

# COLORADO WOMEN

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*A sociable club for women who fly fish*

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## JUNE MEETING

**DATE:**

Tuesday, June 7, 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!*

*\*Cost of dinner has increased effective immediately.*

**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 June meeting...*

## **PACK-IN, GUIDED WYOMING FISHING TRIPS**

**with Todd and  
Nancy Jones**

Todd and Nancy Jones are the owners and full-time outfitters for Paintrock Adventures, LLC, one of Wyoming's premier pack-in flyfishing operations. They guide in the Cloud Peak Wilderness in Big Horn National Forest and the Washakie Wilderness in the Shoshone National Forest, which is located in north central Wyoming

Todd has an extensive background in instruction and is well-educated, receiving degrees from Oklahoma State University, and New Mexico State University. —*Mary Manka, V. P. and Program Chair*

## CWF Calendar

June 4 - 5 . . . . .Eleven Mile Canyon  
Lake George, CO

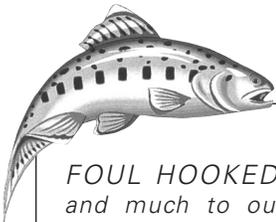
June 7 . . . . .Monthly Meeting

June 25 - 26 .Green River, Dutch John, UT

July 9 . . . . .CWF Summer Picnic

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

**Newsletter Articles and Photos are welcome!** Email your fishing stories and photos to drgrce6645@aol.com. The deadline for newsletter submission is the 15th of the month.



*FOUL HOOKED: Recently, and much to our flyfishing chagrin, Colorado has seen ample amounts of rain and even snowfall, and as a result, many of our fire bans around the state are being lifted. In spite of that, it is always a good policy to stay on top of fire safety practices and preserve our beautiful state.*

*While tending a campfire pay attention to dry brush near camp, wind conditions, branches overhead and embers that pop out of the fire pit.*

*Drown the fire when it is bedtime: The wind could pick up while you are sleeping. Lay all camp chairs down, well away from the fire pit.*

*Even if you had a fire the night before and it seems out, the coals are still cooking deep underneath. Pour water on it and hear the sizzling. Put your fire dead out at least one-half hour before starting to break camp. Let the coals die down, pour water over the ashes and spread soil over them. Mix soil, water and ashes until all embers are completely out.*

*Safe fire practices save forests, homes and wildlife habitat... I'd like another s'more, please. — Ed.*

## BACK CAST

### MAY MEETING- GREG FELT ON THE ARKANSAS RIVER IN SALIDA, COLORADO

BY FELICIA OLSEN

Once again, CWF was quite fortunate to have Greg Felt of ArkAnglers in Salida take a break, and make the drive to Denver for our May presentation, which coincided nicely with the Club's Mother's Day caddis hatch trip. As usual, Greg provided us with ample amounts of useful information and education on this particular hatch and the river in general. This year, he even gave us homework in the form of articles about the Arkansas River and the caddis hatch in particular, and can be found in the Central Colorado Fishing Guide.

Speculation is always high regarding this hatch, mainly when is it going to happen, and will I be there when it does? There was a concern this year when March was phenomenally warm, and the prevailing assumption was the caddis would hatch early. Well, you know how the saying goes, "if you don't like the weather, wait five minutes." Along came April and the temperature dropped, cooling off the water and delaying the caddis hatch. [At the time of the presentation, the water flows were 375 – 380 cfs]. "There is a lot of snow in the Arkansas drainage, but the water should be good until the 15th (of May). The good news is that it takes a lot of cold, muddy water to mess up this hatch."

**"Fish are not just focused on caddis. The purpose is to put on fat to survive high water"**

GREG FELT  
ARKANGLERS

The caddis hatch is driven by water temperature and sunlight; so don't bother with a caddis until around noon. "Fish are not just focused on caddis. The purpose is to put on fat to survive high water." Nymph in the morning. The "meat and potatoes" are size 14 – 16 Pheasant Tails, Copper Johns, Hare's Ears, Chartreuse CJ, Buckskin and Golden Stonefly nymphs. Midges can be seen in the morning, go with WD 40 or a Disco Midge. For the BWO hatch use emergers such as Barr's emerger, Craven's JuJu Baetis, RS2 - gray with black stripes. Stay away from the beaded nymphs on the Arkansas, but a non-beaded weighted nymph is good.

More than one hatch can happen, so be prepared. Observation and objectivity – Greg says that five minutes of observation is worth thirty minutes of fishing. This is the time of year when a lot is happening on the river. There are several hatches that can be happening in what seems like all at the same time, but pay attention to the details. What are the birds doing? When birds change their behavior, something is about to happen. Look for it. You may see something you don't know what it means, remember it, and ask someone later. Is it cloudy or sunny? One cloud can make a big difference in your fishing — are fish now porpoising for hatching mayflies?

Force yourself, if you must, to take a break when fish stop feeding. Fish do get full! The good news is, they will begin to feed again around 5:30 to 6:00 in the evening and feed until dark. If you are up for it, tie on a black or black with crystal flash streamer to entice the browns. Mini-muddler works as well.

You do have choices here—keep fishing when nothing is happening and get grumpy, or take a break, observe, and try something different. We are gifted with living in one of the most beautiful states in the country. Occasionally, it is okay to stop what you are doing and look around you. For the majority of us, although extremely passionate about our chosen sport, flyfishing is not a job, not something that must be accomplished, but rather the opportunity to take a break from the stresses of everyday life. Listen to the water, the birds, and the river. Take it from Greg Felt and "Listen to the heart and you'll be on to something." ■

The Arkansas River begins near Leadville, drops 5000 feet in elevation, flows 1450 miles through Kansas, Oklahoma, and into Arkansas, and is the main source of water for the state of Arkansas.

## **GO FISH ELEVEN MILE CANYON**

**NEAR LAKE GEORGE, CO. JUNE 4 & 5**

BY AMY SLAUGHTER, TRIP COORDINATOR

**E**leven Mile Canyon is an outstanding tailwater fishery that holds nice brown and rainbow trout. The South Platte River flows from Eleven Mile Reservoir into Eleven Mile Canyon and access is from the bottom of the canyon in the town of Lake George off of U.S. Highway 24. Follow the signs and you will be fine. The top two miles of Eleven Mile Canyon are gold medal catch-and-release water. This part of Eleven Mile Canyon holds the greatest concentration and quality of trout, although there are lots of fish throughout the entire canyon. The trout feast on BWO's, PMD's and midge patterns. Dry fly fishing has been very good this year. Quite a few CWF members have been fishing this area since January and there have been twenty fish trips several times.

The road to the top of the canyon is rough, so take it easy. Several CWF members will be camping at Spillway Campground (top of the canyon) while others are camping at the mouth of the canyon in the Blue Mountain Campground. You don't have to take up your whole weekend for the trip. This location is within a few hours of Denver so a day trip is not out of the question.

**FEE:** There is a \$5 day-use fee to enter the canyon (a one-time charge while you are camping). There is an annual pass available by mail or at the Entrance Station at Eleven Mile Canyon and Jefferson Lake during the regular season. Mail your check for \$45 to: Canyon Enterprises, Inc. P.O. Box 324, Divide, CO 80814. The Annual Pass is valid for day use at Elevenmile Canyon, Jefferson Lake, Twin Eagles Trailhead, Lost Park Trailhead, Kite Lake Trailhead, Manitou Lake, and Rampart Reservoir, as well as Decker's parking.

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

**Flies:** BWO's, PMD's, and midge patterns all work. Pheasant Tails,

emergers, black mayflies will get their attention. Ask your favorite fly shop what is working as the date gets closer and there will, of course, be updates posted on cwfTalk. Clothes: Dress in layers, wear sunscreen, and bring your polarized sunglasses!

### **Meeting location on Saturday:**

Spillway Campground Site #16 at 8 a.m. Please don't park in the Spillway Campground unless you are camping there. There are parking areas for day fishers across from the entrance to the Spillway Campground and past the entrance near the dam. It is an easy walk to the campground from those locations. If you get there later in the morning or afternoon – look for the women having a great time and you will find us.

NOTE: New Zealand Mud Snails.

These fast-reproducing snails compete with the aquatic insects that the trout feed on. Waders, boots and equipment should be soaked in a 50%-water and 50% specific 409 ("Commercial Solutions Formula 409® Cleaner Degreaser Disinfectant" or "Formula 409® All Purpose Cleaner Antibacterial Kitchen Fresh") for at least 5 minutes to kill the snails. Let's do our part to help prevent the invasive New Zealand Mud Snail from spreading to more of our Colorado trout streams.

### **Eleven Mile Canyon Lodging Options**

1. VRBO.com (Lake George area)

Camping

1. Reserve America / [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov)

a. Spillway Campground (in Eleven Mile Canyon)

b. Springer Gulch Campground (in Eleven Mile Canyon)

c. Riverside Campground (in Eleven Mile Canyon)

d. Blue Mountain (1.5 miles south of Lake George on Rd 61) .■

## **SPECIAL PROJECTS**

### **DOW WOMEN'S CLINIC**

BY MARION NUTT,  
PROJECT CHAIR

**I**am sad to say that the third annual Women's Flyfishing Clinic was cancelled due to lack of participation by the community. I would like to thank the committee and all of you who volunteered to help on Saturday, May 21 and 22nd.

We only had eight registrants at the time we needed to order the tee shirts for the clinic. Should we decide to have a 2012 clinic, we need to think about alternative ways to get non-members excited about flyfishing and interested in the class. Perhaps we will need to approach other women's groups like the Women's Chamber of Congress, women's magazines for features, or Trout Unlimited. Your ideas and suggestions are welcomed! ■

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

### **NEW MEMBER SOCIAL**

BY MARION ROPER, SPECIAL EVENTS DIRECTOR

**O**ur annual New Member Social will be on Sunday, June 12th at 2:00 p.m. We will meet at the home of Marion Roper, 6786 Old Ranch Trail, Littleton, CO 80125 in Roxborough Park.

All CWF members are invited, and we encourage new members to attend. This is an excellent opportunity to meet other members

for food, conversation and fun.

Food and beverages will be provided. If you plan to attend, please R.S.V.P. to Marion at (303) 948-7919 or email to [marion.ropер@comcast.net](mailto:marion.ropер@comcast.net) so that we can plan accordingly. If you have any questions, please call Marion. ■



PHOTOGRAPH BY MARION ROPER

**New member social of 2010. Join the fun and help welcome the new members of 2011.**

# GO FISH THE GREEN RIVER

**DUTCH JOHN, UTAH JUNE 25 & 26**

BY AMY SLAUGHTER, TRIP COORDINATOR

*Note: at the time of this writing, the river level conditions for this trip are not known but there is speculation that the flows may be as high as 13,000 cfs (yes that is thousand). If the flows are that high we will move the trip so please check cwfTalk frequently. If you have signed up for the trip, then Amy will contact you via email or phone if plans change.*

**W**e are going back to the Green! Mark your calendars for the weekend of June 25 – 26 and make your camping, lodging, and guided fishing reservations. Renowned for its abundance of rainbow, cutthroat, hybrids, and brown trout, this clear stretch of the Green River offers some of the best tail water flyfishing in the world. The average fish run 15 to 18 inches and there are a number of fish considerably larger. Browns have been caught up to 29 lbs. and rainbows to 23 lbs. There are 28 fishable miles of the Green River below Flaming Gorge Dam to the Colorado state line and the best way to fish it is to float it – so make those reservations now. These 28 miles are divided into three separate sections each with its own personality:

• **A Section (Red Canyon)**

It begins at the base of the Dam and flows 7.6 miles through the spectacular and rugged lower part of Red Canyon and ends at the tiny valley called Little Hole. This section offers the highest percentage of fish per mile and easy access, but also receives the brunt of the traffic, causing flyfishing experience to vary from day to day, especially weekends.

• **B Section (Devil's Hole)**

This is more remote, starting at Little Hole and flowing nine miles into Browns Park taking out at the Indian Crossing boat ramp. The terrain on B changes from rugged canyons to a drier desert park. The fishing pressure and rafting traffic decreases considerably. Camping

along the river in this section is permitted and the US Forest Service and the BLM have built many campgrounds for those people wishing to spend the night on the river, and gives us a chance to run some very quality overnight camping excursions.

• **C section (Browns Park):**

It flows twelve miles through Browns Park, once a haven for outlaws, to Swallow Canyon boat ramp. There are several floats in this section, all more open, with less fish per mile, but produces very challenging flyfishing with long casts, long drifts, wonderful scenery and a very good chance to catch a large fish. It also is subject to wind. We always have to watch for it when deciding to float this section.

**LODGING OPTIONS**

1. Red Canyon Lodge - lakeside cabins  
[www.redcanyonlodge.com](http://www.redcanyonlodge.com) (435)-889-3759
2. Spring Creek Guest Ranch - rustic ranch style accommodations  
[www.springcreekguest ranch.com](http://www.springcreekguest ranch.com) (307)-350-3005
3. Flaming Gorge Resort - condo and motel rooms  
[www.flaminggorgeresort.com](http://www.flaminggorgeresort.com) (435)-889-3773

**CAMPING**

1. Reserve America / [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov)
  - a. Deer Run Campground (FULL) – several CWF members staying here
  - b. Cedar Springs Campground
  - c. Firefighters Campground

**GUIDED FISHING / FLY SHOPS**

1. Ole Moe Guide Service  
[www.oldmoeguideservice.com](http://www.oldmoeguideservice.com) (435)-885-3342  
Discount for CWF (\$400 for full day float – 2 people)
2. Spinner Fall Guide Service  
[www.spinnerfall.com](http://www.spinnerfall.com) 877-811-FISH  
Discount for CWF (\$400 for a full day float – 2 people) ■



PHOTOGRAPHS BY JULIE CHURCH

**Arllys Warfield snuck in a Green River float trip before the flows were too high.**

**Visit The CWF On-line Store!!**

Heading out on a beautiful morning to feel the tug? Need to put that coffee in your travel mug? Well, put it in a CWF travel mug! We have CWF insulated travel mugs available. Did you lose your hat on that last fishing trip? Want a pink t-shirt with our logo or a water bottle? There are lots of great items available. Just go to the CWF website and go to the Members Only link and place your secure online order —for your convenience, it will be sent directly to you.

Send your fishing photos to Deb Nelson at: [dpcnelson@gmail.com](mailto:dpcnelson@gmail.com) for the CWF website.

## **SNEAK PEEKS**

### **RIO GRANDE RIVER**

#### **Creede, Colorado**

#### **Weekend Trip: July 16 - 17**

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 tail water 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. 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 camping and lodging soon. The website [www.creede.com](http://www.creede.com) has a lot of information and links on recreation, lodging, etc.

Note: Amy Slaughter is staying at the Thirty Mile campground along with a few other CWF members – feel free to stop by to say hello and maybe share a beverage.

### **YAMPA RIVER**

#### **Steamboat Springs, Colorado**

#### **Weekend Trip: July 29 - 31**

We are heading to Steamboat Springs to fish the Yampa River. Get ready to catch one of the numerous trout that call this river home. You will have an opportunity to catch rainbows, cuttbows, browns, and brookies.

Lisa Ruff, a CWF member, is the Travel Coordinator for the Steamboat Flyfisher and she 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 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 the best camping in the area. Give Lisa a call today at 970-367-3679 or send her an email at [luff@steamboatflyfisher.com](mailto:luff@steamboatflyfisher.com). Please give Amy Slaughter a call, send her an email if you have questions, or want to sign up for the trip. Information on conditions, flies, equipment, etc will be available closer to the trip.

## **From the Presidential Suite**

By the time you read this we will be right in the middle of our annual run-off season. This often has us bringing out our belly boats and other little similar flotation devices. I have found the belly boat experience to be absolutely delightful and if done right it can be the ultimate flyfishers' Lazy Boy — even while catching and bringing in a fish. How do you figure this, you ask? Well, if the fish is large enough you get to go for a free ride around the lake. Smaller fish get to go on a free ride into your belly boat lap net, which brings out the *photo opportunity!* After the fish's big picture career (and possibly yours) it usually gets returned to its home. Now, no matter who got the ride and without fear of dropping the fly or a fly box in the water, you rest items in your net checking to make sure everything is in order before your next cast. This next cast could happen right away – or not. It just might be time to sit back, open something cold, nibble on some food, relax and contemplate the whole experience.

I know many of you don't like fishing lakes but with the run-off being potentially the highest it's been in years you might want to reconsider this year. Please be careful and always mindful of the water flow. Sometimes it can change while you are standing there fishing and before you know it the stream that was mid-calf is now up to or over your knees. Some of the river reports about what might happen are pretty unnerving... so please be careful, be aware and stay alert.

Now ... REMEMBER ... not all is lost if this reminds you of you ...

*There once was a CWF angler*

*A big fish she caught*

*It's a Rainbow she thought*

*As the fish spit out the fly and left her.*

(We still would consider this: FISH ON!)

May you all have TIGHT LINES no matter where you fish!

**Joanie McCord,  
President**

**CLUB TRIP REPORT**  
**WIND AND SUN, WHERE WERE THE CADDIS?**  
BY MARY ELLEN FREAS

PHOTOGRAPH BY ARLYS WARFIELD



Once again the adage of “fish don’t live in ugly places” is proven by Maria Landis fishing the Arkansas River with the Collegiate Peaks in the background.

The Arkansas trip this year attracted 50+ members, including assorted spouses, partners, children, and friends. The weather was great, except of course for the ever-present wind.

The caddis hatch never materialized in any significant volume and was sporadic to say the least. Those members booking float trips reported the most luck with catching while those wading had varying luck depending on the day and the location and the whim of the fishing goddess. Thursday was THE day to catch and release with a small caddis hatch especially around the Four Seasons Campground.

Friday night many CWF members enjoyed The Laughing Lady Restaurant in preparation for a full day of fishing on Saturday.

This year the Chili Cook Off was held in a new location, the community room at the Four Seasons which boasted a piano, gas fire

place, and a delightful stone patio that was put to good use by the members attending. For the heartiest of the group, there was a fire in an outdoor fire pit later in the evening

As usual, the CWF members never fail to impress the crowd with their culinary skills. The crockpots numbered in the teens, brimming with a plethora of extraordinary chilis. Salads and desserts (including Rita Grover’s homemade fruit pies, and a fresh huckleberry cobbler) were plentiful as well!

The winner of the \$25 Orvis gift certificate, in a *very close* cheer off, was our very own



This Mother’s Day was not exclusively for *Homo sapiens*.

newsletter editor Felicia with her [Plain Ole’ Firehouse Chili](#).

As usual, no matter what the weather or fishing conditions, a good time was had by all.

Hope to see you all on the next Club trip to Eleven Mile Canyon. ■

PHOTOGRAPH BY RHEANA GAVAGAN



Fran Sturgis hooks a nice rainbow at Vallie Bridge.

PHOTOGRAPH BY JULIE CHURCH



Maria Landis had a goal of landing one fish on her own...she landed three!

PHOTOGRAPH PROVIDED BY JULIE CHURCH



Julie Church gets into fish on her float trip on Saturday.

PHOTOGRAPH BY JULIE CHURCH



Hayden Mellsof of ArkAnglers shows Arlys where the fish are!

## 2nd Annual Guiding for Conservation

BY HAYDEN MELLSON

August 15, 2011, will see the second annual Guiding For Conservation day on the Arkansas River. The event is the brainchild of the guides and owners of ArkAnglers and the Land Trust of the Upper Arkansas.

Last year ArkAnglers' guides, recognizing the important work the Land Trust of the Upper Arkansas performs in maintaining riparian habitat, water rights and in-stream flows on the Arkansas River, decided to donate a day's wages to support the Land Trust. In recognition, ArkAnglers' ownership matched their donation.

This year, the program is being expanded to include other outfitters, both rafting and fly-fishing. Any fisherman booking a trip on August 15 will know that 100% of their trip cost will be donated to the Land Trust to further these conservation efforts.

A recent project completed by the Land Trust of the Upper Arkansas has direct benefit to fishermen. It is the Moyer Ranch conservation easement south of Leadville, which opened up over a mile of the Arkansas for public fishing access. Further projects are underway.

For more information, or to book your place for this worthwhile cause, please contact Hayden Mellson at hmellson@mac.com. To book your trip through ArkAnglers, call 71-539-4223 or email [greg@arkanglers.com](mailto:greg@arkanglers.com). ■

PHOTOGRAPH BY JOANNE SONDOCK



Arkansas River rainbow.

## EDUCATION

### SPRING CLINIC FOR CWF MEMBERS

BY ANNE ZADRAZIL, EDUCATION DIRECTOR

PHOTOGRAPH BY CATHY POIRIER



The women of CWF (l to r) Janet Lopez, Sandy Wright, Kellie Heatherly, Amy Slaughter, Nancy Sherman, Deb Nelson, and Joanne Sondock.

**W**hen planning the clinic, one hopes for good weather. I've come to the conclusion that even if we had it in July it might snow. So, anytime CWF has a clinic at the North Fork Ranch, springtime is anything goes. However, you can bet you'll have a good time learning one or two things about fly-fishing, getting to know other members and possibly catch a fish of a lifetime.

The Beginner gals had their clinic on Saturday. They were inside during the morning learning about equipment, how to tie knots and assemble their fly rods. After enjoying soup and sandwiches for lunch, everyone hopped in their waders to keep warm as the temp "warmed" to near 40. It was sunny and breezy. Ok, it was windy, but no one

blew away as they bravely learned to cast in challenging conditions. When it came time to put what they learned to the test in the river, many were very successful catching some nice sized trout. Smiles abounded.

The Intermediate/Advanced gals had their clinic Sunday. It snowed! Thank goodness we spent the early part of the morning indoors drinking hot beverages and warming our toes. Barry Reynolds gave a wonderful presentation about 'Carp on the Fly' in the South Platte. Much care is taken to 'hunt' for these golden behemoths. Stealthiness is essential. Did you know that carp are omnivores as well as carnivores? They love Cottonwood seeds as much as they like crawdads.

After the Mexican buffet at lunch,

the ladies bundled up and braved the snow. Many caught fish. No one complained that their nets froze or that their rod guides iced over. They all were eager to fish. Many were on the river till 5pm.

Once again our hosts at the North Fork Ranch, Dean and Karen May, showed us some true hospitality. Our instructors were superb! Special thanks goes out to our volunteer instructors who taught beginner members the basics of flyfishing.

Volunteer members who assisted the instructors did a great job reinforcing what was taught and helped participants net some big fish. ■

PHOTOGRAPH PROVIDED BY JOANNE SONDOCK



**Joanne Sondock landed a North Fork Ranch whopper!**

PHOTOGRAPH PROVIDED BY GAYLE CIVISH



**Gayle Civish lands a nice rainbow with the help of CWF Clinic instructor and member, Dana Rikimaru.**

PHOTOGRAPH BY CATHY POIRIER



**Rheanna Gavagan is certainly getting the hang of catching fish!**

PHOTOGRAPH BY CATHY POIRIER



**Anne Zadrzil, Jody Yehle, Deb Nelson, Mary Ellen Freas, Cathy Poirier, and Kellie Heatherly dine and relax at the North Fork Ranch.**

## **2011 Chili Cook-off Recipe for Plain Ole' Firehouse Chili**

Serves 8 - 10

- 1 1/2 lbs. ground beef (or turkey)
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1 clove fresh garlic, minced
- 1/4 t. cayenne pepper
- 1/4 t. ground cumin
- 1/4 t. oregano
- 2T. chili powder
- 2 10 oz cans Ro-Tel\* tomatoes in juice
- 1 8 oz. can tomato sauce
- 2 16 oz. cans dark red kidney beans, undrained
- 5 1/2 oz. tomato juice

1. Heat two Tablespoons oil in large pot.
  2. Brown ground beef, onion, and garlic; drain well.
  3. Add the spices along with the Ro-Tel tomatoes, tomato sauce, tomato juice, and kidney beans. (recipe calls for 1 1/2 t. salt, I omit the salt)
  4. Mix well and bring to a boil.
  5. Simmer 1/2 hour uncovered and 1 1/2 hours covered.
  6. If it is too thick you can add additional tomato juice or water.
- \* I use the hot Ro-Tel tomatoes, you can alter the level of spice easily by using the original tomatoes instead. ■

*This recipe is from [www.recipezaar.com](http://www.recipezaar.com)*

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

### **SAVE THE DATE FOR SUMMER FUN!**

BY MARION ROPER, SPECIAL EVENTS DIRECTOR

Save the date of July 9th! Our annual summer picnic will be different this year. Instead of having it on our normal Tuesday meeting night, we are moving to Saturday, July 9th at Congress Park, located at 8th and Josephine in Denver. We will begin at 2:00 p.m and go until 5:00 p.m.

CWF will provide chicken, brats, hamburgers and beverages. There will be no charge to members this year, but you are being asked to provide a side dish, either salad, casserole or dessert. If you wish to have an alcoholic beverage, you may bring your own, but it must not exceed the 3.2% allowed by Denver Parks.

We will have games, and Cheryl Gerlitz will provide a terrific raffle. Co-chairmen for the event are Cherrie Buskohl and Barb Conroy. You must R.S.V.P. for the picnic to either Cherrie (303) 388-8538 or Barb (303) 674-3751. ■



PHOTOGRAPH BY JULIE CHURCH

Cutthroat hybrid caught by Julie Church during her float trip with Arlys on the Green River.

### **From the 2002 CWF Archives**



**JUNE 9, 2002: A DATE THAT WILL LIVE IN INFAMY** (Left to right) Cordie Medina, Kay Willis and Arlys Warfield went to Deckers to celebrate Nancy Rutherford's 51st birthday. Their smiling faces belie the fact that over the tree-tops behind them was the red glow from the newly-started Hayman fire.

## **CWF Board of Directors 2011**

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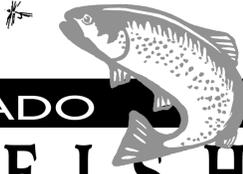
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