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*A sociable club for women who flyfish*

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## NOVEMBER MEETING

**DATE:**

Monday\*, November 5, 2012

\*The meeting is on a Monday due to the Presidential election on Tuesday.

**TIME:**

5:30 - 6:00 Social Hour

6:00 - 6:15 Business Meeting

6:30 - 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.

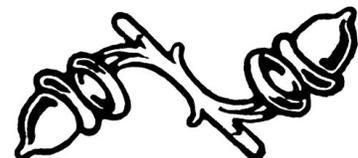
*At our November Meeting...*

**CWF BUSINESS MEETING FOLLOWED BY A PRESENTATION ON THE AMERICA'S CUP**

America's Cup International Fly Fishing Tournament is a catch and release, flyfishing tournament with International, U.S., Youth and adaptive anglers competing on the best trout waters in Colorado. Five-person teams compete for gold, silver, and bronze medals and The Cup.

The Tournament is organized and operated to promote U.S. and international competition in the sport of flyfishing and to provide program and monetary support to Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, whose mission is to assist in the physical and emotional rehabilitation of disabled active duty military personnel and veterans through flyfishing and fly tying education and outings.

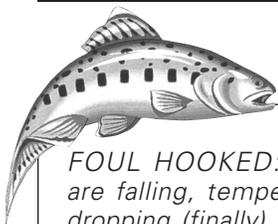
Sandy Wright and Janet Lopez, Club-sponsored event participants, will be presenting their experiences of the Tournament. — *Mary Manka, V.P. and Program Chair*



## CWF Calendar

November 5\* ..... CWF Meeting  
November 13 .... CWF Board Meeting  
December 4 ..... CWF Meeting  
December 11 .... CWF Board Meeting  
December 15 & 16 . . . Bass Pro Gift Wrap  
..... and Dogs and Brats  
Jan. 4, 5, & 6 2013 .... Flyfishing Show  
\* November 5th is a **Monday**

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*FOUL HOOKED:* The leaves are falling, temperatures are dropping (finally) and 2012 is coming to a close. It has been a great year for the Club. The meetings with Landon Mayer and Steve Sweitzer are two that stand out in my memory. And, once again, fishing proved to be a more productive year for learning than catching.

The November meeting will be the Club Board election. It is fitting; I suppose that change should happen all at once, no chance to protest. It is also a time of opportunity — new women bring new ideas.

Here is where you, our Members, come in. Is there something that you want to learn? A place you want to fish? A regular newsletter item you would like to see every month?

Now is a great time to speak up! Board Member contacts are listed in every newsletter, every month, and the dates for the Board Meetings held at REI are in the calendar. Planning for 2013 is starting now, and we, the Board, want to hear from you! — Ed.

## EDUCATION

### NOVEMBER SOCIAL HOUR AND FLY TYING CLINIC

BY RHEANA GAVAGAN, EDUCATION DIRECTOR

#### November Social Hour - Fly fishing through the seasons (Fall)

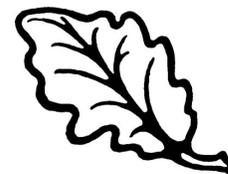
The fall in Colorado is regarded as some of the best fishing opportunities of the entire season. Carve out some time and plan to spend this month's member meeting social hour (5:30-6:00) learning about how to enjoy this season to the fullest. Learn about the trout behavioral and territorial changes through this season, find the fish, and have a stellar day on the water as you land that trophy brown trout. Hope to see you there!

#### The Fall Fly Tying Clinic is Here

Nine very lucky ladies will get the opportunity to learn an extremely valuable skill this fall. We will have the Fly Tying Director of the Pikes Peak Flyfisher Club providing hands-on instruction on how to expertly tie four to six very popular fly patterns. This four-hour clinic will be geared toward the beginner level, no experience required. Students will need to purchase or bring the basic set-up of tools: vise, scissors, and thread bobbin. Materials for the class will be provided. Learning to tie your own flies can be very rewarding and fun, but once you catch a fish with the fly you tied yourself, you'll be hooked! Spend your winter stocking up your fly box with these go-to patterns. Reserve your spot by emailing [education@colowomenflyfishers.org](mailto:education@colowomenflyfishers.org).

When: Saturday, November 10, 3 - 7 p.m.

Where: Bass Pro Shops, Denver. - Frying Pan Lodge Classroom  
7970 Northfield Blvd, Denver, CO 80238



## PUBLIC EVENTS

### IT'S VOLUNTEER SEASON!

BY ANN HOWELL, PUBLIC EVENTS DIRECTOR

#### Spaces are limited, so sign up early to get your preferred time slots.

It's that time of the year when we need a strong contingent of volunteers. We have events in December, January and February that will require member support. So take a look at your schedules now and start thinking about your availability. Block out some time to help CWF.

December 15th and 16th (Saturday and Sunday) at Bass Pro Shops we are gift-wrapping inside and selling raffle tickets. Also we are selling brats and dogs outside.

January 4th, 5th and 6th (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) we will have a booth at the Fly Fishing Show at the Merchandise Mart.

February brings both the Bass Pro Shops Spring Fishing Classic on February 27 & 28, 2013 and The West Denver Trout Unlimited Fly Tying Clinic (date to be announced).

We are currently signing up volunteers for December 15th and 16th. Please email [Ann@CallAnn4Homes.com](mailto:Ann@CallAnn4Homes.com) or call Ann Howell, at 303-910-6557 to get your name on the volunteer list!! You can also sign up at the November and December meetings. ■

## CLUB TRIP REPORT

### WILLIAMS FORK RIVER

BY ANITA ENGLISH

We all arrived (eleven of us) at the first turnout past Parshall at the same time, filling up the parking lot. After a short meet and greet we began to get ready.

Two ladies didn't have waders. Oops! Not to worry, we forded the Colorado River then sent boots and waders back across with two hardy good deeders and everybody got across dry. CWFers take care of their own. Thanks to those ladies!

It was a short hike along the Colorado to

the confluence with the Williams Fork. The day was perfect - bluebird bright, no clouds, a whisper of wind, gold leaves on the water and the flow was just right.

Although the fish were a little tight-lipped and made us work for them, a bunch of little 'uns and several 14 inchers were netted.

Whether you caught many fish or not, you have to admit the Williams Fork is a sweet little river. ■

## SPECIAL PROJECTS

### RIVER CLEAN-UP

BY CHERRIE BUSKOHL, SPECIAL PROJECTS DIRECTOR

*I want to thank my volunteers for participating in this event. You worked hard and I do appreciate it very much!*

Thirteen members joined forces with the West Denver Chapter of Trout Unlimited to clean Clear Creek on Sept. 22nd. We were greeted with an energy snack and juice, broken out into teams then received our maps with an area to clean, orange safety vests, orange trash bags (which we got to leave at our cleanup area), and water. I

heard about 40 people participated. After an exhausting two hours, we returned to Mt. Tool and Feed Store (exit 243 off of I-70), where lunch was waiting for us: brats were on the grill, potatoe salad, baked beans, chips, pop, and water, and a special treat — delicious home made apple pies by the store owner cooked on the grill! It was an absolutely beautiful day. Six members chose to stick around and fish the afternoon away.



PHOTOGRAPH PROVIDED BY CHERRIE BUSKOHL

**Our group photo includes all of us except Pat Griffith who left right after the clean up: From L-R are Jackie Eicher, Kellie Keenan-Heatherly, Cherrie Buskohl, Rheana Gavagan, Debbie Allen, Laura Foster, Nancy Denniston, Jane Francen, Cheryl Birt, Carol Stegink, Ann Howell, and Connie Doherty. Three additional members signed up but unfortunately couldn't make it: Jeanne Cross, Patricia Deml, and Brenna Richardson.**

I want to thank Jackie Edwards with TU for doing such an amazing job organizing this event!

Here are three members' comments on what they found: *"Cheryl and I were most surprised at the amount of large metal stuff we found; big cables, angle iron, unidentifiable metal structures - all waiting to impale the hapless boater or angler that takes a swim down the river. We pulled out what we could, but it would take an entirely different crew to really clean up that section: long, steel pry bars, major metal cutters and more muscle than even the hearty likes of us could muster!"*

*Nonetheless, it was a rewarding morning with a fine crew! Thanks for organizing it, Cherrie!"* — Pat

*"Thanks Cherrie!! I thought it was funny (not for the kayaker or whomever it belonged to) to find the paddle end of a paddle-someone ended up being "up the river without a paddle!"*—N

*"Thank you Cherrie, for all you do! This was a great get-together and a successful clean-up; I had fun. Getting to fish afterward was great, too.*

*We found a lot of car parts, a Dora The Explorer VHS tape and knock-off Gucci sunglasses.*

*Really good pic of the group too!"* Thanks, Rheana ■

## CWF NORTHERN CHAPTER

**T**he gals up North had yet another really great meeting on October 8th. Eric Pettine - angler extraordinaire - treated us to a great program FILLED with tips for our fishing skills, focusing particularly on how well women in fact CAN fish and encouraging us with some good information on nymphing in particular. He opened by reading from *Salmon and Women*. Check it out! We are most curious to hear back from him on whether we helped his steelhead luck!

Everyone sure enjoyed the program, and he has promised to return and treat us to a fly tying program as well — date is to be determined, probably sometime this winter. Plans are in the mix for our next month's meeting; to attend as a group the local Trout Unlimited Flycaster's meeting instead of our regular Monday meeting.

We had a couple of informal trips cancelled due to The Great Weather Gods not cooperating, but our enthusiasm continues to run high.

Robin Brown gave another excellent casting clinic for our group, as well. We are so lucky that she shares her talent this way with us! Life is good up here - y'all come visit — Gretchen Osborn

## CLUB TRIP REPORT

### THE LAST CLUB TRIP OF 2012; WATERTON CANYON

BY FELICIA OLSEN

**T**he 2012 CWF fishing season ended with a whimper at the Waterton Canyon day trip on Saturday, October 13. Felicia Olsen, Diane Roth and Jeanne Acker were the only three members to muster the interest in the Canyon for this outing.

The sky was overcast for most of the day, but temperatures were mild with only a spit or two of raindrops until we wrapped up for the day. The bleak sky did highlight the jeweled tones of the fall foliage.

Diane and Jeanne brought bicycles and that made their trip to the dam far faster than my feet could take me.

The water flow was low, but this

river is narrow with deep pockets that made for decent places to fish, unfortunately, there was only one feisty brown hooked between the three of us.

Other anglers report the canyon is not fishing great right now due to the dredging at Strontia Reservoir over the past couple of years, but all of the elements of a successful fishery are still in place, so recovery is more a certainty than wishful thinking.

Jeanne, Diane and I have decided we would like to head back next year on a weeknight to sneak in a little practice and have an evening picnic since the amenities are excellent. Stay tuned. ■

## Plan B: Further Thoughts Along the Way

BY ERIN BLOCK *Reprinted from the Mysteries Internal blog site, with permission.*

*I do not remember where I read it now. Too many words, quotes, advice, have passed into and out of me since then. Since high school. That's when you read lots of inspirational quotes, you know -- that and right before you graduate from college. Because you need it then, you need encouragement. Big on dreams and goals and confidence; lacking experience and the wisdom that can only accumulate with time. And with mistakes. Your castles are in the air (as they should be, so says Thoreau) yet as you work to put foundations under them, sometimes, contrary to Henry David, your work really is all lost. It has to be. But that doesn't necessarily mean it was in vain. That's up to you in the end. Kind of like choose your own adventure books -- but here, you can't skip ahead, reading all the different endings. Life doesn't work out like children's stories.*



PHOTOGRAPH S BY ERIN BLOCK

*But one of the things I do remember reading my senior year of high school, is that you shouldn't have a Plan B. It's planning to fail if you do. If you can fall back, you will (people are after all, an inherently lazy lot -- see televisions, escalators, and any game on a Wii). Yet shooting for the stars, aiming high, and all of those other niceties are all well and good until you have to pay gas and electric, car insurance and rent. Then, you get the inkling that you might just need something else; you just might entertain those thoughts of a Plan B.*

*And then, it's not so much that you give up, but you give in...to the acceptance that you're an adult and you'll just have to figure out some way to do both what you need, and what you want (most often, this*

*involves four hours of sleep per night). You still have dreams, after all, that hasn't changed. It's just --- this isn't a dreamer's world.*

*So you might feel a failure when you end up on Plan B, and indeed you very well might have failed at a few things on the way there. Or more than a few in fact, but we'll not delve into that here.*

*Yet what those inspirational quotes didn't tell you, what they didn't dare, is that sometimes -- sometimes Plan Bs are actually better than what you hoped for in the first place. Because often, they just kind of find you, miles and miles away from where you started (perhaps wandering aimlessly, while not yet being lost) -- through what seemed at times to be a series of unfortunate events (Mr. Snicket could write a book about your life, too).*

*Sometimes the large, high lakes you'd planned, are windy and miserable, and much much colder than you want to be in late July. Sometimes you spook the only cruising trout you see all day and you forget to bring an apple -- and you're more than a little grumpy about both. Sometimes you wake up to realize that just because you can keep on, doesn't mean you should.*

*Yet sometimes on the way home -- on the hike back down -- you remember that sound you heard on the way up. A sweet siren you somehow managed to tune out. But now, you think, now it wouldn't hurt to give in a little bit. It wouldn't hurt to try something new. Unplanned.*

*So you do.*

*Finding yourself in a much better place than you first expected...or even hoped. ■*



## From the Presidential Suite

Everyone's busy at this time of year - what with the days getting shorter, the daily temperatures getting a bit cooler and the holidays right around the corner - therefore, I will keep my column short and sweet this month.

As most of you know, our membership meeting on November 5th is our annual business meeting. The evening will go something like this:

5:30 – 6:00 Social time – time to read through the BOD's annual reports.

6:00 Business Meeting will begin as required by our By-Laws.

6:30 Balloting ends and dinner is served.

7:00 Club business will be conducted.

7:30 The evening's speaker will begin.

8:30 (ish) or when the speaker is finished, the results of the election will be announced.

The Board will be meeting at the REI Flagship Store on Tuesday, November 13th if anyone has any questions that were not answered at the annual meeting.

### **Don't Forget...**

1) November's meeting is on **Monday**, November 5th, instead of our normal Tuesday. We decided to move it because of the national elections on the 6th, since some members work the voting places and others simply can't make it to vote until after work. Now we have the best of both worlds ...

2) Your early renewal gift this year is the \$5.00 discount off your dues ... SO don't forget to pay your 2013 dues early so you can take advantage of the discount.

HEY ... Have a GREAT month!

**Joanie McCord,  
President**

**If you have borrowed equipment from the Club, please make arrangements to return it to Fran Sturgis, Trips Director, by Dec. 1.**

## 2012 CWF ELECTIONS: BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATES

This November the membership will elect officers and directors on the Board of Directors. This year there are five positions, two have no candidate. Each of the three candidates has written a brief statement about herself to give members the opportunity to know her better. In addition, each candidate will also introduce herself at our November 5, 2012 Club meeting. VOTING: You can cast your ballot by mail, hand delivery or email. See the enclosed ballot for specific instructions. (see page 6).RESULTS: The results will be announced at the November 5, 2012 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 2012 Nominations Committee Chair: Kimberly Travis*



**VICE PRESIDENT**  
**Kellie Keenan-Heatherly**

**M**y name is Kellie Keenan-Heatherly and I am interested in being Vice President of Colorado Women Flyfishers. I have lived in the Denver area for eight years, and have been an active member of CWF for four years.

I am currently guiding for two different outfitters on the front range, and spent the 2010 and 2011 seasons guiding on the Western slope in the Basalt area. Hopefully my connections in the fly fishing community will help me to be an effective Vice President and an asset to the Board. Thank you for your consideration. ♦



**TREASURER**  
**Jolene Pilcher**

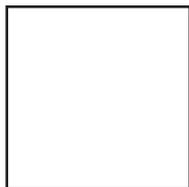
**H**i everyone. I'm Jolene Pilcher and I would like to be considered for the Treasurer position of the Colorado Women Flyfishers. I am a Colorado native; however, I grew up in Casper, Wyoming. I have a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting, and I have done accounting and bookkeeping for 30 years. I have been a member of CWF for three years, and have met some great people in the Club. I am amazed by the wealth of knowledge of flyfishing afforded by its members.

My dad used to take me fishing at Pathfinder Reservoir, which is part of the "Miracle Mile." So, my love for fishing began, and I have been fishing for around 20 years in Colorado. Flyfishing has been my passion, but I am not opposed to the occasional winter ice fishing trip. I am looking forward to being of service to the Club, and I hope you will consider me. ♦



**MEMBERSHIP**  
**Brenna Richardson**

**I**began my flyfishing journey in May and it has become more than just a passion for me; it's a way of life. CWF has opened a lot of doors for me and I'd like to be the 2013 Membership Director to promote the Club even more. Many articles in the flyfishing industry have discussed the increased interest by female anglers. I believe we can reach these women and grow our Club, experience, and ourselves as individuals. I appreciate your consideration as the 2013 Membership Director. ♦



**FUNDRAISING**



**SPECIAL PROJECTS**

## CWF Board of Directors 2012

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The River Clean-up crew getting rejuvenated with a meal before fishing.

**LAST CAST**

***“No spring  
nor summer  
beauty hath  
such grace  
As I have  
seen in one  
autumnal  
face.”***

**JOHN DONNE**

**CWF 2013 MEMBERSHIP**

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

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

*Enclose a check for \$35 (until Dec 31, 2012) 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 \_\_\_)

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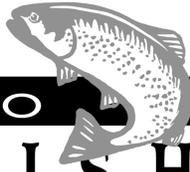
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**Board Election Ballot Enclosed**



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