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A sociable club for women who fly fish

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OCTOBER MEETING

DATE:

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

TIME:

5:30 - 6:15 Social Hour

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

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 October Meeting...

CWF AND CASTING FOR RECOVERY

Casting for Recovery is a national organization that provides an opportunity for women whose lives have been profoundly affected by cancer to gather in a natural setting and learn the sport of fly-fishing. Just as importantly, the program offers an opportunity to meet new friends, network, exchange information, and have fun.

Casting for Recovery offers weekend retreats which incorporate counseling, educational services, and the trained facilitators, including a psycho-social therapist, a health care professional (e.g. physical therapist, nurse), as well as fly-fishing instructors and river helpers.

Come learn about this program and what members of the Colorado Women Flyfishers can do to assist them in their mission to help cancer survivors. — *Mary Manka, V. P. and Program Chair*

CWF Calendar

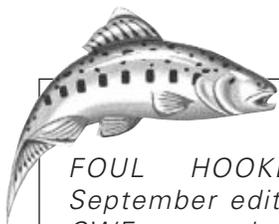
- Oct. 2Susan G Komen
..... Walk for the Cure
- Oct. 4Monthly Meeting
- Oct. 11Board Meeting, REI
- Oct. 8 & 9 Lower Arkansas, Cotopaxi, CO
- Oct. 15River Clean-up at Chatfield
- Oct. 28CWF Election Ballot
..... postmark deadline
- Nov. 1 ...CWF Annual Business Meeting

**Welcome
New Members**

Dawn Theis Fort Collins

- 72 New Members Enrolled in 2011.

ARCHIVAL INFORMATION: Please send any published articles featuring CWF, or written by a CWF member, to Club Secretary Deb Tooley, Keeper of the CWF Archives.



FOUL HOOKED: The September edition of the CWF newsletter was especially inaccurate in it's reporting of the September trip dates. Not only were there date inconsistencies, the trips were out of chronological order.

We sincerely apologize if the errors negatively impacted your fishing plans.

Please remember; if you have questions on trips, please refer to cwfTalk or contact the trip coordinator prior to the event.

BACKCAST

SEPTEMBER MEETING, FULFILLING A CWF MISSION

BY FELICIA OLSEN

The September meeting focused not on lessons to be learned, or destinations to travel to, but on one of our Club mission statements. The description of CWF is “A sociable club for women who flyfish”. So, we spent a great deal of the meeting socializing!



Joanie McCord answered correctly!



And so did Jane Francen.

PHOTOGRAPHS BY FELICIA OLSEN

And then - we played a cut-throat (pun intended) round of CWF newsletter trivia!

If socializing and flyfishing trivia aren't your thing, stay tuned for an announcement on February's presentation. It is a bit early, but this is one you won't want to miss! ■

**GO FISH THE LOWER
ARKANSAS RIVER**

OCT. 8 & 9, COTOPAXI AND UPWARDS

BY AMY SLAUGHTER, TRIPS DIRECTOR

We are finishing the 2011 official club trips on the lower Arkansas. The fishing is great on the lower Arkansas in October so make plans to head south and join other CWF members on this last trip of 2011. We will be staging at the KOA in Cotopaxi instead of Salida. Cotopaxi is easy to reach on U.S. 50 westbound from Pueblo.

A little background information might help. The Arkansas River tumbles over 120 miles from its headwaters at Leadville to Canon City, cutting through canyons and mountain valleys on its way to the plains. This is the west at its best. Canon City was home to John Wayne and Tom Mix as they blazed across the big screen. Westerns are still made here and you can visit the movie locations and sets at the Royal Gorge. From gold belt routes to gaming in Cripple Creek, this area has much to offer. Some of us might take in all that it has to offer, but I bet that most of us will take in the fishing!

Lodging:

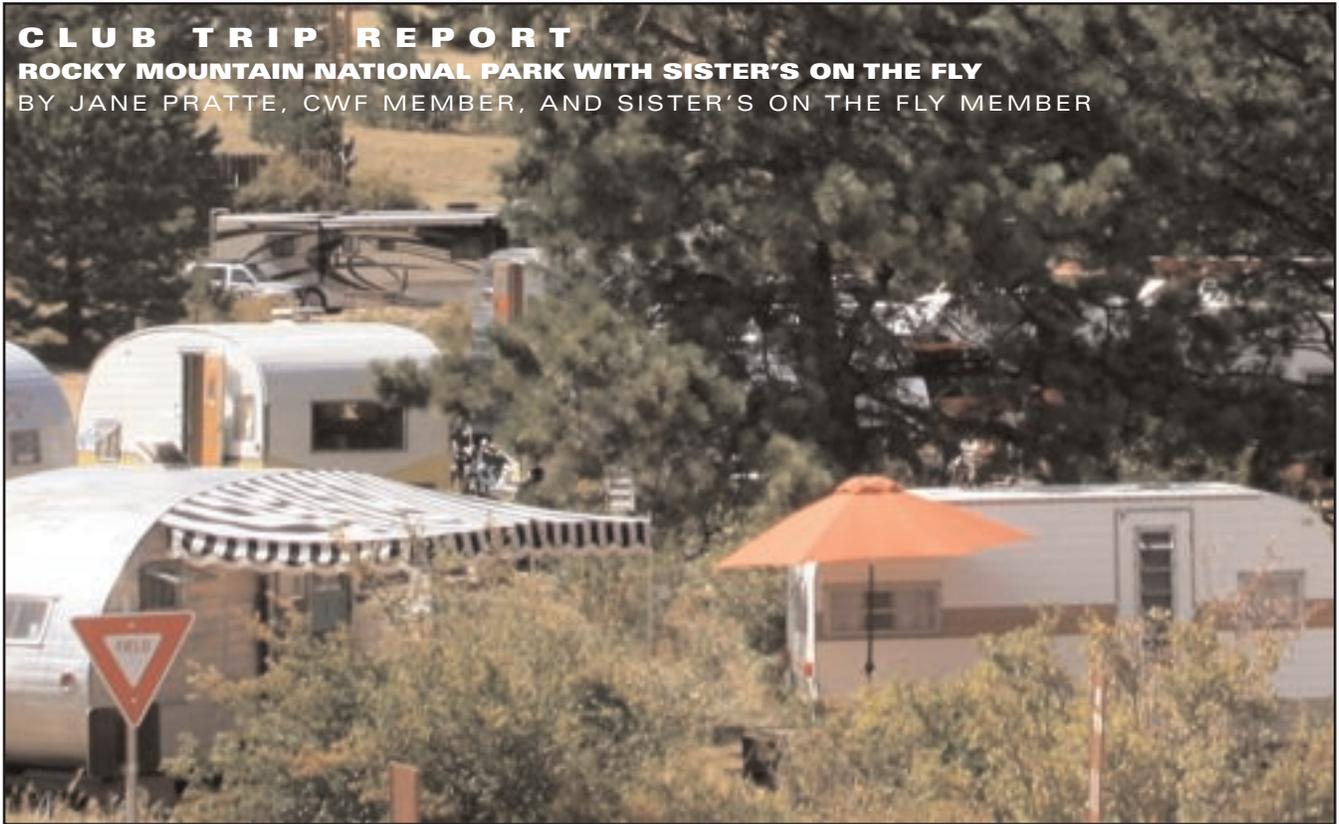
There are several options — You can stay in the Canon City area, or you can head up to Salida. A few members have already booked their campsites at the Cotopaxi KOA but several members decided to camp/stay at their favorite Salida location last year. It is up to you! ■

CLUB TRIP REPORT

ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK WITH SISTER'S ON THE FLY

BY JANE PRATTE, CWF MEMBER, AND SISTER'S ON THE FLY MEMBER

PHOTOGRAPH BY JANE PRATTE



The August Big Thompson trip took an unusual turn as 18 CWF members geared up to fish with 13 members of the Sisters on the Fly's. The SOTF 1st Annual Rocky Mountain Hi, invited women from 50 states to come to beautiful Colorado to camp, fish, hike and have fun. Of the 60 women attendees from 12 states, eight beginners and five intermediate fisher women signed up for Saturday's event.

CWF's most excellent trip director, Amy Slaughter, planned the event with SOTF (and CWF member) most excellent trip coordinator, Bev Littlejohn. Thursday night, Amy came by the STOF campfire and recommended a rig sure to catch fish. A blue poison tongue dropper 8-12" below a yellow sally, elk hair caddis or parachute Adams was the combination to use. Amy explained how the dry fly replaced the strike indicator while the dropper attracted the trout for the catch. A listing of flies was passed out and the ladies headed to Kirks to fill their boxes and to pick up out-of-state licenses as needed. (CWF also passed along the Kirks 10% discount to the STOF. Thank you very much).

Amy scoped out the river and decided where the ladies had the best chance to catch fish. Additionally, with Bev's list of skill levels for the STOF, Amy assigned fisher women from CWF to help guide the day.

Saturday morning we met at the Estes Park Visitor Center and paired off with our guides for the day. Eight beginners were taken east of Estes to Sleepy Hollow on the Big Thompson led by Amy Slaughter. Five intermediate fisher women headed to the end of the Endovalley trail to fish mountain streams with Barb Conroy leading the charge. The fisher women waded into the cold water and with the recommended fly combination began casting and fishing. Back at the campground in the late afternoon, smiling faces and excited

chatter from the fisher women during happy hour confirmed the success. Linda, a STOF from Howard, CO was all grins after catching her first fish, a brook trout!

The day was a big success and the evening activities even more exciting. The CWF volunteers came to Mary's Lake Campground and was treated to trailer tours and dinner. Fifty vintage trailers were parked around the grounds and were open for inspection. Beef and chicken kabobs were served along with rice, salad and fresh fruit. Following dinner there was a live auction with the proceeds donated to Casting for Recovery. The CWF played a big role in the auction. Joanie kicked off the giving by donating \$325 that the STOF women gave CWF for fishing with us. Also, CWF members bid and won items in the auction to the tune of \$765. The total donation presented to Casting for Recovery was \$6,665 with \$1,090 of that total contributed by the generous ladies of the CWF.

A big thank you from the Sisters on the Fly to the Colorado Women Flyfishers! Lets make this an annual as next year's "Rocky Mountain Hi" will be held in Steamboat Springs. ■

DUES ALERT #2

Do I still have your attention?

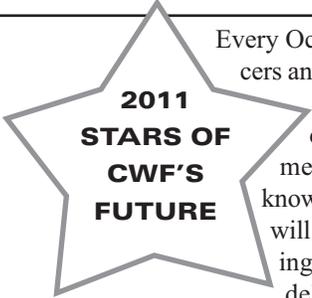
... And ... NO – dues are still not going up.

BUT THERE IS AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT TO FOLLOW

Although the dues are not going up, the payment timeframe is changing. We will start taking 2012 dues payments on October 1st. The deadline for paying for 2012 is now December 31st. There will no longer be a three month grace period. After December 31st, if you have not paid for 2012, your membership will have ended and you will no longer receive the newsletter.

So get your dues in before December 31, 2011!

2011 CWF ELECTIONS: BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATES



Every October the membership elects about one-half of the officers and directors on the Board of Directors. This year there are nine positions available; two positions have no candidates. Each of the seven candidates has written a brief statement about herself to give members the opportunity to know the Board candidates better. In addition, each candidate will also introduce herself at our October 4, 2011 Club meeting. **VOTING:** You can cast your ballot by mail, hand delivery or email. See the enclosed ballot for specific

instructions. **RESULTS:** The results will be announced at the November 1, 2011 annual meeting. We want to thank all those members who considered helping the Club by working on the board or one of the committees. — *CWF 2011 Nominations Committee Chair: Betty Peterson*



SECRETARY
Kimberly Travis

My name is Kimberly Travis and I would like to be considered for the Secretary position on the Board of Directors. I started fishing when I was

six years old with my parents in Rainbow Valley Ranch near Cripple Creek, CO. The first thing I caught was the back of my head with a treble hook! I almost swore off fishin' right then and there...Thank goodness I didn't! I feel that I would do an excellent job as CWF's Secretary. I am extremely organized, possess a good command of the King's English and hate typos! I feel strongly about CWF's mission and would be honored to give my time and energy to further our organization! Thank you for your consideration. ♦



NEWSLETTER
Felicia Olsen

I am a third generation Colorado native, who lived in Denver, but grew up in the mountains.

I have been a member of CWF for four years and have been your Newsletter Editor for the last two. It has been very enjoyable to share in the stories of the members, and perform the important task of imparting vital information to our members. I am running for re-election, and with your vote, I will be gratified to offer my continued service to this Club. ♦



PR/OUTREACH
Mary Ellen Freas

I have been a member of the Club for eight years. I recently retired from a 30+year career as a psychotherapist, in private practice, and as an Adjunct Professor of Sociology and Psychology. I have the time, talent and desire — plus it would be my privilege to serve and represent you and the Club again as PR/Outreach chair. ♦



TRIPS
Fran Sturgis

I have been a CWF member for 18 years and have fished all the major rivers in Colorado. As a transplant from Michigan, I have learned a whole new method of fishing and thought I had died and gone to heaven when I found the Colorado Women Flyfishers Club. Not only did I gain experience but found new friends. I now want to give back all the fly fishing experience that was passed down to me and be a good steward for the waters of Colorado.

I am currently filling in for Marion Roper (Special Project) and seeing the importance of a good working Board. I would like to be your next Trip Director and expand our experiences. My goal is to have fun, find, and catch a lot of fish. I am looking forward to being your next Trip Director. ♦



PRESIDENT
Joanie McCord

I am once again running for the office of President. I believe strongly that the strength of an organization lies with its volunteers and a consistency of membership. I, along with your Board of Directors, have worked to bring CWF to that "next level." We have increased our membership, and we have our first outlying CWF chapter. I have always considered it an honor to serve as your President, and I would consider it an additional honor if you will allow me to continue to do so. ♦



EDUCATION
Anne Zadrzil

In my first term as Education Director, it was a pleasure to organize the annual Spring Flyfishing Clinic, to host the Entomology Clinic, to assist with the Women's Weekend Fly Fishing Clinic, and to assist with a day of fly tying at Anita English's home. My plans for the next term are much of the same; however, I would like more input from Club members as to what you would like. I welcome your suggestions. Feel free to talk with me about what you want to learn. ♦

CAN YOU PLACE FACES IN THESE SPACES ?



SPECIAL PROJECTS



PUBLIC EVENTS

EDUCATION

FALL CLINIC AT THE NORTH FORK RANCH

BY ANNE ZADRAZIL, EDUCATION DIRECTOR

The CWF Fall Clinic will be held on October 23, 2011 at the North Fork Ranch, located southwest of Denver on US Hwy 285 in Shawnee, CO.

Classes offered at this clinic will be geared toward the advanced beginner and intermediate flyfishers. If you are a pure beginner, I suggest waiting to take the 2012 Spring Beginners clinic.

Participants will receive individual attention because the class sizes will be kept to a maximum of six students. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. and the day will end at 4:30 p.m. As always, we will have excellent instructors and volunteers. You will fish the private water of the North Fork Ranch. Its not uncommon to catch a trout averaging anywhere from three to six pounds. Karen May and her staff serve up a yummy breakfast and lunch.

If you would like to attend the clinic, the cost will be \$125. This fee includes meals and rod fee to fish on the North Fork Ranch private water. CWF subsidizes the cost of the instructors and volunteers. This clinic is a very desired event to attend for our club; \$125 is a bargain! There are two ways to register. The easiest is Paypal through the CWF website. The other way is to mail the form and your check payable to Colorado Women Flyfishers c/o Anne Zadrazil, 2521 South Monaco Pkwy, Denver, CO 80222-5802.

Because CWF subsidizes this special clinic, it is open to members only. Spouses, friends and guests will not be allowed to attend/participate in this clinic. Registration confirmation information will be emailed to participants on October 18th prior to the clinic. Please indicate your email address on the form. If you do not have an email address, I will mail it to you. The confirmation information will include directions and equipment to bring for your classes.

For those of you who would like to overnight at the North Fork Ranch, there are rooms available for a discounted price. There will also be the option of having dinner in the lodge the night before. Karen and Dean May have graciously offered this special deal to our club for this event only.

Please call the North Fork Ranch to make reservations for the rooms and dinner. Their number is 303-838-9873. ■

PUBLIC EVENTS

THE FLYBOX RAFFLE RETURNS!

BY DAWN BLOM, PUBLIC EVENTS DIRECTOR

The raffle last year was so successful, we're going to do it again. CWF will put together four boxes filled with flies: nymphs, midges, dries and streamers. You can help by buying or tying flies to donate to the boxes. Here's the catch! We need flies donated in groups of three. However many flies you'd like to donate is great, just do it in groups of three of a kind. Think about it this way, "One to

use, one to loose, one to share".

Last year we had a total of 500 flies. We need your help to reach that goal again! Contact me to pledge your help. Let me know how

many flies in which category you will be donating. ■



MORE PUBLIC EVENTS

SHARE THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT AT BASS PRO!

BY DAWN BLOM, PUBLIC EVENTS DIRECTOR

Help at Bass Pro Shops the weekend of December 17 and 18. Saturday the 17th, CWF will be gift-wrapping inside and BBQing outside. On Sunday the 18th, we are BBQing only. Contact me to volunteer. Let me know your first and second choice for day, event and a.m.or p.m. shift. ■



From the Presidential Suite

There are a few new events happening this fall. Make sure you read this newsletter carefully, because if you do you'll see that our Annual River Clean-up has a bit of a new look to it — who will be running it and where we're doing it. Thanks to Fran Sturgis who has graciously accepted the Special Projects Directorship until the end of this year, we WILL have our annual river clean up and our annual Holiday Party.

So with that, I'd like to welcome Fran to the board and it is with mixed emotions I bid an early farewell to Marion Roper. Marion has been a CWF member for a long time and the Special Projects Director for the past three years and before that she spent many years on several of the Special Projects committees. She's brought new ideas and new events to the Special Projects area and they've always, always been first class. Marion and Jim, as many of you know, are moving to Albuquerque, New Mexico. When she arrives in New Mexico for good, she'll start a new job that is waiting for her. She and Jim do plan to come back up to Denver for the Holiday Party and I know she's planning to meet us on trips next summer.

While I'm bidding farewell, I'd also like to bid Carol Neville farewell. She and Phil are leaving Colorado (and her beloved Arkansas valley) for the Idaho landscape where she will be about 15 minutes away from her grandchildren. Carol has been with CWF since the beginning. She designed and developed our first website, has instructed at our clinics and has been one of the best guides we've had when we go down to Salida in the spring.

I'm sure we'll see them at various events and trips, but their consistent presence will be sorely missed. So, with mixed emotions, I bid two very good friends good-bye and I wish them well as they open new chapters in their lives.

**Joanie McCord,
President**

THE ANNUAL RIVER CLEAN-UP

OCT. 15, CHATFIELD RESERVOIR

BY FRAN STURGIS, SPECIAL PROJECTS DIRECTOR

Our annual CWF River Clean-up will be held this year on Saturday, October 15th, at Chatfield Reservoir. We will meet at 8:30 a.m. (See link below.) Bring your waders, gloves, and warm clothes if weather is bad, and any other tool you want to use to pick up trash from the river. The park will provide bags and then dispose them up for us.

Take C470 to Wadsworth Blvd. and go south past the first traffic light, turn left onto Deer Creek and stop at the main entrance. The gatekeeper will direct you further.

Wear your club hat or shirt for gate attendant who will have a list of names. We will meet here at 11:30 for lunch. There are bathrooms at this location. The Club will provide water and lunch.

This stretch gets a lot of day use and the park needs help!

After lunch go fishing.

I hope to be able to provide T-shirts this year for those who participate. Please send me your size. A small fee may be requested.

If you did not sign up at the meeting, email me at fishfran@comcast.net so I can put you on the list for gate attendant. Please plan to join us. ■

Chatfield State Park map: <http://www.parks.state.co.us/SiteCollectionImages/parks/Parks/Chatfield/ChatfieldAreaMap.pdf>

CLUB TRIP REPORT

THE TAYLOR AND GUNNISON RIVERS, SEPT. 10 & 11

BY FRAN STURGIS, TRIP COORDINATOR

Nine members made the drive to the Almont area to fish the Taylor / East/ Gunnison Rivers and Spring Creek. The weather was perfect with cool nights, some clouds, some rain showers, and warm days. As with most trips, members shared information about where to go and what flies were working. Red was the color again this year and the San Juan worm was the first choice fly. The salmon were just starting to make their way up to the Roaring Judy Hatchery. Reddish colored sides were flickering here and there. Not a lot of porpoising and with a few jumping out of the water. We found two good places where the kokanee settled in and learned real quickly others knew about it also. Nancy Sherman and Jane Francen fished hard on Thursday at the Taylor Catch and release area. Nancy landed five fish. By Sunday, I had netted a nice salmon then watched Rheana catch her first kokanee. She hooked many that day.

The salmon were not the only fish we caught. Diane Kyncl landed two nice brown trout

as well as a jumping kokanee which bent her hook back. She claimed a chromid fly she just purchased was the ticket. Carol Stegink reported she hooked six and landed two, one fat brown on the Taylor, and a big rainbow that took off like a rocket.

Spring Creek found all of us wading for trout on Saturday afternoon. Small brown trout were zipping around the pools with eyes for the Pheasant tail fly. I hooked two small ones, then a nice ten inch brown from nowhere. And Jane had one flying fish!

Even though the fishing was not great on either day, fun seemed to be had by all. The CWF members have the wonderful ability to make the best out of almost any situation. ■



PHOTOGRAPHS PROVIDED BY RHEANNA GAVAGHAN

Fran Sturgis hooked into a kokanee.

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There is a motto we can all live by!

LAST CAST

"If you've got short, stubby fingers and wear reading glasses, any relaxation you would normally derive from fly fishing is completely eliminated when you try to tie on a fly."

**JACK OHMAN
FEAR OF FLYFISHING, 1988**

The summary of results for the first official CWF Survey will be published in the November Newsletter instead of the October issue as previously announced. The final day for participation is October 1 which will be too late for the news deadline. A huge THANK YOU to all of you who participate in this survey!!
— Sue Holton, Membership Director

CWF 2011 MEMBERSHIP
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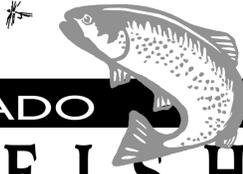
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