FOUL HOOKED: *"The ultimate expression of generosity is not in giving what you have, but in giving of who you are." — Johnetta B. Cole*

It is once again time to sound the cry from the rooftops that this Club is in need of volunteers to accept Board positions.

Yes, it takes time and a commitment. There are certain things required of you; reliability is one of them. Yes, occasionally, it takes you away from other things you would like or want to be doing. But this Club is only as great as the sum of its parts, and four of its parts are going to need replacing.

The positions available do not require a college education, although an education is what you will receive should you choose to accept the challenge. These positions require an opinion and a passion. And in return, you will receive support, friendship and an opportunity to give valuable input to this club. Elections are coming – are you one to heed the call?— Ed.

BACK CAST

JUNE MEETING- TODD AND NANCY JONES DISCUSS PACK-IN GUIDED FISHING TRIPS IN WYOMING

BY AMY SLAUGHTER

Todd and Nancy Jones of Paintrock Adventures, traveled from Hyattville, Wyoming (population 45) to Denver for our June meeting presentation to introduce us to Pack-In guided fishing trips in North Central Wyoming. They guide in the Cloud Peak Wilderness in Big Horn National Forest and the Washakie Wilderness in the Shoshone National Forest.



Todd readies a pack mule for an adventure.

Todd has been guiding for 22 years and has a special place in his heart for his horses, pack mules, and taking guests into areas that will take your breath away. Oh yea, the flyfishing isn't bad either. When asked about what fly patterns work best, Todd smiled and said the usual patterns such as Pheasant Tails, Hare's ears, caddis, ants, etc. all work, but the fish are hungry and not really too picky. Plan on fishing for the "Grand Slam" in both streams and lakes. The catch of the day could be rainbows, brook trout, browns, native cutthroats, and the prized golden trout. Opportunities abound for flyfishing, hiking, trail riding, nature, photography, and just relaxing.

Base camp is at 9600 feet and you can relax in a wall tent with comfortable cots, lanterns, and heaters. All meals are prepared for you and are cowboy five-star. They offer two-day, three-day, and five-day adventures along with drop trips. The number of people is usually held to a maximum of eight in order to keep it manageable and a true adventure.

The cost ranges from \$795 to \$1495 per person and includes meals. Plan to arrive around 8:30 a.m., load up gear onto the pack mules, get introduced to your horse, and depart by 9:30 a.m. or 10 a.m. The ride in to the base camp takes a few hours and you can be fishing by early afternoon. Fish until dinner is ready and eat a scrumptious meal around the campfire.

If this sounds like a great adventure, give Todd and Nancy a call at 307-469-2274 or visit their website at www.paintrock.com. ■



Just one example of the water and scenery available on a Paintrock Adventures pack-in trip.



A fishing guide in chaps...

CWF WEBSITE

A NEW WEBSITE DESIGN IS COMING!

BY DEB NELSON, TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR

Take some time to check the CWF website over the next few weeks. We will be rolling out our new website design with some great support from a new member, Elke Edwards, a website design professional.

We have changed our website format for the first time in over ten years. As always, your feedback and suggestions are welcome. If you see any broken links or typos, please let me know. ■

GO FISH THE RIO GRANDE RIVER

NEAR CREEDE, CO. JULY 16 - 17

BY AMY SLAUGHTER, TRIP COORDINATOR

Karen Denison provided a captivating discussion on the joys of fishing the Rio Grande at a past Club meeting. It was so alluring that we not only had to go last year, but we are going again this year. The tailwater from Rio Grande Reservoir to Del Norte is the most popular section and is primarily a brown trout river with occasional rainbows and cutthroats. The average fish is around 14 inches, while fish in the 16 to 18 inch range are not uncommon. The Rio Grande below the dam flows east following Hwy149 to South Fork and then on to Del Norte. Most of the fishing access is at campgrounds between the reservoir and Creede. Collier SWA, between Creede and South Fork, offers additional access. Between South Fork and Del Norte the river is designated Gold Medal water. The Rio Grande offers everything for anglers who love to fish a variety of waters: from the small stream that forms the headwaters to big floatable water below the town of Creede.

There is a lot of access at campgrounds between the reservoir and

Creede. There is Gold Medal water between South Fork and Del Norte but there are many opportunities to fish small streams above the Rio Grande reservoir. The caddis, stones, and drakes may be making an appearance, so make sure you have some in your fly box. The latest report from the Rio Grande Angler Fly Shop is estimating that the runoff will peak by the end of May or first week in June, so we may have lady luck again and arrive to reasonable flows and fish on the hunt for our flies. If you want to take a float trip you should book it soon, as they fill up quickly. One of the area fly shops is the Rio Grande Angler (www.riograndeangler.com). Their site gives weekly water reports as well, so check it out before you go. Amy will post information on cwfTalk about the fly patterns that are working, the water levels, and any other relevant information.

Camping and Lodging Options

Creede is centrally located along the upper Rio Grande. There are several Forest Service Campgrounds in the area, with Marshall

Park, Palisade and Rio Grande located closest to Creede. In and around Creede and South Fork are more RV parks, cabins, lodges and campgrounds. Keep in mind, this is a popular tourist area and things could fill up quickly – book soon. The website www.creede.com has a lot of information and links on recreation, lodging, etc. Several CWF members will be camping at, or around, Thirty-Mile Campground. Amy Slaughter is staying at the Thirty-Mile Campground, Site 22. Feel free to stop by to say hello, get the buzz about the flies that are working, and maybe share a beverage. Joanie McCord, our esteemed President, has offered to hold the Saturday night campfire (Thirty-Mile Campground, Site 26). Bring your chair and favorite beverage over and spend an evening telling stories and laughing around the fire. ■



Information from the website (http://www.coloradodirectory.com/fishing/fishing_creedewest.html#utecreek) shows a map with fish (number corresponds to information below) and indicates the type of fishing you can expect – check it out if you get a chance.

1. Rio Grande River - Begins above Rio Grande Reservoir and continues throughout area

The Rio Grande River offers some of the best fishing in Colorado. From early spring to late fall, travelers flock to the area for its great brown trout fishing. A portion of the waters is designated Gold Medal.

2. Clear Creek River - from Continental Reservoir to Rio Grande River

Clear Creek is perfect for flyfishing. Expect to catch mostly rainbow and brown trout.

3. Trout Creek - from Trout Lake to Rio Grande River

Trout Creek's name says it all. Visitors will find abundant rainbow trout up to 14 inches and brown trout up to 16 inches here.

4. Ute Creek - from Ute Lake to Rio Grande Reservoir

The upper end of this nine-mile stretch is best for catching the cutthroats, brooks, rainbows and browns that swim the creek's waters.

5. Squaw Creek - from Squaw Lake to Rio Grande River

Squaw Creek is a great place for those seeking high mountain flyfishing. The creek runs about ten to 15 feet wide with nice pools. The best chance for catching the stream's brooks and cutthroats is at Squaw's upper end.

GO FISH THE YAMPA RIVER

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, CO. JULY 29 - 31

BY AMY SLAUGHTER, TRIP COORDINATOR

The Yampa River headwaters begin in the Flat Tops Wilderness Area. Bear River and Chimney Creek merge to become the Yampa. The river flows unimpeded until it reaches Stagecoach Reservoir. The river below Stagecoach Reservoir, through the town of Steamboat Springs, has spectacular fishing for fat rainbows and browns. After the high flows in June, the trout should be ready to welcome us.

We will be staying at the Steamboat Campground (previously the KOA), located two miles west of Steamboat. The park accommodates tents, trailers, and RVs, and there are cabins available to rent as well. The phone number is 1-888-451-2243.

DIRECTIONS

Take I-70 west to Silverthorne. Turn right at Silverthorne onto Highway 9 and go north to Kremmling. Turn left onto Highway 40 and proceed north, over Rabbit Ears Pass and on into Steamboat Springs.

WHAT TO BRING

Bring clothing and rain gear for the season.

Fishing gear: 5-weight rods; mayfly nymphs, such as RS-2s, 16-24; pheasant tails, Barr's emergers, 16-22, Blue Wing Olives, parachute Adams 12-22; midge patterns, such as black beauties, brassies, blood midges, 16-24, and Griffith's gnats. Streamers and grasshoppers may also be good to have. Also check with Steamboat's local

fly shops for recommended patterns.

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY

Lisa Ruff, a CWF member and Travel Coordinator for the Steamboat Flyfisher, has graciously volunteered to put together a Flyfishing Ladies Retreat for us. Steamboat Flyfisher is offering a 15% discount on purchases to CWF members, as well as guided fishing discounts. A full-day, three-person guided trip is \$425, while a half-day three-person guided trip is \$325 (on public water). Private water is also available with an access fee. Lisa will arrange fishing excursions, casting instruction in the park, and flyfishing instruction. All we have to do is let her know what we need and she will work with us or you individually to get something arranged. We are planning to have a barbeque on the river on Saturday where the brats, ice and coolers will be provided, so please let us know if you are planning to attend. Bring your favorite wine or anything else you like to eat or drink. Does this sound like fun? If it does, then start making plans now. Lisa has access to Central Reservations and can direct you to lodging and additional camping in the area. Give Lisa a call today at 970-367-3679 or send her an email at lruff@steamboatflyfisher.com. Please call Amy Slaughter and send her an email if you have questions or want to sign up for the trip. ■

IDENTIFY YOURSELF

If you're a new member and would like to feel like part of the gang, or an old member needing a stylish new



look, head to the CWF on-line store. We have caps, fleece vests and shirts, all with the CWF logo embroidered on the front. Now you can be proud to walk into that fly shop where everyone will know you're a serious angler. Besides, a lot of us are old and don't recognize each other any more.

We need clues! So, if you are looking for Club clothing, head over the the web. For you out-of-town-members, we'll ship it to you.

The Northern Colorado Chapter

Hi Ladies,

We are so excited to see the enthusiasm behind a Northern Colorado Women Flyfishers group! Our friends at St. Peter's are excited as well and have a ladies night planned for next Wednesday. Contact me for more info.

REMINDER: The next Colorado Women Flyfishers (Northern Chapter) meeting is Monday, July 11th at 7 p.m. at St. Peter's Fly Shop in Fort Collins.

Hope you are finding time to get out and fish!

— Gretchen Osborn

Question How do I know when it's time to get a new fly line?

Answer If you look at your fly line with a magnifying glass, you will see hairline cracks in the finish that are picking up dirt. They often make the front half of the line look dirtier than the back half. Try cleaning the line with any of the good line cleaners on the market, and if the line still looks dirty, it's probably time for a new line. Tip: when you get that new line, remember to clean it a time or two during the season to keep it from drying out and to restore the slick finish. — *with thanks to Pudge Kleinkauf for sending us this tip.*

From the Presidential Suite

Are you beginning to have a happy fishing season? I am – even though most rivers are running high. At the beginning of June I camped at the Spillway Campground for our Eleven Mile Canyon trip. On Thursday Mary Ellen Freas and I decided to take a break from fishing and the ever consistent – ever annoying – The BIG BAD W! (wind) We drove down the canyon and back to Florissant to have lunch. She took me to a delightful little place that Deb Nelson had shown her and I wanted to share the experience with you.

The restaurant is called Costello Street Coffee House. It is in the McLaughlin House, built in the mid 1800's and is one of the original homes in Florissant. You walk in to another world ... one of peacefulness, beauty and Victorian décor. Tables are set for two or four – real tables with real chairs (not folding, plastic or vinyl). What a change from the rushing waters and whistling wind! I felt as if I should have been dressed for simple elegance instead of my fishing sweats and Crocs!

On to our lunch. We had multiple choices of soups and hot and cold sandwiches — All homemade when ordered. Mine was one of the best I've ever had and unless you're really hungry you might want to order a ? sandwich. Of course ordering a ? sandwich leaves room (only a little) for a to-die-for piece of homemade pie (plain, with cheese or warmed with ice cream). Again, unless you are real-

ly hungry you might consider sharing with your friend.

Oh, yes, well, it is a coffee house; therefore, they do have a variety of coffees and are open for breakfast. Just group their name together without spaces, put three w's and a dot in front with another dot at the end of their name and add .com and you have their web address.

We all go so fast we forget to set some time to relax and actually enjoy each other's company. Even fishing ... we're all in a hurry to get to the stream or lake. When there we hurry to gear-up so we can hurry to catch a fish. Then we're in a hurry to get the fish off the hook and back into the water ... only to hurry up to catch another and repeat the process. When the day is done we hurry to put our gear away so we can hurry back home, always going at or above the speed limit lest we be passed by someone who is in a bigger hurry than we are.

So, the next time you are driving along Route 24 going to or from fishing and find yourself hungry and wish to take a break ... grabbing something other than a Subway or fountain hotdog while your car is getting a drink at the gas pump ... you should stop in this place and relax a bit and let the others hurry by... the fish will still be there.

HAVE A GREAT – RELAXING – FISHING SEASON!

**Joanie McCord,
President**

SNEAK PEEKS

BIG THOMPSON RIVER, RMNP Estes Park, CO. August 20 - 21

This is a favorite flyfishing destination for several of our members. The scenery is incredible and the fishing is usually great – it is Colorado, after all. 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 greenback cutthroat. A small rod is all you need to have a great time. We will be doing something a little different for this trip – CWF members can “Sister Up” with a member of Sisters on the Fly who wants to go flyfishing, either to show them what it is all about or to take them to a few of the fishing holes. More information about this portion of the weekend will be provided later.

There are numerous lodging and camping options (www.estes-park.com). SOTF will be camping at Estes Park Campground at Mary's Lake (electric sites avail), a few CWF members will be camping at Hermit Park, and some members will camp in Rocky Mountain National Park (RMNP). Reservations for Mary's Lake and Hermit Park can be made online at www.larimercamping.com or by phone at 1-800-397-7795.

For more information on camping in Rocky Mountain National Park, look online at www.nps.gov/romo/index.htm or reservations can be made by phone at 1-877-444-6777. Make reservations soon or just drive up for the day.

UPPER NORTH PLATTE RIVER Saratoga, Wyoming Weekend Trip: August 27 - 28

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. This year 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. We will be staying at the Lazy Acres Campground and RV Park in Riverside, Wyoming www.lazy-acreswyo.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 reservations.

SPECIAL EVENTS

NEW MEMBER SOCIAL

BY MARION ROPER, SPECIAL EVENTS DIRECTOR

PHOTOGRAPH PROVIDED BY MARION ROPER



New and not-so-new members gathered at Marion Roper's home to enjoy flyfishing fellowship.

The third annual New Member Social was on June 12th at the home of Marion Roper. It was a beautiful day with three new members and eight existing members attending, as well as a few furry friends. We feasted on assorted snacks, deli sandwiches, beer, wine and soda.

This was a great opportunity to socialize with other members outside of the regular monthly meetings, where we could “kick back,” laugh and find common interests. These socials are for all members - you don't have to be a new member to attend. Our next New Member Social will be in 2012. Hope to see you then!

PHOTOGRAPH BY NANCY TURLEY



FROM THE CWF ARCHIVES; The title of this photo is “Caddis Hatch 97.” Amazing that Salida is still standing after 14 years. Would you like to be a part of Club history? It is quite simple — take photos of the Club trips you attend and send them to the Editor!

Even though there is no charge for the Annual Club Picnic this year — you must RSVP by July 6th! Time is running out. Don't delay!

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Julie Church with a beautiful rainbow caught at the Green River (before run-off).

LAST CAST

“Failure will never overtake me if my determination to succeed is strong enough.”

OG MANDINO

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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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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