

COLORADO WOMEN FLY FISHERS.®

A sociable club for women who flyfish

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It's Time For the Annual Holiday Party!



We are continuing with the October Halloween Theme party this year. Costumes are optional, but there will be prizes for the best costumes, so start planning yours now! It was great fun last year, and we expect even more wild and crazy costumes this year!

Please note that the party is now on a **Saturday night**, as requested. It will again be in the 3,500 square foot Skyline Ballroom, located on the 11th floor of the Marriott Courtyard, with stunning panoramic views of the Denver Skyline and the Rocky Mountains. Parking is free in the hotel parking lot.

There will be door prizes throughout the evening and goodie bags at the door. We have some wonderful items for our annual silent auction and raffle, which is being organized by Kristin Webber. Bring your checkbook!

We will also be acknowledging our outgoing Board of Directors. With all of these activities we have decided there will not be a white elephant gift exchange this year.

An exciting new addition will be live music provided by the "Terraplane Band" whose genres include Blues, Rock and Soul. Wear your dancing shoes! The versatile Terraplane Band will be playing blues and soul during the first part of the evening and rock and dance music after 8:30. We will be concluding the evening at 10:30 and clean-up volunteers are needed to get the party wrapped and out of the ballroom by 11:00 p.m.

RESERVATIONS: There is a reservation form in this newsletter. The deadline for reservations will be Monday, October 14th, so please mail your check no later than Friday, October 11th. The cost is \$35.00 per person. Please mail your checks to Carol Stafford, 13900 Braun Drive, Golden, CO 80401.

If you have questions or to volunteer, contact Carol Stafford at carolstafford@comcast.net or 303-829-1689.



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

- October 12The Blue River
Dillon, CO
- October 13CWF Board Meeting,
Retreat, Fairplay, CO
- October 14RSVP Deadline for
Annual Holiday Party
- October 19 . . .CWF Annual Holiday Party

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:

Attention New and returning members: If you have not yet done so – go to the Club website at: colowomenflyfishers.org, log in, and download the form “Acknowledgement of Risk and Release of Liability.” sign it and send it to CWF, P.O. Box 101137, Denver, CO 80250-1137.

You will not be allowed to attend trips or activities with the Club without the signed waiver.

For returning members; if your membership has lapsed for any length of time, you must complete a new liability form for Club records.

There is a possibility of an electronic version in the near future. However, it is necessary to print, sign and return a hard copy to the Membership Director at this time. Do it! Don't miss out on one minute of fun!

—Ed.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

ANITA, CAROL AND NANCY TALK SAN JUAN

BY FELICIA OLSEN

Never underestimate the value of a presentation given by our own members! The September presentation given by Nancy Sherman, Anita English and Carol Stafford was packed full of pertinent, vital, and downright common sense information on the San Juan River in New Mexico. They came prepared with maps and hatch chart handouts, along with a palette of beautiful hand-tied flies that work! Hint – most of them were itty-bitty.

This area is an eight-hour drive. Many of us struggle for the time to partake in such an adventure — all the more reason to get the time-saving strategies of the ladies who have fished the river for years!

There are two routes to take. One will take you over Wolf Creek Pass; the other option will take you over La Manga and Cumbres Passes (and is 400 ft. lower than Wolf Creek Pass). Either way, this is a seven-hour drive without breaks. It is wise to consider fueling options on this trip; it is remote enough that prices for commodities are going to be higher. Nancy suggested fueling at Poncha Springs and then on to Dulce, New Mexico. And, the Roadway Inn in Dulce has a good breakfast.

“I love to go and be humbled.”
NANCY SHERMAN

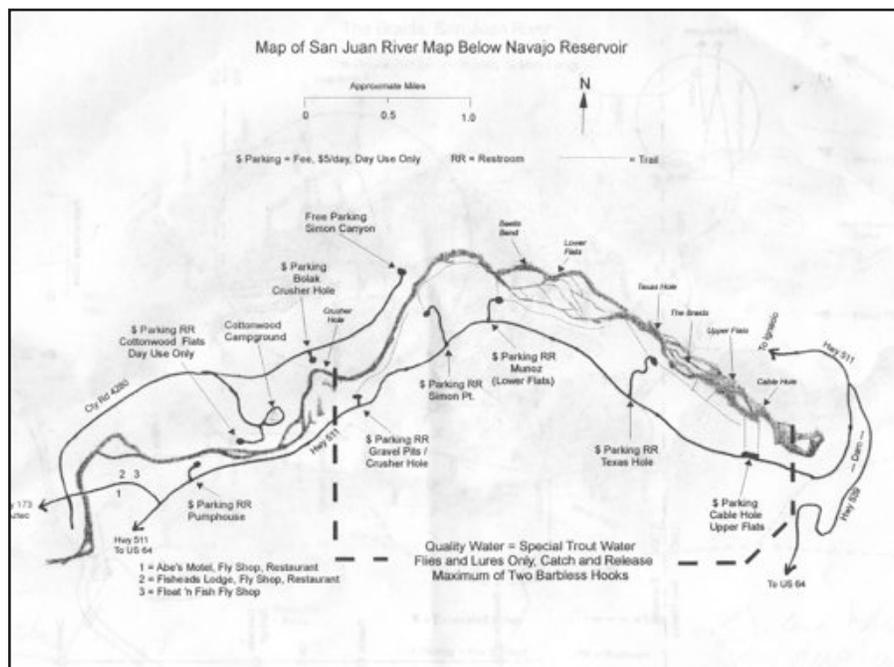
The accommodations in the area are understandably limited, but how can you argue with hotels and lodges that list fly-tying tables as amenities? Abe's and Fishheads are the two options in the area below the Navajo Dam in New Mexico. Abe's has kitchenettes and a room to equal any great thrift store full of pots, pans and utensils for cooking!

Fishing licenses are \$29 for five days. The habitat stamp is good until the following April, however. Cash Only! One other downside – parking areas have a \$5 fee. Use flies and lures only, and anglers are limited to two barbless hooks.

The trails along the river are clear, but not marked. Stay on the trails! The willows are tall and it is quite easy to get lost. If you do get lost – look for the power lines. Orient yourself to the power lines before entering the willows. Another caution; the sandstone is very slippery. Cleats are a must, and take short, flat-footed steps.

If you choose to accept this mission, you must know that these are very savvy fish. Check with local fly shops for what is working at the time you go. Plan on using fluorocarbon and be prepared for frequent, but slight strikes. The reward? The fish average 18”.

If you are up for a challenge, give the San Juan River below Navajo Dam a try. Just remember what Nancy said: “I love to go and be humbled.”



GO FISH THE BLUE RIVER FOR KOKANEE

DAY TRIP, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

BY FRAN STURGIS, TRIPS DIRECTOR

Green Mountain Reservoir is known for its Kokanee fishing. Each fall these fish travel out of the reservoir, up the Blue River to spawn. They fish are great fighters and are fun to catch. When they are spawning they don't feed like fish normally do; they quit eating altogether. But they will attack things in their way as they travel up river. For this reason, we will be using large brightly-colored flies like minnow imitations or pink streamers.

Directions

We will meet at the Morrison exit at I-70 in the T-Rex parking lot at 6:45 a.m. and will leave at 7 a.m. We will take I-70 to Silverthorne, make a stop there and then proceed on Highway 9 to Henney Bridge. Turn right just north of the bridge, onto a dirt road. Follow the road to the parking lot.

What to Use

Bring your 5- or 6-weight rods.

Flies: Pink, purple, maybe bright orange Woolly Buggers or streamer patterns; size 10-12 Prince Nymphs. You might check with your local fly shop for other suggestions.

Area fly shops:

In Silverthorne: The Colorado Angler

<http://www.anglersjunctionfishing.com/>

In Dillion: Cutthroat Anglers

<http://fishcolorado.com/>

In Frisco: Blue River Anglers

<http://blueriveranglers.com/>

Bring warm clothes (as the weather is changing), also sunscreen, lunch, and water. Watch cwfTalk for information the week before the trip. Questions? Email me at trips@Colowomenflyfishers.org. ■

TECHNOLOGY

**A REFERENCE DATABASE FOR
FLYFISHING QUESTIONS**

BY DEB NELSON,
TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR

Since the beginning of our Club we have always kept track of our membership using a spreadsheet. Spreadsheets are handy tools that allow a person to sort data and in general provide for calculations with numbers. The problem with that tool was how to share the member list with the members. We would have to go through the process of converting to a pdf and then upload the resulting file to the website and create a link for you to see. Sometimes that process was a little challenging, as you can imagine. Along comes a member database that is built-in behind the scenes. It is perfect for clubs like ours and it is FREE!

I quickly imported all of our members to it and love what it allows you to do with the roster you can see on the website. You can now search for any piece of information on a member, such as zip code, last name, or first name. For example, suppose you met a new friend on the river and had a great time fishing together. You would love to fish together again, but you cannot remember her last name. You pull up the roster and change the search field to First Name and enter Sue. Up come all members in the Club with the first name of Sue.

You can also save the member roster as a pdf to print or just look through from home any time you want. That is usually ok for the first half of the year. It changes every month, though, as new members join or members renew. As always, your questions are welcome. Just send an email to technology@colowomenflyfishers.org ■

16th ANNUAL CWF HOLIDAY PARTY RESERVATION FORM

We have the pleasure of hosting our 16th Annual Holiday Party at the Courtyard by Marriott Cherry Creek on Saturday, 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. 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) _____

RESERVATIONS AND CHECKS ARE DUE no later than Monday, October 14th — this is a FIRM deadline since the hotel must have a final head count on that date. Mail checks no later than October 11th to: Carol Stafford, 13900 Braun Drive, Golden, CO 80401. Make Check payable to Colorado Women Flyfishers.

Sorry, no late reservations will be accepted.

2013 CWF ELECTIONS: BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATES

Every October the membership elects about one-half of the officers and directors on the Board of Directors. You can learn more about the ladies running to fill Board vacancies below.



NEWSLETTER
Stephanie Sondock

I have worked professionally as a graphic/web designer for over 15 years. I currently work for Adams 12 School District as a designer. One of the perks of my job is the opportunity to mentor students who are aspiring to be future designers and artists.

I have been flyfishing since 1997 and enjoy nothing more than the thrill of catching a bucking brown trout on a nymph rig. My hobbies also include painting, reading, cooking and gardening.

I am an enthusiastic Broncos fan, and can rarely be seen fishing after football season begins. I currently reside in Golden with my partner Joanne Sondock, and our doggie family.

I look forward to seeing you on the river! ♦

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TRIPS
Chris Prelaz

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Although I had been flyfishing on and off for quite a few years, it didn't seem like I was getting better. I realize now that I had tried to learn too much on my own (not well, I might add). One of my goals when moving to CO was to get better at flyfishing, so I immediately looked for a group to support that goal, and found one in CWF. I am grateful to have such a wonderful group of women that are so willing to help. I am actually catching some fish! Now, as a two-year member, I would be honored to be considered as Trip Coordinator Co-chair and to support the mission and vision of CWF. ♦

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SPECIAL PROJECTS
ANN HOWELL

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PRESIDENT
Amy Slaughter

I am a Colorado native that loves the outdoors and spends as much time fishing as I can. The love of fishing brought me to CWF so I could find and spend time with others that shared my passion. I have served as Trip Director previously and would be honored to serve as the President of CWF if you so choose. ♦

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SECRETARY
Kimberly Travis

My name is Kimberly Travis and I would like to be considered for the Secretary position on the Board of Directors! I feel that I would do an excellent job as CWF's Secretary. I am extremely organized, possess a good command of the King's English and hate typos! I feel strongly about CWF's mission and would be honored to give my time and energy to further our organization! Thank you for your consideration. ♦

My name is Kimberly Travis and I would like to be considered for the Secretary position on the Board of Directors! I feel that I would do an excellent job as CWF's Secretary. I am extremely organized, possess a good command of the King's English and hate typos! I feel strongly about CWF's mission and would be honored to give my time and energy to further our organization! Thank you for your consideration. ♦



FUNDRAISING
Mary Manka

Hi, members. My name is Mary Manka and I've put in for the Board position of Fundraiser. I was the Vice-President for four years and loved working with all of the Board Members (OK and Brothers Bar Ralphie burgers'n onion rings) so much I decided to come back. The members who have stepped forward for positions promise to be an exciting group that will continue to move the Club in a positive manner. I will strive to use fundraising as a means to keep dues to a minimum and benefits to members at a maximum. But upfront warning - I will not do all the work. I will be asking for member's help in several fundraising events. This is an important part of the Club function that serves to give back to members. ♦

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EDUCATION
Rheana Gavagan

Hello, ladies of the CWF. I am Rheana Gavagan and I was fortunate enough to find this amazing group of ladies four years ago. I was a complete beginner at that time and I owe a debt of gratitude to the women of this Club for mentoring me in the sport that I now consider my passion.

I was lucky enough to serve as your Education Director for the last two years. Many wonderful new educational events and programs have been brought to the membership and there are many more exciting things on the horizon! I would be honored if the membership would allow me the opportunity to continue to serve the Club in this capacity for the next term. ♦

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TECHNOLOGY
Kris Trierweiler

Hi! My name is Kris Trierweiler and I most recently served as your Membership Director for the Club and am hoping to transition to the Technology Director position. I am a relative newcomer to the Club, as well as to the sport of fly fishing.

I'm originally from Wisconsin and have been in Colorado for 18 years now, and it's just simply home to me. I spend my days toiling away over a keyboard, staring at a computer monitor while listening to dozens of voices coming into my phone headset. It's hard to put a title to my job, other than to say that I manage people and projects for software development that helps you use your credit cards each day.

A couple of years ago, a friend of mine impulsively bought a fly rod and reel and a couple of flies on her way to meet me for a camping trip at the Taylor River. She tried casting a few times, got snagged a bunch of times, and then handed me the rod and said "Here - you try it!" The rest is, as they say, history and I was hooked - literally and figuratively. I was thrilled when I found this wonderful group of ladies who are happy to give me a few tips and tricks along the way while keeping me company as I explore this challenging sport of ours. I look forward to getting to know more of you, both on and off the river for many years to come! ♦

THE FALL FLY TYING CLINIC IS COMING!

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! Details of this event are in the works, so please look for more information coming soon. What better way to spend your winter than stocking up your fly box with go-to patterns for that spring thaw?

Have questions or suggestions? E-mail me at education@colowomenflyfishers.org.

EDUCATION

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

BY RHEANA GAVAGAN, EDUCATION DIRECTOR

The fall in Colorado is regarded as some of the best fishing opportunities of the entire season...but don't fret, for those willing to bundle up, winter fly fishing can be spectacular as well. There will not be an October member meeting, but carve out some time and plan to spend the November member meeting social hour (5:30-6:15) learning about how to enjoy these seasons to the fullest. Learn about the trout behavioral and territorial changes through these seasons, find the fish, and have a stellar day on the water as you land that trophy brown trout. Hope to see you there! ■

SPECIAL EVENTS

SAVE THE DATES FOR VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

BY ANN HOWELL, PUBLIC EVENTS DIRECTOR

- O**ctober 5 is Ladie's Day at Cabela's at the Lone Tree Location, I-25 exit 192. 9 a.m.-10 a.m. Ladies Only Intro to Fly Fishing, and we should have a table there. By the time you read this I would have already reached out to you.
- 10 a.m.-11 a.m. Ladies Only Intro to Firearms.
- 11 a.m.-12 a.m. Situational Awareness – How to Prevent a Criminal Attack
- 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. October 5th and 6th — Backyard Cuisine

December: we are going to sell Dogs and Brats and Gift Wrapping, date TBD.

January: we will again be doing the Fly Fishing Show at the Merchandise Mart, January 3,4,5. Mark down those dates so you can come out to help promote the Club and also have time to take in some wonderful seminars.

February: we will again be doing the Denver TU Fly Tying. Volunteer! It's fun! ■

From the Presidential Suite

We hope that ALL of our CWF members, their families (that includes their dogs, cats and other four-legged family members) and friends are safe, and if any sustained flood damage, that it was minimal. A good bet now is to continue traveling west and/or south for your fishing and let the people and our rivers recover from their devastation. Of course we know this may take multiple years to get everything back to what we considered normal.

Fall is right around the corner and our Club trips are winding down. This, of course, will not stop most of us from fishing during the winter. Remember – if you're looking for someone to join you for a day of fishing, try putting out the call on our Google group or just call someone. There are a lot of names on our roster and I know we're not all working! Enjoy the colors, cool days and crowdless streams. It's a beautiful time of year to fish. Like I said, we're not all working. Those of us who are wish we could join you on a beautiful, sunny, fall day.

I hope to see you at our Holiday Party later this month. Remember, especially those of you who don't live near southeast Denver, the party is on a SATURDAY night and you can STAY THE NIGHT after the party. Should be lots of fun, or as they say in upper New England ... it'll be "wicked good!"

**Joanie McCord,
President**



PHOTOGRAPH BY RHEANA GAVAGAN

A bald eagle sits in a tree near the N. Platte River in Wyoming.

CLUB TRIP REPORT

BRAINARD LAKE RECREATION AREA

INDIAN PEAKS WILDERNESS

BY FRAN STURGIS, TRIP DIRECTOR

We arrived early in the morning to find fish rising on a perfectly calm Long Lake, with nobody but us on the lake all day!

Anita English's belly boat experience really paid off. She found the fish right away and hooked six before the sun warmed us up. Her special fly made the difference.

Jolene Pilcher cruised the banks practicing stealthy movements to sneak up on her fish. Chris Prelaz and Heather Head hiked to Mitchell Lake and then crossed over to Long Lake, fishing from the banks. It had rained the night before and they found all the muck holes one would want to avoid. Chris watched a female moose cross the lake and took some great pictures.

Around 2:00 the storms came in, and chased us off. We met at a local restaurant for coffee and homemade pie and shared our fish stories. ■



PHOTOGRAPHS BY ANN HOWELL

Heather Head and Chris Prelaz enjoy the day at Long Lake.



PHOTOGRAPHS BY ANN HOWELL

"Fish don't live in ugly places." The view at Brainard Lake.

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Thanks to all the CWF Members who participated in the River Clean-up: (l to r) Cherrie Buskohl, Kristin Weber, Jane Francen, Carol Stafford, Nancy Sherman, Diane Kyncl, Carol Stegink, Ann Howell, and Mary Manka.

The CWF 2013 Annual River Clean-Up was held on Saturday, September 7 in partnership with Trout Unlimited. We would have loved to have more participation, but our group of nine was a larger showing than Trout Unlimited and School of Mines!

It turned out to be a lot of fun and a fulfilling Club activity. — Carol Stafford, Special Projects Director

LAST CAST

"A good rod is like a good mate – both do something for you "

**JOAN WULFF
SEPTEMBER 7, 2003**

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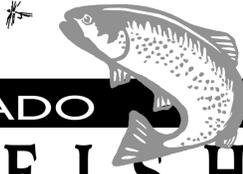
I would like to serve on the following committees: (Circle as many as you like!) Programs Membership

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

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Reserve your spot now!

Meet your **CWF Board Candidates**

Club Trip Report: **Brainard Lake**

Go Fish the Final Club Trip of 2013!