

COLORADO WOMEN FLY FISHERS.®

A sociable club for women who flyfish

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NOVEMBER MEETING

DATE:

Tuesday, November 5, 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 November meeting...

CWF BUSINESS MEETING FOLLOWED BY A PRESENTATION ON THE IMPACTS OF RECENT FLOODS with Ken Kehmeier

As you all know, we have had some recent floods plaguing the Colorado Front Range area. In November Ken Kehmeier from Colorado Parks and Wildlife will be here to explain how the floods will impact fishing around the Front Range.

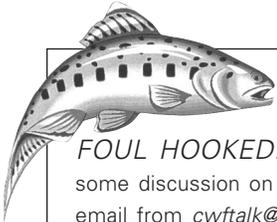
Ken will also be able to discuss many of the environmental aspects of fishing, such as invasive species, whirling disease, the benefits of using tackle without lead, etc. This should be an informative talk about issues that impact us all as anglers and as people who love the outdoors in general. Bring all your questions and be sure not to miss this informative presentation!— *Kellie Keenan-Heatherly, V. P. and Program Chair*

CWF Calendar

Nov. 2.....Fly Tying Clinic
Nov. 5.....Monthly Meeting
Nov. 14Board Meeting, Bass Pro
Dec. 3.....Member Meeting

Welcome New Members

Karen SavageCastle Pines, CO
• 39 New Members Enrolled in 2013



FOUL HOOKED: There's been some discussion on the amount of email from cwftalk@GoogleGroups. It is quite simple to turn off or decrease the email and just go to the website www.google.com/groups to read the posts. First you must have a Google Group account. At the website click on "Create an account now" and follow the instructions. If you previously set up an account but forgot it or your password, click on "I cannot access my account" and follow the instructions.

Once you have logged onto your account, click on "Edit my membership." Under "How do you want to read this group," you have the choice of (1) No email: I will read this group on the web; (2) Abridged mail: I will receive no more than one email a day with a summary of activity; (3) Digest email: I will receive no more than one email a day with up to 25 messages on it; (4) Email: I will receive up to seven emails a day as each one is received. In this way you get as much or as little of the chatter as you wish.

Let the chatter continue, long live the chatter. And please, when you go fishing, take a little time to email cwftalk@google.com where you went, what you caught and what did or did not (in my case) work. Tight lines. —Karen Williams, CWF Google Master

Member Update:

WHERE IS CAROL NEVILLE?



Carol's 28" Steelhead (Jan., 2013). "I was trying my new 6-wt rod, had 4X tippet and sz 18 pheasant tail. Not only surprised to hook a steelhead, but more so that I landed it. I like my new rod." ;)

Greetings from the Northwest to my CWF "Sisters." October marks two years since this native Coloradoan relocated to Idaho. Both here and from Colorado, I'm often asked how I like it in Idaho. Simple question with a not-so-simple answer: Some good, some not so good, and a lot of just plain different — like adjusting to living below 5000' elevation for the first time in my life! Among the not so good is that most of the best fishing rivers and streams are a 2-6 hour drive from home. I was spoiled in Colorado! (...and I was heart-broken at the damaging floods, especially on my original "home river" of Big Thompson!).

Idaho has some outstanding flyfishing waters, of course. I'd fished the state's eastern side, so I've been exploring central and mid-north waters. I've found some real gems, even some glorious sites. I've also tracked dead ends, disappointments, and waters so big and so different from what I've ever known that I had to dig deep into my experience and determination (aka "stubbornness") to find and catch fish! That's all good, because for me, the heart of fly fishing is the total experience — the journey — not just having a fish in the net. As a bonus I have Women Fly Fishers of Idaho as friends and fishing buddies.

The ultimate 'good' is being here with my grandchildren. I've introduced my granddaughter to fishing. She loves it and is begging for more. Now her three-year-old brother is asking to go, too. Grandma is their adventure buddy, and that's just the way I like it!

I do miss Colorado and all of you. Colorado will always be "Home." But for now, Grandma is doing fine here. Come visit — I have a guest room! ■



PHOTOGRAPHS PROVIDED BY CAROL NEVILLE-HORTON

Carol shares a very special moment with her granddaughter, Presley, with her first fish!

CLUB TRIP REPORT

THE SAN JUAN RIVER, NAVAJO DAM, NEW MEXICO

BY ANITA ENGLISH, TRIP COORDINATOR

The river had been lowered to 350 cfs, but the braids had plenty of water in them. The weather was balmy with very little wind — *Perfect*.

Every one has their niche and way of doing things. **Gloria Paster-nak** decided to fish around Texas Hole using olive streamers, and was successful bringing in nice fish. She did not have cleated boots, so she brought ice cleats. They worked great!

Diane Kyncyl had been "dreaming " of making this trip for fifteen years. It was not disappointing. She and Russ caught big fish on the flies she had tied (first time!)... Hers were bigger.

Carol Stegink and **Jane Francen** wandered the braids and had great fishing after they adjusted to the size flies the fish wanted: 26 and smaller! We call them "no see ums." A 5x tippet would barely fit thru the eye of the fly!

Chris Juvan had the last laugh. Rather than going to those practically invisible flies, she floated a renegade with a bat wing emerger trailing behind. It was a killer rig. **Nancy Sherman** did well with a small red annelid and Johnny flash.

Sunday brought rain and thunder. As any sane flyfisher would do, we ignored this, thinking we could fish around the weather. **Fran Sturgis** and I decided to change things up and go streamer the main channel before the rain hit full force. We had just gotten started when the storm came down right on top of us! After collapsing our rods , we hunkered down in the tall brush. The rain

and hail pummeled us for a good 30 minutes and the lightning was WAY too close! I fully expected brimstone to come seeping out of the ground. We made a fast walk back to the car. The river was totally blown out and our day was done.

Life is an adventure and my advice is to live it with all the joy and gusto of a first grader on the playground at recess—you can't miss. Tight lines ladies. ■



Diane Kyncyl (above) Chris Juvan and Nancy Sherman (left) all collected very well-fed rainbows on the San Juan River despite their contrariness!

PHOTOGRAPHS PROVIDED BY DIANE KYNCYL

CLUB TRIP REPORT

THE DREAM STEAM, HARTSEL, CO

BY CHRIS JUVAN, TRIP COORDINATOR

Once again the Dream Stream performed for the CWF participants, Carol Stegink, Jane Francen (and dog Linus), Nancy Sherman, Deb Nelson, Ann Howell (and hubby), Joanne Sondock, Maria Landis and Chris Juvan (and dog Chance). Ann and hubby arrived late because of a late start and highway construction through Colorado Springs. I am confident they stayed late and got fish!! The weather was unusually *windless* which is always a surprise in this area. We started fishing below the Charles Meyers Bridge and found some deep holes that were a little cloudy, due

to the restoration work being completed up-river. However, the deeper holes did hold fish and almost everyone caught some nice-looking fish (especially Carol, Nancy and Jane). The flies of choice seemed to be a small red midge pupa and a tan scud. Not too many big spawning browns were seen; however, the rumor on the river was that there were Kokanee spotted and acting strangely, which would be an indication spawning is just starting. Possibly a return trip is necessary in the next few weeks. The afternoon was spent up-river with more fish being spotted and a few caught (especially by Jane).

The river restoration work continues to improve this river. Over the last several years the area directly below the dam has received bank restoration with log installation to build up falling banks, and strategic placement of big boulders in the river. This structure has greatly improved the habitat for fish. The current work is causing some turmoil in the banks above the bridge; however, they are securing the bank, adding river rock and have many logs in the area waiting to be placed. In the meantime, the fish are thriving and the area continues to be breathtaking. ■

(Left) Joanne Sondock always kisses her fish - although it is not recommended, she reports that she has never become ill from her ritual of gratitude!

(below) Joanne Sondock releases a nice rainbow as a result of a team effort in buddy fishing with Maria Landis. Nice work, ladies!



EDUCATION

FLY TYING, THE LENDING LIBRARY AND SOCIAL HOUR!!

BY RHEANA GAVAGAN, EDUCATION DIRECTOR

FALL FLY TYING CLINIC HAS ARRIVED!

Secure Your Spot for Saturday, November 2 (3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.)!

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! Why not spend your winter stocking up your fly box?

This event will be taught by our very own talented tying CWF ladies. Anyone wishing to attend may choose to learn beginner, not-so-beginner or advanced patterns.

Students will need to bring the basic set-up of tools: vice, scissors, and thread bobbin. Anyone who does not have these basic tools can request to borrow them, at first-come first-served basis. All materials for the class will be provided by CWF at no cost to you.

The first hour will be a social hour and potluck (appetizers/ hors d'oeuvres). Please plan to use this time to get your tools, set up, and be ready to tie!

What: Fall Fly Tying Clinic

When: Saturday, November 2, 3:30 -6:30 p.m.

Where: Greenfield/Tooley Residence, Lakewood. RSVPs will be provided with the address.

Reserve your spot right now by emailing education@colowomenflyfishers.org.

EXTRA, EXTRA! CWF LENDING LIBRARY IS NOW IN SERVICE

Check out the Education page on the CWF Website to see the full listing of titles available to you. See something you like? Request your book by contacting education@colowomenflyfishers.org and pick it up at the next member meeting or other CWF outing.

NOVEMBER MEETING SOCIAL HOUR - FLY FISHING THROUGH THE SEASONS (FALL & WINTER)

This month's "Get Hooked" educational topic has a seasonal focus. Why not plan to spend the November member meeting social hour (5:30-6:15 p.m.) learning about how to enjoy the fall and winter to the fullest? Just because you're putting out the pumpkins doesn't mean you have to put away the fly rod. Fall in Colorado is regarded as having some of the best fishing opportunities of the entire season, and winter flyfishing can be spectacular as well.

Hope to see you there! ■

SPECIAL EVENTS

THE FLYFISHING SHOW IN JANUARY - SAVE THE DATE!

BY ANN HOWELL, SPECIAL EVENTS DIRECTOR

It's time to jump on the volunteer list for the flyfishing show on January 3, 4, and 5 of 2014 at the Merchandise Mart! This is one of our most popular volunteer opportunities, and spots fill quickly. There will be two shifts per day and the sign-up sheet will be at the November meeting at Piccolo's.

At the show you'll find great seminars and classes, lots of vendors to visit and a chance to try out some new equipment. Members that volunteer for shifts in our booth receive free admission for the day.

You do not have to volunteer to attend at a reduced price. Tickets are available at a reduced price of \$10. Plan ahead — these tickets are pre-paid and the Club must pur-

chase them in blocks of 20. There will be a sign-up sheet for pre-paid tickets at the November meeting.

If you would like to volunteer or have questions, you can email me at events@colowomenflyfishers.org.

Show hours Friday are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; and Sunday 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For more information on the show, and to view the vendor list, and seminars available, go to www.flyfishingshow.com. ■

From the Presidential Suite

Everyone is 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 in November is our Annual Business Meeting. The evening will go something like this:

5:30 – 6:00 Social Hour (time to read through the Board Of Director's Annual Reports.)

5:50 Balloting closes.

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

6:30 Dinner is served

7:00 Club business will be conducted.

7:30 The evening's speaker will begin.

The Board will meet at the restaurant at Bass Pro later in November, if anyone has questions that were not answered at the Annual Meeting.

DON'T FORGET ...

Your early renewal gift is once again monetary. Renew early and get a discount!

The Club still needs YOUR HELP. We'll need volunteers for our Christmas Bass Pro event and we'll need volunteers for the Fly Fishing Show in January.

This Club is what it is because we are willing to volunteer to maintain our standards of having fishing as our main focus, but we also host a variety of other activities to make us all better anglers.

To share the "wealth," we all benefit from the time spent volunteering at the different events. We should all spend some time helping out.

HEY— Have a GREAT month! Hopefully we'll still have some warm days for fishing!

**Joanie McCord,
President**

CLUB TRIP REPORT

THE BLUE RIVER, DILLON, CO

BY FRAN STURGIS, TRIP DIRECTOR



How can one not love flyfishing in Colorado?

Six women gathered at the Blue River near Dillon to hunt fish on a beautiful and sunny Saturday in October, to close out the 2013 CWF scheduled trips' season. The river was beautiful, with aspen changing, and it was running with a nice flow of 310 cfs. The weather was a brisk 25° F at the start, but warmed up quickly to 45° as the sun got higher.

We met at the Henney Bridge. A small midge hatch occurred about 10:00 a.m., but there were no risers. It was slow fishing, with one small rainbow brought in by **Sandy Wright** using Czech nymphing. New member **Lisa Negri**, practiced her casting and mending. She had help from Sandy, who shared a sweet hole and hooked some fish. **Val Robinson** showed up later to join in the fun. **Chris Juvan** went down-river to hunt for fish and hook some. She caught two. **Rheana Gavagan** and **Cathy Poirier** fished the other side of the bridge, hooking three. I used streamers, dries, and nymphs to no avail.

Some of the members drove down-river to find Kokanee at the mouth of Green Mountain reservoir. They saw the "snaggers," but did not see fish!

I later drove up to the Dillon Dam and found many, many, many fishermen. The flow was 88 cfs and very clear. Again **Sandy Wright** found one fish under the bridge and fished it for 15 minutes, finally bringing in the rainbow.

We all had a good time being on the river and working on stealth practices. ■



Cathy Poirier takes a break from angling to pose in the beautiful scenery of Colorado.

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LAST CAST

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**ANITA ENGLISH
CWF MEMBER**

The CWF First Annual Board Recruitment Retreat was not all work and no play! It proved to be an effective planning meeting in a relaxed atmosphere, since the time restrictions were lifted. Much business was accomplished; incoming Board Members were introduced to the protocol; food and beverage were plentiful, and who knew CWF Treasurer, Jolene Pilcher was an astronomy buff?

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)

Northern Colorado Chapter

Name: Date:

Address: City State Zip

Home Phone: Phone [specify CELL (c) or WORK (w)]:

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Newsletter Delivery Preference: (circle one) U.S. Mail Email

Flyfishing Ability: (circle one) Beginner Intermediate Advanced Professional

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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