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AUGUST MEETING

DATE:

Tuesday, August 7, 2012

TIME:

5:30 - 6:15 Social Hour

“Get Hooked”, Trout and Their Habitat

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 August Meeting...

IN AUGUST LEARN THE IMPACT THAT DROUGHT AND FIRES ARE HAVING ON COLORADO RIVERS, AND HOW TO OVERCOME IT.

Have you ever driven to your favorite fishing stream or river only to find puddles instead of the river or stream? Colorado is in one of the worst droughts in history, which has dramatically changed where and how we fish.

At our August meeting an officer from the Colorado Parks and Wildlife will explain the effects the drought and recent fires are having on our rivers and waterways.

Fishing techniques that place the least amount of stress on fish will also be discussed. —

Mary Manka, V. P. and Program Chair

CWF Calendar

August 7 CWF Meeting
August 11 - 12 . . . The Frying Pan River,
Basalt, CO
August 13 . . . No. Chapter CWF Meeting
August 14 . . . CWF Board Meeting, REI
August 25 Eagle River, Eagle CO

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

Welcome New Members

Justine Barone Longmont, CO
• 217 New Members Enrolled in 2012

Your Newsletter story submissions and flyfishing photos are welcome! The deadline is the 15th of each month. Email information to Felicia Olsen at newsletter@colowomenflyfishers.org



FOUL HOOKED:

From time to time, information imparted by this most humble communicator goes awry. The Club trip report on the Green River happens to be one of those occasions. The story should have read as follows;

*Long time CWF member, **Pat Nilsson**, was on the Club trip and caught a five-pound rainbow on the river, then a two-pound rainbow on the Flaming Gorge Lake. (Not Pat Nelson.) — Ed.*

GO FISH THE FRYING PAN RIVER

WEEKEND TRIP AUGUST 11 - 12, BASALT, CO

BY FRAN STURGIS, TRIPS DIRECTOR

Hopefully those big Green Drakes (size 12) will be the primo fly of the weekend, but keep in mind that it is also prime Caddis, Red Quill, PMD, Crane Fly, Golden Stone Fly, BWO, and terrestrial time, too. Mysis shrimp patterns are a must near the dam. The river has prolific hatches of all these flies, but it also sees a lot of fishermen, so the hatches must be matched closely. There are plenty of fish in miles of great water all the way from Basalt to Ruedi Reservoir, where there are huge fish that have fattened up on mysis shrimp.

Where and What

The Frying Pan River is located about 200 miles from Denver. Just head west on I-70 to Glenwood Springs, then take CO 82 south toward Aspen. Highway 82 parallels the Roaring Fork River. The Frying Pan joins the Roaring Fork in Basalt. Turn into Basalt and follow the river up the canyon. You will see many pull-offs to good water all the way up to Ruedi Reservoir.

Where to Meet

Some members will be going up earlier, on Thursday and Friday, so keep in touch. Frying Pan Anglers is available for trips and information. If you attended the May meeting you will recall the presentation from Cameron Cipponeri. Stop by to say hi and get the latest information on what flies are working. Another fly shop is Taylor Creek Fly Shop in Basalt. It is a good meeting place each morning. It's also good to drop in for updates on river conditions and hot flies. Telephone: (970) 927-4374.

Accommodations

There are lots of motels scattered up and down the Roaring Fork Valley, in Basalt, and in Carbondale. Basalt is probably the most convenient location, but its two motels may fill up fast. They are the Best Western Aspen at 970-927-3191 and the Green Drake Motel at 970-927-4747. Make your reservations NOW! Camping at the Mollie B/White River Forest Service campgrounds just past Ruedi Dam, 14 miles up the Frying Pan River, is also an option. Go online to reserveamerica.com to make reservations. There will be other Club members there, unless the campgrounds are closed because of bears.

What to Bring

Have a 4 or 5 weight rod and all the usual gear. Cleats and a wading staff may also come in handy. Don't forget bug spray and rain gear.

Hot Flies

The caddis color of the season is very rusty, in sizes #14 and #16. The Green Drakes are size #12. Drake Emergers and Cripples are some of the most popular patterns of this hatch along, with A. K.'s Quill Body Green Drakes and Irresistible Drakes. Old favorites like the Adams, Royal Wulff, PMD and Black Mayfly patterns are good to have along. This time of year the action can change quickly, so have a good selection of flies in your box. Use 5 and 6x tippet (and many locals suggest 7x fluorocarbon tippet since the water is so clear on the Frying Pan) and a 9 ft. leader for dry flyfishing. Watch for updates on cwfTalk. Questions? Call Fran 303-940-0786 or email me at trips@colowomenflyfishers.org. ■

GO FISH THE EAGLE RIVER

DAY TRIP AUGUST 25, EAGLE COLORADO

BY CHRIS JUVAN, TRIPS DIRECTOR

The Ute Indians were the original inhabitants of the Eagle Valley. The Eagle River was named by the Indians who said it has as many tributaries as there are feathers in an eagle tail. The river maintains 100% wild trout within its banks. As the stream flows through Edwards, it takes on a lower gradient feel and broadens.

Directions

To reach the Eagle, drive west on Hwy. I-

70 (from Denver) past the town of Vail. We will be concentrating our day between the towns of Edwards and Wolcott. A fine map from Marty Bartholomew's "Flyfisher's Guide to Colorado," page 118, of the public pull-offs is reproduced below.

Where to Meet

We will meet at the Morrison Exit off Hwy. I-70 at 6:45 a.m. in the T-Rex parking lot on the right, with departure at 7:00 a.m. The first stop most likely will be at Silverthorne

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BACK CAST

JULY PICNIC

BY CHERRIE BUSKOH

PHOTOGRAPH BY FELICIA OLSEN



PHOTOGRAPH BY CHERRIE BUSKOH



GoFish for adults.

It was a beautiful day for a picnic — that is, until the sky opened up about 4 p.m. I can't even begin to name all of the people who instantly stepped in to clean up before the downpour. I sincerely thank you all very much!

I hope everyone enjoyed themselves: visiting with old and new friends, eating and drinking, participating in the raffle, buying items at the Gearage Sale, and practicing their casting before hooking a "fish".

Thanks to the following volunteers:

Diane Kyncl for reserving the park, **Dawn Blom's husband**, "Master Griller" **Tony** for cooking the brats, dogs and chicken. And **Dawn, Tony, Joanie McCord**, and **Katja Aviszus** for transporting the grill. Set-up crew **Brigitte Balog, Jacquelyn Eicher, Kim Ezell, Allyson Garretson, Gloria Pasternak**, and **Carol Stafford**. **Kellie Keenan-Heatherly** for supplying her rods and hooks for the "fishing game" and, along with other skilled CWF members, helping many people with their casting to catch their "fish." **Cheryl Gerlitz** and **Maria Landis** for having an awesome raffle. And thanks to everyone who sold and/or purchased items at the Gearage Sale. ■

PHOTOGRAPH BY FELICIA OLSEN



Chris Prelaz , Julie Church, Tony and Dawn Blom enjoy a laugh.

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for restroom/breakfast. We will continue to proceed west on Hwy. I-70 through the towns of Vail and Edwards. Three miles west of Edwards we will access the Squaw Creek public lease to commence fishing.

What to Bring

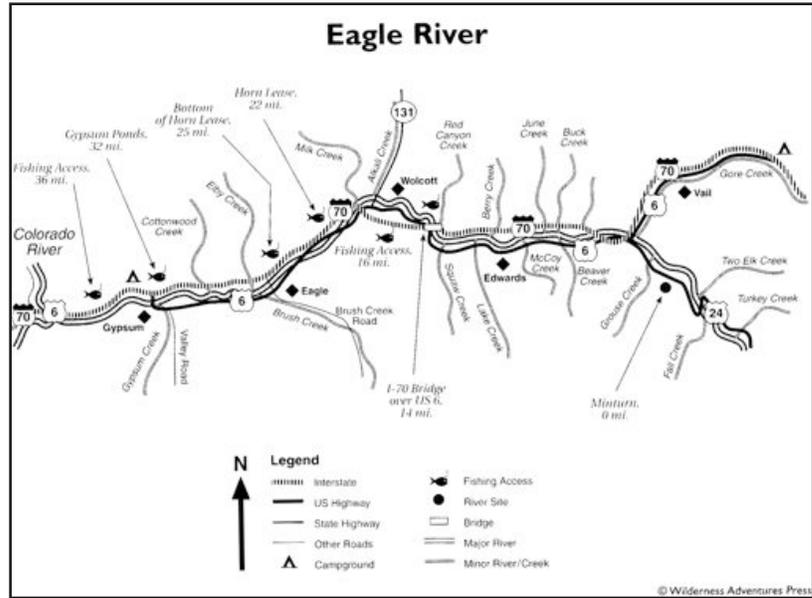
Since the majority of the fish are about 12 inches, a 4- or 5-weight rod will be the ticket. Anglers should be prepared to fish with nymphs or droppers, but dry fly activity can occur at any time.

The current fishing reports are suggesting midges and Blue-Wing Olives. Hence, size 18-20 Griffin Gnats, size 14 – 22 Pheasant Tails, Princes, or Zebras with Barr Emerger trailers, gray biot midges, gray RS2, eggs (may still be working), or size 18-20 Adams.

Bring lunch, snacks, water and layered clothing since we will not be able to count on the weather.

Questions?

Call Chris Juvan at 303-480-0985. ♦



EDUCATION

SOCIAL HOUR AND FINAL GEAR-UP

BY RHEANA GAVAGAN, EDUCATION DIRECTOR

Social Hour - Are You Getting Hooked Yet?

Make sure you plan to come early to the August member meeting. We're going to take a look at "Trout and Their Habitat" during social hour (5:30-6:15). We will explore those essential elements of habitat trout need to thrive, how you can use this knowledge to read the stream, and find the fish, as well as determine what they may be eating. Hope to see you there!

Gear-Up and Get Yourselves Ready

Have you been hesitant to go on the Club trips because you don't feel as though you are quite ready? Do you have questions about how to set up your rod or you're not sure what essential elements of gear you should have before going on a trip? Have you just joined and are trying to get your bearings? This is where you need to be. The next session will be held August 4th. It is the last scheduled session of the season and we will be meeting at the Adams County Fairgrounds Lakes, in Brighton. *Make sure you RSVP to education@colowomen-flyfishers.org.*

What: (Final) Gear-Up Session #3:

When: Saturday, August 4th, 10:00 – 12:00.

Where: Adams County Fairgrounds Lakes (No Fees). Meet in the parking lot accessed from 124th Ave, just east of the main entrance to the park.

Getting there:

Adams County Fairground Lakes are located one mile west of US 85 on 124th Ave. (124th turns into Henderson Road when it crosses the South Platte River.) There is a parking lot located on 124th Ave and another located within the park entrance. We will meet in the lot accessed from 124th Ave.

From Denver take I-25 North to I-76. Take I-76 to US 85 and take US 85 north to 124th. Turn west on 124th and go one mile.

From Ft. Collins take I-25 South to Highway 7; take Highway 7 east to US 85 in Brighton. Take US 85 South to 124th. Turn west on 124th and go one mile. ■

CWF NORTHERN CHAPTER

Our July meeting was terrific, even with a lighter attendance. Too bad, cuz those of you who didn't make it missed a really terrific program by our own Amy Galyardt and her husband, Dennis. They gave us a very good program on their passion for Tenkara method of fishing. Now several of us can hardly wait to give it a try! They have graciously offered a day of being available with their gear to help us give it a try as soon as they can come up with the best date. Hey, Mother Ship! If you are wise, you will try your best to entice them to come and give their program for you!

A good, healthy reminder about the upcoming America Cup in Vail and Cast for Recovery events was shared. The group was also reminded of all the upcoming CWF trips planned for the rest of the summer. Unfortunately, our hoped for trip up the Poudre a bit later this summer is now not going to work out, but!...have no fear!.. we will give it a try again. We got shut out at the gate on our reservation...

Our next meeting will be August 13th at 6:30 p.m. with program TBD. September will likely be a BBQ social of some sort.

We're having a great time up here - come visit! Fingers crossed there will still be some fish alive in the Poudre, then life will really be peachy up North!

Tight lines! — Gretchen Osborn

LOST AND FOUND

If you left a Field and Stream Tan Vest, size 2XL at the picnic, please contact Cherrie Buskohl 303-388-8538/303-246-7324/photocherrie@yahoo.com

SNEAK PEEKS

COLORADO RIVER Day Trip, Sept. 8

We will fish the middle section of the Colorado River, just downriver from Hot Sulfur Springs. This section of river parallels U.S. Highway 40. It is full of beautiful brown and rainbow trout. Also, since it is close to the highway, it is easily accessed.

Where to Meet (Car pooling)

We will meet at the T-Rex Parking Lot at the Morrison exit off I-70 West at 7 a.m. We will take I-70 westbound out of Denver, then U.S. 40 over Berthoud Pass, through Winter Park, Frasier, Tabernash and Granby. Continue west on Highway 40 through Hot Sulphur Springs. The middle section starts at Byers Canyon, down Highway 40. Several parking areas can hold four or five anglers. We can meet at Paul Gilbert lease (State Wildlife Area), which is on the right side. You can go to Googlemaps on the internet and search for the Colorado River.

What to Bring

A 4 or 5 weight rod, lunch, sunscreen, insect repellent and water.

Suggested Flies

The types of flies that work at this time of year are midges, tricos, blue wing olives or baetis, possibly caddis, streamers, scuds, worms and sow bugs. For more details on flies to use, contact your local fly shop the week before the trip.

THE WILLIAMS FORK RIVER Parshall, Colorado Day Trip, Sept. 29

Hopefully, by this time we will have had plentiful, replenishing rains, and Indian Summer will be in full swing. We will not only catch fish, but also enjoy the fall colors.

The browns should be spawning, and there will be on-going hatches. This will be a good time to use streamers. It should be a beautiful trip! Keep an eye out for more information in the September newsletter.

From the Presidential Suite

I had a college professor who once said: "The only thing you will be able to count on in this life to be constant is: change." Throughout my life I have found that so very true. One must be willing to change in order to survive. In the world of science, it's called adaptation. The species that adapt to the changes in their environment are the ones who survive. That is one reason our Club has survived and grown ... we are willing to change to what is happening in the world around us. Here are a few examples:

We now live in a much more technical world than in 1997. Therefore, we have a more sophisticated website and the Club owns several technical items.

Since we live in a very techno world, we added the Technical Director position to the Board.

When we have too much water or not enough water for a scheduled trip, we change the venue for the trip.

We have women who join but they don't have the proper flyfishing equipment, or women who break their rods on a trip. We have loaner rods and reels for them.

And so it goes, we change or add things when it is perceived as needed. In short, we as a Club adapt.

Yes, we DO have some more upcoming changes in the near future.

1) Since the Holiday Party in December has not been well attended for the past few years, we thought we'd try something new in OCTOBER, sort of an end of the fishing

season party. Cherrie's article will have all the information about this.

2) Since our fundraising income has dropped — not for lack of trying, hard work, long hours and enthusiasm — but less income plus the same output for expenses equals something had to be done to fill the gap to maintain the quality of Club life to which we have become accustomed. So we have a dues increase coming up. The cost of \$40.00 will be due sometime between October 1st and December 31st. Remember we changed the time frame last year for your 2013 annual membership dues.

3) Because our November meeting is scheduled on the 2012 Presidential Election night (Tuesday, November 6th) - we have chosen to move our general meeting at Piccolo's to the night before - Monday, November 5th. Mark your calendars!

4) Since it is the end of another year, we have Board positions to fill!! Kim Travis, head of the Nominating Committee, is looking for a few good women to join (or rejoin) the Board of Directors. The Director positions that are up for election or reelection are: Vice President, Treasurer, Fundraising, Membership, and Special Projects.

That's about it for now. There are several good warm months still ahead of us. It's time to return to fishing!

**Joanie McCord,
President**

SPECIAL PROJECTS

SUSAN G. KOMEN "RACE FOR THE CURE" SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 7TH.

BY CAROL STEGINK, EVENT CHAIR

Mark your calendar for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation's "Race for the Cure" on Sunday, October 7th. Registration is officially open. Be part of our CWF team that walks, not runs, the 7:30 a.m. race. After the walk, jump on the lightrail and re-energize with lunch at the Blue Bonnet Cafe. For questions, please contact Carol Stegink, CWF's Team Captain, at 303-771-2078. We look forward to your joining us in this event. ■

Did you know that the CWF Annual Holiday Party is now in October? Stay tuned for more information in upcoming newsletters!

CLUB TRIP REPORT

GOLDEN PONDS, LONGMONT, CO

BY FELICIA OLSEN

Funny how a long string of over-one-hundred-degree days can really deter interest in a fly-fishing trip to a group of ponds, but that is exactly what it did. Attendance was low at Golden Ponds on June 8th. Three members — Fran Sturgis, Maria Landis and Felicia Olsen, and one four-legged friend with a new haircut and showing some skin, braved the heat — for half the day. By noon, it felt as if we were wrapped in an invisible electric blanket.

I launched my canoe into fish that were rising enthusiastically for metallic cyan dragonflies fluttering over the surface early, but along came the heat and the fish were headed deep. A hot breeze started to blow, making the canoe-flyfish experience more of a fitness workout than a relaxing day on the ponds, so I headed to shore.

Maria Landis wandered the (somewhat mucky) shoreline and had a bit of success. It took some assistance to rescue the poor thing from the green, slimy goo, but under the muck, there was a beautiful crappie!

It was not action-packed, but the three of us agreed: any day on the water is a good day! ■



PHOTOGRAPH BY FELICIA OLSEN

Maria Landis with her one crappie fish.

CLUB TRIP REPORT

SOUTH PLATTE RIVER, CHEESMAN CANYON

BY FELICIA OLSEN, TRIP COORDINATOR

There mere mention of flyfishing Cheesman Canyon strikes fear deep in the hearts of many anglers, but nine CWF'ers (Felicia Olsen, Rheana Gavagan, Deb Nelson, Kristen Weber, Barb Conroy, Gloria Pasternak, Chris Prelaz, Diane Roth and Lucy Wirth) denied the fear, strapped on gear and took the challenge head on. All of the members attending were aware of the reputation the fish in the canyon have for outwitting anglers, but no fear! Well, we lost, miserably, and none were very happy about it — except Kristen Weber, who caught the only fish of the day! As a matter of fact, the remaining eight members didn't even have a bite! We were not able to escape the heat, even at some elevation. The water temperature was 56 degrees and the fish seemed content to hold all day.

The canyon is a bit spiteful in it's ability to make an angler work for everything she gets — whether it be a good spot on the river after bushwhacking among the weeds and around enormous granite boulders, or turning us all into mountain goats, climbing up and down the mountainside to the main Gill Trail to head further down the river.

It is a magical place for those who brave it. The trail begins among remnants of the Hayman burn area. Tall trees stand without needles, and huge blackened stumps line the hillside, but nature is recycling herself and the grass and flowers are returning to soften the scars. The hike in is mild and rolling until you get to the river, where the trail runs high above. You can hear rushing water as you get closer, which for an angler always raises the heart rate. The cool aqua colors of the deep pools beckon, but don't rush! There is an optional trail that runs high above the river for 3.5 miles to Cheesman Reservoir. It is an easier hike than the trail that heads immediately down to the river, and the further you walk, the fewer anglers you will encounter. That's not to say you will be alone, by any stretch. There are nice waters along the entire route, with cut-off trails (some rather steep) down to the water. A word to the wise: save some energy for the hike out, as it can be challenging after a day of fishing.

I would like to offer a couple of things I think are helpful: Take a backpack for your waders if you are going in the summer months. This time of year the hike is hot, especially when hiking in a garment designed to keep water out (or in). During the cooler months, waders could be an advantage. Take plenty of water and food! You will need a break and fuel to get yourself out of there. And most important: don't always rely on your Trip Coordinator to know where the trailhead is, exactly...■

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Kristen Weber, Barb Conroy and Gloria Pasternak take a lunch break in preparation for the hike out of Cheesman Canyon.

LAST CAST

"The years will bring their Anodyne, But I shall never quite forget, The fish that I had counted mine, And lost before they reached the net.. "

**COLIN ELLIS
"THE DEVOUT ANGLER"**

CWF 2012 MEMBERSHIP

Membership for Calendar Year (January - December)

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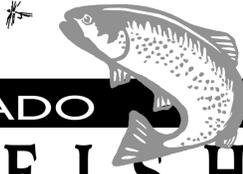
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