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## DECEMBER MEETING

**DATE:**

Tuesday, December 3, 2013

**TIME:**

5:30 - 6:30 Social Hour

6:30 - 7:30 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 December meeting...*

### **SAVING THE COLORADO RIVER HEADWATERS with Kirk Klanke**

The headwaters of the Colorado River are constantly being "tapped" by the needs of the Front Range. So in December we welcome Kirk Klanke, District Manager of the Winter Park Ranch Water and Sanitation District. Kirk will discuss the history of trans-basin diversions in Grand County, where the Colorado headwaters are located.

Kirk will also show "Tapped Out," which is a short video on the subject. He will tell us what we can do to reverse the threats to the Colorado, so be sure to bring your questions! As flyfishers, we need to be aware of the environmental impact of our sport, and of what we can do to help. Don't miss this informative presentation!— *Kellie Keenan-Heatherly, V. P. and Program Chair*

## CWF Calendar

Dec. 1 .....Dogs and Brats at Bass Pro  
Dec. 3 .....Monthly Meeting  
Dec. 10 .....Board Meeting, Bass Pro  
Jan. 3 - 5 .....The Fly Fishing Show  
Jan. 7 .....Monthly Meeting  
Jan. 14 .....Board Meeting, Bass Pro



**FOUL HOOKED:** This is the last time I will sit as your editor and compose a foul hooked. It is hard to believe that four years have passed already! I am certain that I will look at the calendar next month and think about deadlines and delivery dates! It has been my pleasure to be here, and I will surely miss it! However, I cannot be more excited to turn the job over to Stephanie Sondock! I know you will be in very capable hands!

Over that last four years, I have been commended for producing a great newsletter and I must come clean...I did not do this alone! I have had five extremely dedicated and talented women behind me to make this newsletter professional, educational, and informative.

My proofreaders, Miki Seeley and Nancy Sherman were tireless and their attention to detail left me in shock and awe every month! Many of those re-writes you never knew about weren't mine; they were Miki or Nancy's, my silent partners. The Club secretaries kept me straight on dates: Deb Tooley and Kimberly Travis.

Jane Francen, Carol Stegink and Nancy Sherman were the mailing

## PUBLIC EVENTS

### HOLIDAYS AT BASS PRO AND...IT'S SHOW TIME!

BY ANN HOWELL, PUBLIC EVENTS DIRECTOR

**C**WF will be at Bass Pro on Sunday, December 1, for one of our fundraising events. We will be outside, cooking and selling our menu of items for the hungry, stressed-out people trying to get their holiday shopping done. We will also be doing gift wrapping inside on Sunday. We only have the one day this year.



The shifts will be 9-1 p.m. and 1-5 p.m. for cooking brats. The Gift Wrapping will be split into three shifts: 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m.- 4:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

If you didn't get signed up and find you have time that day, give Ann Howell a call at 303-910-6557 (cell) and see if we have slots open.

For those members that have already signed up, for the event we thank you in advance for

your hard work! All volunteers will get a free hotdog or brat meal for their commitment and will leave with the satisfaction of helping the Club and knowing they just made some new friends and fishing buddies!

### The Fly Fishing Show

The Fly Fishing Show at the Denver Merchandise Mart is January 3, 4, 5. At the Show, you'll find great seminars and classes, lots of vendors and a chance to try out some new equipment. Members who volunteer for a shift in our booth receive free admission for the day. If you'd like to volunteer, send an email to [events@colowomenflyfishers.org](mailto:events@colowomenflyfishers.org) or sign up on Sign Up Genius. If we have your



correct email you should have received an invitation to sign up on line.

Show Hours: Fri. 10 a.m.- 6 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m.- 5:30 p.m.; Sun. 9 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

Admission: Adult \$15 for one ;day \$25 for two-day pass; \$35 for three-day pass. Children under 5 free, under 12

\$2. Scouts under 16 in uniform, free. Active Military \$10. Cash only at the gate.

For more information, go to <http://www.flyfishingshow.com/Denver.html>. Check back often to see updates posted to the schedule of events, as the show gets closer. You can sign up there for special classes.

### Fly Tying Show

Save the date! Mark your calendars for West Denver Trout Unlimited 38th Annual Fly-Tying Clinic at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds on Saturday, February 8, 2014 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We will need four fly tiers for that day, and two ladies to help sell raffle tickets on a.m. shift and one p.m. Morning shift will need to be at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds by 7:30 a.m. so you can be set up and ready to tie by 8:30 a.m. Watch for more details and electronic sign up.

I'd like to thank everyone for volunteering for the events throughout the year. ■

## From the Presidential Suite

**A**s the year comes to a close, as do my years as your President, I cannot help but reflect on what has been. Even though our membership stays stable at around 200 women, the Club has grown and become much more sophisticated. We have learned our lessons well from the people and organizations who helped. I feel that we now stand shoulder to shoulder, with those people and organizations. Members of our Club are every bit as knowledgeable as those who have taught us, and in sometimes more so. Case in point: as President, I have been asked on several occasions about how we do things as a Club. Some people have patterned their leadership structure and some events after ours. Fishing gear manufacturers and developers have asked me, and at times, the Club to try out their products because they want women anglers' input. People and organizations are now coming to us for help and ideas. Pretty cool, huh?

What I have found to be even more spectacular over the years as President is that with all of our knowledge and expertise our Members are still willing to increase our knowledge. What I have observed — whether it is during a Board Meeting, a fundraiser event or trade show, our picnic, a trip around the Saturday evening gathering, our general meetings or one of our educational clinics, we are always learning and sharing ideas to become better. We are now a better Club. We have improved our fundraisers, our booth appearance at a trade show, our picnic, our holiday party, our trips and speakers, our website, and our clinic curriculums and instructors. When I look back over the past seven years and compare where we were and where we are now, I think it's VERY cool!

I would like to thank the 2013 Board of Directors for all of their hard work this year. We did a lot of positive things. For those of you who are leaving the Board: Felicia, Deb, and Fran, I thank you for everything you have done for the Board and for the Club. Felicia, the newsletter is awesome as ever. You and your staff have done a fabulous job. Deb, there are no words to truly describe what you have done with our website and all the other technology you brought into the Club. You have always kept us on the cutting edge and beyond. Fran, you have done an outstanding job with trips — new ideas for old favorites coupled with new places have been an excellent mix. You and we can't control whether or not the fish will bite, but we can control how much fun we have on one of your trips — and that we did! Board Members who are returning, I truly thank you for all of your hard work and many, many hours you have dedicated to this Club and will continue to dedicate. You all have exciting times ahead - a whole new year with new leadership and fabulous new Board Members.

At this time I would like to thank ALL the women who have served as either an Officer of the Club or Director on the many Boards with me. There are too many women to name individually - I would hate to inadvertently miss someone. I can tell you though: I have learned a lot from all of you and I thank you for that. This Club has benefitted from all of your knowledge and dedication, too. I know it wasn't always easy and probably took more time and energy than you thought it would, and we didn't always leave a meeting with smiles on our faces, but all in all I would like to think that your experience on the Board of Directors, while I was President, was a positive one.

There is one individual I would like to thank before I wrap this up...and that is Deb Tooley. She is, by far, the Board's "unsung hero," Most of the members don't know that she guides the Board (and me) with all sorts of legal advice and wisdom. She runs our winter Board retreats and informs the Board of the different legal responsibilities we have as a 501(c)3 Colorado corporation. Occasionally she will even attend a Board meeting to guide us with a decision. Thank you, Deb, for always being there for me, for the Board and for the Club.

Finally, I would like to thank the Club for your support and trust in my leadership through the years. As you well know, it hasn't always been easy, but it has always been an honor and pleasure. As I turn the reins over (or maybe I should say rod) to Amy, with my full support, I wish her all the best. I know she will lead this Club proudly, with honor and dignity.

**Joanie McCord, President**



**Outgoing CWF President, Joanie McCord**

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committee. They always going above and beyond to fill the gaps when I forgot the sealing disks, or didn't bring enough stamps, and never complained (at least to me) when the newsletters were thick and difficult to fold!

I would like to give Arlys Warfield a heartfelt thank you for her guidance and for creating a professional and complete working template that even I could manage.

I look forward to a little extra time to tie flies, help the Club at Volunteer events, and to flyfishing! —Ed.

# **SPECIAL PROJECTS**

## **ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY**

BY CAROL STAFFORD, SPECIAL PROJECTS

The 2013 Holiday Party once again had a Halloween theme. It was held on Saturday, October 19th at the Courtyard at Marriott in Denver. The ballroom has a wonderful panoramic view of Denver and the mountains. The room was made even more beautiful by the talented decoration committee of Cherrie Buskohl, Kim Ezell and Alethea Munro. A new feature this year was the live music provided by the Terraplane Band, that played blues, soul and some memorable classic rock songs. CWF had some talented dancers, and revisited the “stroll lines” of years ago. There were even some chances for Jolene, Kellie and Carol to do some backup vocals!

CWF has some imaginative members! The costume contest had gorillas, invisible man and woman, a beautiful pirate girl, a sassy sailor girl, an ethereal Maid Marion, and an energetic prize fighter and manager, to name a few! Joanie McCord, Ellie Reiser, Karen Savage and Marshall Cutchin (as the dead guy) won first place for their depiction on Three Weddings and a Funeral.” Second place went to Mary Manka and her husband for their magnificent Invisible Man and Woman creation

The “goodie bags” included a new beautiful green travel drink tumbler with the Club logo. We still have additional tumblers for sale to Members for cost, \$8. Contact Carol Stafford at Special Projects if you would like to buy one.

Kristin Weber stepped up to do a masterful job of organizing and running the Silent Auction and Raffle this year. Some outstanding items were made available by generous donations of Club Members.

This is the time that we take a moment to acknowledge and thank our outgoing Members of the Board of Directors. Board Members serve two-year terms, but can elect to run for additional terms. Three Board Members retired from their positions: Joanie McCord as President, Fran Sturgis as Trip Director and Felicia Olsen as Newsletter Editor. Joanie has served an amazing seven years as President! Four other Directors were acknowledged, but will remain in their positions: Rheana Gavagan as Education Director, Kimberly Travis as Secretary, Ann Howell as Public Events Director. All Directors were given a beautiful ceramic sculpture of fish. In addition, Joanie

received a silver flask from Orvis. We thought she might need a drink after serving as President for seven years!!

The party was held on a Saturday this year, so that folks would not have to battle Friday night after-work traffic. Even with the change to Saturday, the attendance was down. As a result we will be surveying the Membership to determine if there is a desire for a different direction for the annual celebration. Please be on the lookout for an email survey and take the time to give your responses. We want to involve as many of our Members as possible in this Annual Celebration.

Thanks to all who helped and to the dancers and costume characters who provided the entertainment, in addition to our great band! It was great fun. ■



Pat Nilsson, Cherrie Buskohl and friends cut a rug!

PHOTOGRAPHS BY CAROL STAFFORD

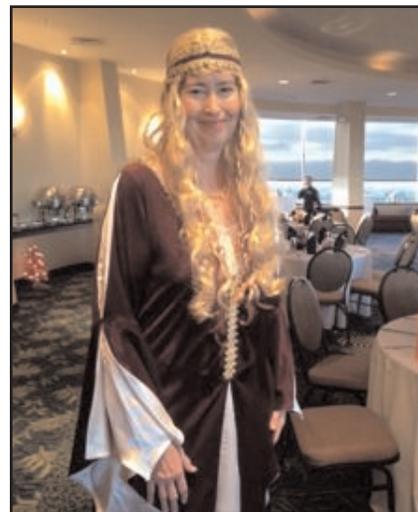


Heidi! No, wait - it's Kristin Weber!



You will never guess who this is!

It's Sandy Wright!



Great costume! Who was Maid Marion?

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## EDUCATION

### THE 2013 FALL FLY TYING CLINIC IS A WRAP!

BY RHEANA GAVAGAN, EDUCATION DIRECTOR

Kim Greenfield and Deb Tooley hosted the small gathering of eager members ready to thread their bobbins and get to business. Elena Lopez, Ann Howell and Jeanne Sonderup were instructed by Phyllis Vinson. They learned about their equipment, and unraveled the mystery of hook sizes and the properties of different threads. Everyone at Phyllis' table successfully tied up the super-popular Black Beauty. Felicia Olsen received one-on-one time with Chris Juvan to learn one of the most popular and productive dry fly patterns, the Parachute Adams. Kellie Keenan-Heatherly and Sandy Wright were also on hand to offer their expertise. We can't wait to hear about the fish everyone will land with their new patterns! ■



PHOTOGRAPH BY RHEANA GAVAGAN

### Can you handle the challenge?

Enjoy this puzzle that is themed all around our favorite pastime. I'm stepping up this challenge... anyone who sends me the completed (and correct) puzzle prior to the December Member meeting will be entered into a drawing for a \$20 gift card. The drawing will occur at the meeting, but Members do not need to be present to win.

For those of us who can't get out on the river - we can at least be thinking about fly fishing!

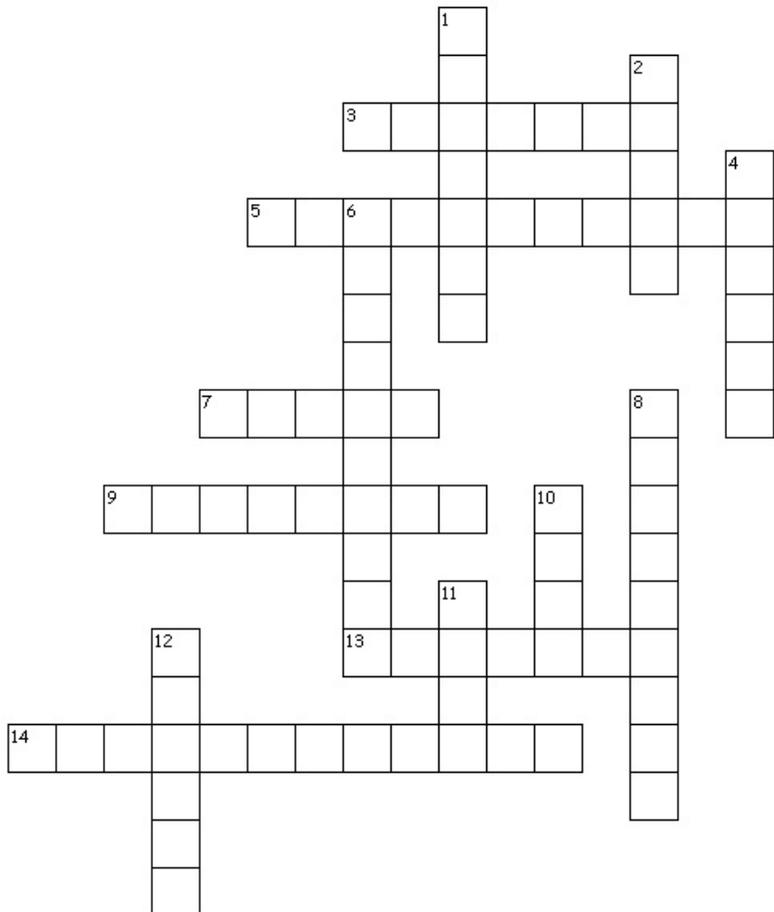
#### Fly Fishing Crossword Puzzle Clues (Dec 2013 Edition)

##### Across

3. Not Dun yet, the Mayfly's final stage
5. Old Faithful home
7. French river or nymph trapper for your net
9. Keeps your hackle riding high
13. Uncased caddis tween
14. A brookie's back, worm tracks?

##### Down

1. Not a coward but is the first to run
2. Knot for your garden
4. Childs play - who do we follow?
6. Sparkle Caddis Pupa inventor
8. Isn't violent - but is slashed
10. Don't be a \_\_\_\_; just adjust it
11. New nerd sweater or essential clothing
12. Not just for Bai Yun; Vintage rod





Yes, it's true. If you missed this year's holiday party - you missed a live band!



Mr. and Mrs. Invisible pose with "thing", aka Tom and Mary Manka.



Costume Contest winner - Three Weddings and a Funeral!

## CWF Board of Directors 2013

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### Membership Roster

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## CWF NORTHERN CHAPTER

The Northern Chapter had another fun meeting with an excellent turnout, and we welcomed another new member, London. We were most fortunate that Robin Brown was able to arrange for Pat Dorsey to come and speak to us. He was FULL of excellent information on tail water fishing and did a most professional presentation. Thank you, Pat! And thanks to Robin, as well, for arranging the program for us.

Our next meeting will be Jan 13! Wow! 2014! The program will be on ice fishing — same time, same place: 6:30p.m. @ St. Pete's new Harmony location. What a great meeting space they share with us there!

Come visit, send friends! We're still havin' fun.....

Cheers and Happy Holidays, to all - *Gretchen Osborn*

## LAST CAST

***"Don't be dismayed at goodbyes, a farewell is necessary before you can meet again and meeting again, after moments or lifetimes, is certain for those who are friends."***

RICHARD BACH

### IDENTIFY YOURSELF



#### **CWF Logo Wear!**

***Do you know the Club has logo wear you can purchase? There are hats, and a large variety of shirts and vests!***

***Coming soon to an event near you!***

### CWF 2014 MEMBERSHIP

Membership for Calendar Year (January - December)

\_\_\_ NEW MEMBER (over 18? yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_)

*Early renewal incentive! Enclose a check for \$35 (October 1 - December 31, 2013) 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.*

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

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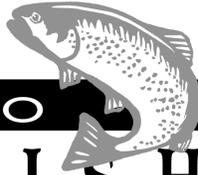
I would like to serve on the following committees: (Circle as many as you like!) Programs Membership

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

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