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A sociable club for women who flyfish

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LET'S CELEBRATE OUR 15TH YEAR AS AN OFFICIAL CLUB!

Instead of our traditional December party we are having an October Halloween Theme Party. We are trying something new this year! Costumes are optional! Dress up, dress casual, come as you are, but please just come! A great prize for the best costume judged by all in attendance! Door prizes, goodie bags, and a "white elephant gift exchange". If you want to participate in the gift exchange please bring a wrapped, fishing-related item valued at \$10 or less for the exchange. Participation in the gift exchange is optional, but why miss out on the fun. Anyone who has been to the past holiday parties knows that Cheryl Gerlitz will have a terrific raffle: rods, art work, etc. cwfTalk will have more information on the items as we get closer to the party date.



Friday, October 19th, we will be at the Courtyard by Marriott Cherry Creek located at 1475 S. Colorado Blvd., Denver, CO 80222. The party will be in the 3,500 square foot Skyline Ballroom, located on the 11th floor, with stunning panoramic views of the Rocky Mountains. Parking is free.

Spouses, significant others, adult children, etc. are also invited. Social hour begins at 6:00 p.m. with a cash bar and an assortment of hors d'oeuvres. At 7:00 p.m a dinner buffet of rosemary and lemon chicken with a garlic herb sauce, herb roasted flatiron steak, mixed baby green salad, garlic mashed potatoes, grilled seasonal vegetables and selection of desserts. We are keeping the dinner cost the same as last year, \$35.00 per per person.

RESERVATIONS: A reservation form is in this newsletter. The deadline for reservations will be Monday, Oct. 15th, so please mail your check no later than the 12th. You may also register online via PayPal. Go to the CWF website under the Member's Section.

OVERNIGHT STAY: I have reserved a block of rooms for anyone who wants to spend the night at the Marriott. We have been given a slight discounted room rate of \$109.00 + 14.75% tax = \$125.07. You can reserve either a room with two queen beds or one king and a sofa bed. *It is the weekend of DU's Homecoming, so reservations have to be made by September 28, 2012 to receive this rate.* After September 28 the Marriott will release the unreserved rooms for general sale and you may not be able to get the discounted rate. To make reservations use our rate code **CWFCWFA**, and mention Colorado Women Flyfishers.

1. Contact the Courtyard by Marriott Cherry Creek directly at 303-757-8797 or
 2. Contact Marriott directly at 800-321-221. All reservations must be accompanied by a major credit card.
- For **QUESTIONS** or to **VOLUNTEER** please call: Cherrie Buskohl at 303-388-8538/303-246-7324/*photocherrie@yahoo.com*.

Directions: You can only get to the hotel from 1400 S. Colorado Blvd.— the cross street is Arkansas. There is a Hooters on the northeast corner, Shamrock Gas Station on the southwest corner. At Arkansas: from the north, turn right, from the south, turn left. Parking is in the front and back of the hotel.

CWF Calendar

Oct 7Susan G Komen
..... Walk for the Cure
Oct. 9CWF Board Meeting, REI
Oct. 13Waterton Canyon
Oct. 19CWF Halloween
..... Holiday Party*

* There will be no monthly meeting at Piccolo's in October. The Holiday Party will take it's place.



FOUL HOOKED: Being the CWF newsletter editor puts me in a rather precarious situation when it comes to the pitfalls of our electronic age. I have been the unfortunate one to be spreading spam emails to all of the members who have communicated with me for any reason in the past. I have taken steps to avoid this plague in the future.

I would like to offer some suggestions to prevent you from becoming the next unwitting victim. If an email shows up from someone you know, but looks strange – either delete it, or don't open it until you have a chance to verify it's sincerity!

If you do open it in good faith and it looks strange – change your email password immediately and run an anti-virus program. There are several free programs available on the Internet; Malware bytes and Avast is a couple of options.

One last thing, always close a pop-up by clicking the X. Avoid clicking on the "no thanks" button since that can be a trigger to allow a virus into your computer.
— Ed.

BACK CAST

FLYFISH ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK

BY FELICIA OLSEN

If you have lived in Colorado for more than a day, it is doubtful that you don't know about Rocky Mountain National Park. Residing in Colorado isn't a real requirement to be aware of it since The Park sees approximately three million visitors a year with seventy percent visiting June through September, and of that staggering amount — only 2.3% come to the park to fish! The good news: October offers the best dry flyfishing of the whole year. The not so good news: it will take a little work to get to the lakes that hold fish.

Rocky Mountain National Park has 142 lakes — only 54 contain fish. Of those 54, 36 of them are above 10,000 feet and 70% of them are accessible only by hiking. "There are over one thousand miles of hiking trails in RMNP, no experience is greater than getting past the crowds." The rewards; half of the 36 lakes hold self-sustaining populations of Colorado Greenback Cutthroat trout, all at 10,500 ft. altitude on average. This is the epicenter of the Colorado Greenback Cutthroat trout native territory. These beautiful fish are not found anywhere else in the world, but can be difficult to differentiate from the Colorado River Cutthroat trout. The Colorado River Cutthroats are the largest fish and are found primarily west of the Continental Divide. Twenty-five percent of the lakes contain brook trout and rainbow are the least populated fish in the park - they are found in only sixteen locations in the Park. Brook trout dominate the streams in the park.

"There are over one thousand miles of hiking trails in RMNP, no experience is greater than getting past the crowds."

STEVE SWEITZER,

Fishing high-mountain lakes requires an entirely different skill set than flyfishing rivers. For one, mobility and a minimum level of fitness, and basic orienteering is a plus, (although there is a surprising level of cell service in the Park!) If venturing out alone, Steve recommends staying on the east side and walking no further than two miles from any road or parking area. This is practical in case of an emergency and due to the high amount of wildlife that live on the west side of the park, including black bear and moose. Steve also mentioned "Dr. Pepper weather" - expect some type of weather disturbance at 10 – 2 – 4. Be prepared for storms and wind. Keep in mind that temperature drops three degrees for every 1000 feet of altitude gain.

Clearly, flyfishing high mountain lakes are not everyone's "cup of tea". But if you enjoyed the presentation at the meeting and have further interest, pick up a copy of Steve's book, "A Fly Fishing Guide to Rocky Mountain National Park." It is a comprehensive presentation on safety, how to fish, where to fish, and what to expect when you get there. The book includes maps to all of the destinations listed in the park and loaded with photos! If you specify that you are a CWF Member when ordering, he will donate five dollars of the purchase price back to the Club.

Steve Schweitzer has been part of the flyfishing industry for over 20 years, including a key position as the V.P. of Sales & Marketing at Whiting Farms, where he created the popular products "Bird Fur", "Fly Tyer's Variety Pack" and the "Whiting Hackle Gauge". Other behind-the-scenes involvement in the industry includes product marketing consulting for leading fly rod and fly tying tool manufacturers and an off-n-on fly shop rat since the early 90's. ■

Technology Update

BY DEB NELSON, TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR

Do you have a hard time coming to the member meetings due to driving distance or just busy? Check out the member's section of the CWF web site – www.colowomenflyfishers.org. You will be able to watch meeting presentations, read newsletters, look up other members contact info to find a fishing buddy, check the calendar, read our knowledge base or shop for CWF Logo Gear.

The CWF Logo Gear Store is now online and ready for you to purchase items. Just log into the web site in the members section and start shopping. You can have your items delivered to your home, you can pick them up at Cheryl's Gerlitz office in Arvada or pick them up at the next member meeting or event.

If you have any questions about the web feel free to contact me at webmaster@colowomenflyfishers.org. ■

BOARD NOMINATIONS

WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD WOMEN!

BY KIMBERLY TRAVIS, NOMINATIONS DIRECTOR

There are several positions opening up and we are still looking to add some fresh talent and ideas to our Board. These Director positions play a vital role in keeping our Club on the forefront of introducing and educating women to the exciting and fun sport of flyfishing!! We meet the second Tuesday of each month downtown at the REI store in an executive meeting room. This is your chance to make a difference!!!

Here are the job descriptions for each position. Please take a look and let us know if you have an interest in one them. The open Board of Director positions are:

VACANT

Vice President:

Assists the President, organizes programs/speakers for the member monthly social meetings as chair of the Program Committee. Maintains club contacts with local fly shops and coordinates efforts with Raffle/Fund Raising Director.

Jolene
Pilcher

Treasurer:

Keeps and maintains the accounting records of the Club, including depositing checks and cash, making disbursements and maintaining a written record of all transactions. Makes accounting records available for inspection by the Board, makes a quarterly report to the Board, provides

an annual report to the membership, and other reports at such times as the President may request.

Brenna
Richarson

Membership:

Records the membership applications and waivers for use in updating the Roster on a monthly basis. Emails each member the access codes to the Members Only section of the website. Mails each new member a predesigned welcome packet with basic orientation information to

CWF. At monthly meetings, manages the name tags at the Welcome Table and collects the money for the buffet meals at Piccolo's.

VACANT

Fundraising/Raffles/Logo Wear:

Schedules, organizes and oversees fundraising events:

- Concessions twice a year, AKA Dogs N' Brats events
- Annual Holiday Gift Wrapping

Works with flyfishing vendors and CWF members for the purpose of soliciting items that can be used for all raffles. Logo Wear:

- Manages current inventory
- Re-orders items
- Sells items at meetings and via website

VACANT

Special Projects:

Plans our annual picnic and Holiday Party. Organizes the river/lake clean-up and community service events. Sends out flowers and cards to members with special family needs.

There are SO many benefits for stepping up and becoming a Board Member!

- Meeting lots of great members and forging new relationships
- Breaking through from the sideline to help shape our Club
- Having a voice on the Board
- Giving back to the Club
- Pride, satisfaction and FUN!!

Again, flyfishing ability has nothing to do with being on the Board AND our Club is only as strong as our volunteers!!

If you are interested in learning more about any of these Director positions, please let me know. If you know of someone that might be a fit, please tap her on the shoulder and let her know!

— Kimberly Travis, Secretary, Board of Directors

PUBLIC EVENTS

MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO VOLUNTEER!

BY ANN HOWELL, PUBLIC EVENTS DIRECTOR

If you missed the volunteer party Sunday, Sept. 16, you missed a good one! Those Ladies that were able to attend had a beautiful day and lots of fish stories to share.

Now is the time to start thinking about volunteering for our significant fundraising events at Bass Pro for BBQ-ing and gift wrapping coming up in December. More details to come.

Save time to volunteer at The Fly Fishing Show, at Denver Merchandise Mart, January 4, 5 & 6, 2013. The hours of the show are: Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Sunday 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Volunteers get in free for the day they volunteer. As a bonus, you can take in a seminar, demonstrations, fly tiers or the destination theater before or after your shift. What a deal! Help out the club and enjoy the show. ■



PHOTOGRAPH BY ANN HOWELL

What happens at the volunteer party, stays at the party! Front row: Ann Howell, Phyllis Vinson. Back row: Cherrie Buskohl, Dawn Blom, Deb Nelson, Aprille Hill, and Rita Grover.

GO FISH

OCTOBER 13, WATERTON CANYON, NEAR CHATFIELD RESERVOIR

BY FRAN STURGIS, TRIPS DIRECTOR

Waterton Canyon is the closest tail water to metro Denver. With a staggering five miles of superb fishing for rainbow, brown, and the occasional cuttbow, there is no vehicle access inside the canyon and no dogs are allowed, so you must either walk or bike into this spot, but it can definitely be rewarding. The first three miles of this river are not restricted (bait fisherman), so the trout population is not as great, and the lower river really tends to get pretty crowded on the weekends. The best fishing along this stretch of the South Platte is the upper two mile stretch. Anglers tend to practice catch and release, so there are some very large trout that live in the canyon, the hardest part is just finding where they like to hide out. The best way to access the upper section is to use a bicycle for transportation as this allows for more fishing and less time travel.

Where: Head south of C-470 on Wadsworth along the west side of Chatfield Reservoir. When the road takes a sharp right toward Lockheed, you will turn LEFT onto Waterton Road. The road immediately curves to the right, then left again. The parking lot is on the left.

When: Meet in the parking lot at 9:00 a.m.

What to bring: Dress in layers as appropriate for the weather that day; bring lunch, water, and sunscreen.

Gear and Flies: Use 3weight - 5 weight rod with 5x-6x tippet. Flies: tiny nymphs and midges. Suggestions include zingwing midges, black beauties, brassies, miracle nymphs, olive biots, green machines, and Griffith's gnats. Also good are small Prince #14-#16 micro San Juan worms red or pink, #18-#20 buckskin, #16-#20 red

tungsten Copper John, #20-#24 red mercury flashback pheasant tail, #22-#26 Dorsey's Top Secret Midge, #22-#24 Rojo Midge, #22-#24 Sparkle Wing RSII, #20-#26 jujube midge,

#20-#26 mercury blood midge, #22-#26 black beauty. If we're lucky, blue-wing olives and small parachute Adams will produce some dry fly action. Always check web sites listed below for the most current conditions.

This trip won't be as "formally" planned as most of our trips; email Felicia dgrce6645@aol.com or call 303-979-0793 if you are coming and need a buddy. Feel free to come and go at your convenience. <http://www.wildtroutonthefly.com/currentfishingreports/southplatteriver.html>, Map; http://www.coloradofishing.net/gm_splatte.htm, Flow information, do refresh for current information; http://www.dwr.state.co.us/SurfaceWater/data/detail_graph.aspx?ID=PLASTR&MTYPE=DISCHRG.



15th ANNUAL CWF HOLIDAY PARTY RESERVATION FORM

We have the pleasure of hosting our 15th Annual Holiday Party at the Courtyard by Marriott Cherry Creek on Friday, October 19th. This special event's social hour, with a cash bar and an assortment of hors d'oeuvres, will begin at 6:00 p.m. and continue to 7:00 p.m.

Our buffet dinner will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will consist of rosemary and lemon chicken with a garlic herb sauce, herb roasted flatiron steak, mixed baby greens salad, garlic mashed potatoes, grilled seasonal vegetables and a selection of desserts. The price of the buffet will remain the same as last year.

_____ \$35.00 **Buffet Meal** Please mark the number of orders and include this form with your check.

Member Name _____

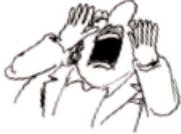
Guest Name(s) _____

Guest Name(s) _____

RESERVATIONS AND CHECKS ARE DUE no later than Monday, October 15th — this is a FIRM deadline since the hotel must have a final head count on that date. Please mail your check no later than the 12th to: Colorado Women Flyfishers, P. O. Box 101137, Denver, CO 80250-1137.

Sorry, no late reservations will be accepted.

Volunteers!



Vital

Outrageous

Lots of laughs

Unmasked and unforced

Noble

Tantalizing

Entertaining

Easy to do

Relationships

Interaction with others

Support

Mind-boggling



CLUB TRIP REPORT

THE EAGLE RIVER, EAGLE, CO

BY CHRIS JUVAN, TRIP CHAIR

The Eagle River trip went well with six members, one husband and one dog attending. We met east of Wolcott and found the water low and clear. We started out nymphing and did have a few risers before moving on to another location. Terry Smith hooked, netted and released her first fish on her own. By the end of the day she had four total. Excellent day for Terry! No need to mention size since it does not matter when you are fishing. The most success with catching was on RS-II and pheasant tails. Willie Tebow hooked into a beautiful (big) fish that did not get landed at our second location. The hook up fired up her and Patricia Robertson up and fishing got serious. Willie held a mini-clinic of entomology by turning over rocks and identifying the nymphal insects for Patricia and me. It is always enlightening to have a teacher along! The Eagle River has numerous access areas with some being along the

To The Women of CWF

We are very strong when we are united, but lately I feel we have forgotten why we exist at all. We are way more than just a female flyfishing club. Let me remind everyone of our mission:

The purpose of Colorado Women Flyfishers, Inc. ("CWF" or "Club") shall be to promote, encourage, and educate women in the sport and ethics of flyfishing; to provide a supportive environment wherein each CWF member can enhance her flyfishing knowledge, skills and enjoyment; and to foster friendship and camaraderie among women flyfishers.

We are a registered not-for-profit Colorado corporation here to promote flyfishing to and for women and hopefully they will learn to enjoy it as much as we do. We can only do this, however, if we: 1.) Make enough money to host clinics and 2.) Take time to promote our Club to the public so we can continue to spread the word and 3.) Work together to accomplish 1 & 2. Those things only happen with your Directors putting the events together.

Yes, everyone likes to fish, but we're more than that. CWF is more than just a flyfishing club. Good examples are the Special Projects that bring us together as Club members in unique ways. We try to come together a couple of times a year (picnic and holiday party) to enjoy each other's company at a venue other than a lake or a stream – because we are members of a club. We should be banding together. Being part of a club should mean something special. If you just want to fish – OK ... but why be a member of a club to do that? Being a member of a club is being part of something. For many it's an extended family. However your club ... your extended family ... is in trouble ...

Do you have any idea how defeating it is to make tons of calls, talk with multiple members to only get the same lame answers time and time again? Mostly "I'm too busy." Or something similar. **HORSEPUCKY!** Ladies ... let me explain why I think that and lots of other excuses are pretty lame (unless you've already been on the board, of course): *every board member is busy! EVERY last one of us!* We, just like you, have families to take care of and most of us have full-time jobs! Some Board Members run their own businesses, some travel all over the country or the world for their jobs. I know of at least one Director that has about three jobs. We have husbands/partners/significant others and kids that demand our attention, too. We are all busy ... you are no busier than your Board Members! Please, re-read our mission.

Trust me when I say ... if you want this Club to survive do not assume someone else will volunteer and do all the work. **NOT!** We need volunteers to be board directors.

Remember - Like most things in life – you get out of it exactly what you put into it.

COME ON, LET'S GO - IT'S TIME TO PONY UP COWGIRLS!

**Joanie McCord,
President**



PHOTOGRAPH BY ANN HOWELL

I-70 highway which does not give you a wilderness experience. However, there are other areas west of Wolcott and before the Glenwood Canyon that offer public places away from the highway. Fishing Rocks.

CLUB TRIP REPORT

THE COLORADO RIVER, HOT SULPHUR SPRINGS, CO

BY BRENNA RICHARDSON, TRIP CHAIR

Four of us (Willi, Diane, Tricia, and Brenna) set out bright and early for the Upper Colorado. To say the least, we couldn't have asked for a better day: perfect Colorado blue skies and weather. We decided to fish out of Parshall.

Diane netted the first (and most) fish. One fish Diane caught was a 13-14" inch brown that had obviously been eating well. Good to see healthy fish out there.

Brenna also managed to catch her first fish on a nymph rig (finally)! Willi's experience and patience proved beneficial for everyone. This was Tricia's first flyfishing trip and she's definitely "hooked"! Later in the day we were able to meet up with Anne as well. It was a great day on the river with even better company! We all look forward to fishing with everyone in the future! Tight lines!



PHOTOGRAPH PROVIDED BY ANN HOWELL

The Upper Colorado Gang — Ann Howell, Diane Roth, Willi Tebow, Tricia Demi, and Brenna Richardson ■



PHOTOGRAPH BY SANDY ERICKSON

Club Member, Sandy Erickson, releases a nice brown trout. She had a productive day on the Arkansas River above Leadville earlier in the summer.

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LAST CAST

"...fly tying is the next best thing to fishing; it is the sort of licking of the lips that eases a thirsty man in the desert."

ARTHUR RANSOM

"FLY TYING IN WINTER"

ROD AND LINE (1929)

CWF 2013 MEMBERSHIP

Membership for Calendar Year (January - December)

RENEWAL (Member since)

Enclose a check for \$35 (Oct. 1 - Dec. 31.) made payable to Colorado Women Flyfishers. Members are required to sign an Acknowledgment of Risk and Release of Liability Form as a condition of membership.

NEW MEMBER (over 18? yes no)

Name: Date:

Address: City State Zip

Home Phone: E-mail:

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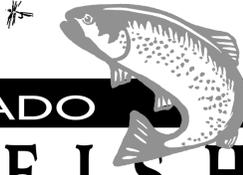
I would like to serve on the following committees: (Circle as many as you like!) Education Membership

Programs Special Projects Public Events Outreach/PR Newsletter Raffles/Funding Trips Website

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Waterton Canyon

Time is running out to reserve your space

at the Halloween Holiday Party!

Renew your membership early for 2013