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*A sociable club for women who flyfish*

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## SEPTEMBER MEETING

**DATE:**

Tuesday, September 3, 2013

**TIME:**

5:30 - 6:15 Social Hour

“Get Hooked”

6:15 - 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 September Meeting...*

**CWF Club Experts Anita, Nancy and Carol Present the San Juan River**

For the month of September, rather than have an outside speaker, CWF will welcome three of its own members for a talk on the San Juan River area. We are taking a trip to the San Juan River below Navajo Dam in New Mexico. We have three ladies among our ranks who have fished the upper quality water, and they will be able to answer your questions.

Long time CWF members Anita English, Nancy Sherman and Carol Stegink have done their time on the difficult tailwater known as the San Juan River. This river is chocked full of fish, but catching them is not always easy. This is a challenging tailwater, where presentation and fly selection are key. So don't miss this presentation, and remember not to be caught without a New Mexico fishing license if you plan to go!.—*Kellie Heatherly, V. P. and Program Chair*



## GO FISH THE SAN JUAN RIVER AT NAVAJO DAM, NEW MEXICO

WEEKEND TRIP SEPTEMBER 20 - 22

BY ANITA ENGLISH, TRIP COORDINATOR

The San Juan River below Navajo Reservoir, NM will test the best flyfishers among us. But don't let that deter you from coming along. This is a unique river. You can dry fly the upper flats, streamer the main channel, combat fish at Texas Hole, sight fish for the big boys and get lost in the braids.

This river has it all!

### Accommodations

Reserve them soon....Daily park pass is \$5. Five-day fishing license and habitat stamp are \$29.

Abe's Motel and Fly Shop, 505-632-2194, [www.sanjuanriver.com](http://www.sanjuanriver.com).

Fisheads of San Juan, 505-634-0463, [www.fisheadsofthesanjuan.com](http://www.fisheadsofthesanjuan.com). They have cabins on the river starting at \$94.

The Octagon Inn, 505-334-6758, [www.octagoninn.com](http://www.octagoninn.com).

### Equipment

5 or 6 wt. rod, 5 and 6x tippet (fluorocarbon would be best for nymph fishing), polarized glasses, big net, wading staff and CLEATED boots.

### Suggested Flies

With the high number of fish per mile you would think that you could fish about anything. Not so! These are educated fish with appetites that can be very picky.

Bring mayflies, #18-22, plus midges #22-28 in colors including olive, red, chocolate, black and cream. And don't forget San Juan worms, in all colors. Matching the hatch is very Important. Stop at your favorite fly shop before you go, to find out the latest hot flies. *San Juan River Forum.com* is a good website for flies and general information.

### Directions

Take 285 south out of Denver through Fairplay. At the Johnson

Village intersection, take Hwy 24/285 south to Poncha Springs. Continue south on Hwy 285 through the San Luis Valley to Saguache and watch for intersection with CO 112. Turn right (west) onto Hwy 112 to Del Norte, where you will take Hwy 160 west. Go through South Fork, over Wolf Creek Pass and through Pagosa Springs to Durango. At Durango turn south on US 550 to Aztec. At Aztec take Hwy 173 east to Navajo Dam. The drive will take about 7 1/2 to 8 hours.

An alternate route to the San Juan River is through Alamosa. You can get there two different ways.

1. Drive US285 to about five miles south of Villa Grove, turn left on CO17 and go to Alamosa.
2. Drive south on I25 to Walsenburg; go west on US160 to Alamosa.

From Alamosa drive south on CO17 / US285 to Antonito and continue on CO17 by going west (right). You will go over La Manga and Cumbres Passes, cross the state line (CO17 now becomes NM17) and enter the town of Chama. At the south end of town go west (right) on US64 / US84. In about 12 miles the US64 and US84 diverge. Stay on US64 by turning west (left) and go through the town of Dulce. [Watch for US64 to turn left at the west end of town.] About 45 miles west of Dulce you will turn north (right) on San Juan County road 539 for the Navajo Lake State Park. [Do not turn on SJ527, which is about 30 miles west of Dulce.] Drive cross the dam, turn left on SJ511. Drive down the backside of the dam and continue about five miles to the town of Navajo Dam. ■

## GO FISH THE DREAM STREAM HARTSEL, CO, SEPTEMBER 28

BY FRAN STURGIS, TRIPS DIRECTOR

This three-mile section of the South Platte River between Spinney Mountain Reservoir and Eleven Mile Reservoir can be both a pain and delight. It is one of the most fished stretches of water in the state; however, it holds some of the largest trout in the state also. The landing of a 20+-inch fish can be a delight, but keep in mind, the wind blows in this area ninety percent of the time and can be a pain. Come prepared with both a camera for the fish and layered clothing for the unpredictable Colorado weather.

### Equipment and Flies

Bring a 5 or 6 wt. rod with 4 or 5 wt. leaders and tippet to match. Flies include: midges, RS2s, top secrets, black beauties, jujubee red midge patterns, glo bugs (eggs) orange/peach 22-24, and streamers have been used in the past. Check with your favorite fly shop to see what is going on closer to the trip date.

### Carpooling

Meet at the RTD Park 'n Ride on the southwest corner of Hampden (Highway 285) and Wadsworth Boulevard at 6:45 a.m. We will leave at 7:00 a.m. sharp.

### Directions

Drive west on US 285 to Fairplay. Just past Fairplay go left on Hwy. 9 for 18 miles to a T in the road. Turn left (east) onto US 24 and continue through the town of Hartsel. Turn right (south) onto 23 Road; at the T turn left onto 592 Road. At 59 Road turn right. There is a free parking area at the bridge. If you arrive later, it will be easy to spot us along the stream. Remember, the fish are moving upstream out of Elevenmile Reservoir towards Spinney Reservoir, so look for most of us to head upstream and then fish back to the bridge. (The entrance to Spinney Reservoir is closed until April 15.) Questions? Call me. 303-940-0786 (8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.) ■

## SNEAK PEEK

### BLUE RIVER Silverthorne, CO October 112

Shake off those blues and get ready to fish some Gold Medal water. We will be heading up Interstate 70 to the Dillon / Silverthorne area to try our luck. The tailwater section of the Blue River is technical flyfishing at its finest. Stealthy presentations and perfect drifts are a necessity to fool these highly-pressured fish. Small flies (size 20 - 24) and small tippets (6X) are musts. Sound intimidating? Maybe, but you only get better if you are challenged. Besides, hanging with your favorite CWF gal pals is never a bad thing! ■

## A WILD RIDE AT THE 3 RIVER RODEO

The Taylor River Trip, July 26-29

BY ARLYS WARFIELD

PHOTOGRAPHS BY ARLYS WARFIELD



### Detour!

*From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia: The Taylor River rises close to Castle Peak in Colorado's Elk Mountains in the northeast part of Gunnison County, near the Continental Divide. Flowing southeast, the river goes through Taylor Park Reservoir, created by the Taylor Park Dam. From there it flows southwest. At Almont, the Taylor River joins with the East River to form the Gunnison River. The river is 48.2 miles long.*

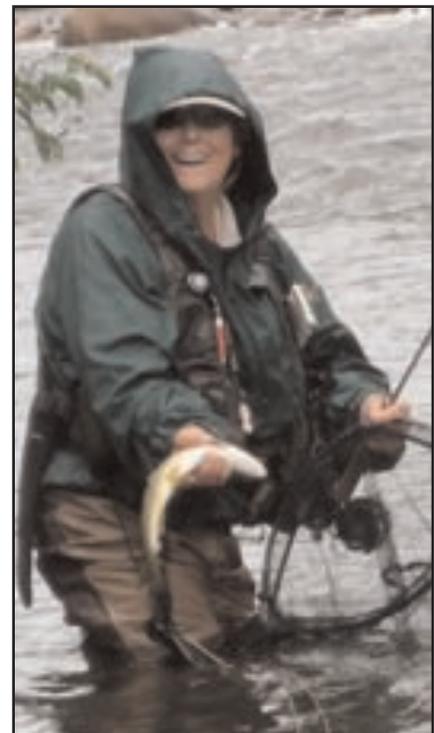
### Taylor Totters

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Diane Kyncl  
Lynn Lafleur  
Karen Lee  
Aletha Munro  
Chris Prelaz  
Carol Stafford  
Fran Sturgis  
Kris Trierweiler  
Arlys Warfield  
Kristin Weber

**W**ell, actually, the river today is only half available to most anglers since seven miles of the road from the Almont Post Office up to the Jack's Cabin cutoff near Harmel Resort is closed due to re-construction of the road. This disappointment was matched by an earlier overzealous pesticide treatment for mosquitoes, causing a failed green drake hatch. And there were minimal sightings of hoppers, possibly also due to pesticide treatments. Then Friday afternoon's thunder and lightning drove anglers off the river, with the

rain lingering on through the night and continuing past noon Saturday.

But those 17 Club members and friends who took on the challenges were rewarded with beautiful scenery, lovely wildflowers, great community and not one, but three rivers, to choose from. Saturday afternoon broke out in spectacular sunshine, a boon to the beleaguered campers at Lodgepole Campground and those who ventured up to Crested Butte for fun, sun and brick oven baked pizza. ■



**Anita English did not let the heavy down-pour keep her from catching fish. Long live the San Juan worm!**



**"Rain never stops a good cocktail party in a dry cabin," say (clockwise) Cherrie Buskohl, twin sister Connie Martineau, Carol Stafford, Diane Kyncl, Fran Sturgis and Lynn Lafleur.**

PHOTOGRAPHS BY ARLYS WARFIELD



**Trip chair Fran Sturgis and Lynn Lafleur start the day with a broken wading stick. But that didn't deter Fran, who caught two 20-inch rainbows at the dam on Monday!**

PHOTOGRAPH BY FRAN STURGIS



New member Lynn Lafleur was happy to catch this one!

PHOTOGRAPH BY ARLYS WARFIELD



Diane gets some good fishing tips from two 8 River Rodeo contestants.

**SPECIAL PROJECTS  
KOMEN RACE FOR THE CURE**  
BY CAROL STAFFORD,  
SPECIAL PROJECTS DIRECTOR

CWF will once again have a team participating in the Komen Race for the Cure on Saturday, September 29. Take note: this is one weekend earlier than past years.

It is great fun walking with Rhonda the Rainbow, showing off our CWF pride. Go to [www.komendenver.org/race](http://www.komendenver.org/race) to sign up. Be sure to indicate that you are a part of the CWF team.

Carol Stegink will be Coordinator for this event and will be leader of the race day. If you have questions about signing up, , contact Carol Stafford at 303-829-1689 or [special-projects@colowomenflyfishers.org](mailto:special-projects@colowomenflyfishers.org). ■

**Don't forget to make  
your reservation for the  
October Holiday party!**

**SET OFF YOUR CAR ALARM IF YOU SEE A BEAR**  
**THE ESTES PARK AND ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK CLUB TRIP REPORT**  
 BY FELICIA OLSEN

Lions, tigers and bears, oh my! Actually, it was coyotes, bears, pulsing water, and car alarms, but only during the wee hours in the night that got the attention of the CWF ladies, especially the members who were tent camping! The story goes something like this: “There was a bear in the campground on Tuesday night! Get rid of all of your trash, and keep your keys handy in case you see a bear so you can set off your car alarm.” And, if you are going to take a shower, bring quarters. The bathhouse at Mary’s Lake Campground is run like a carwash — \$2 for three minutes, and “make sure you turn the dial around twice to get the hot water!” It was the talk around the campground!

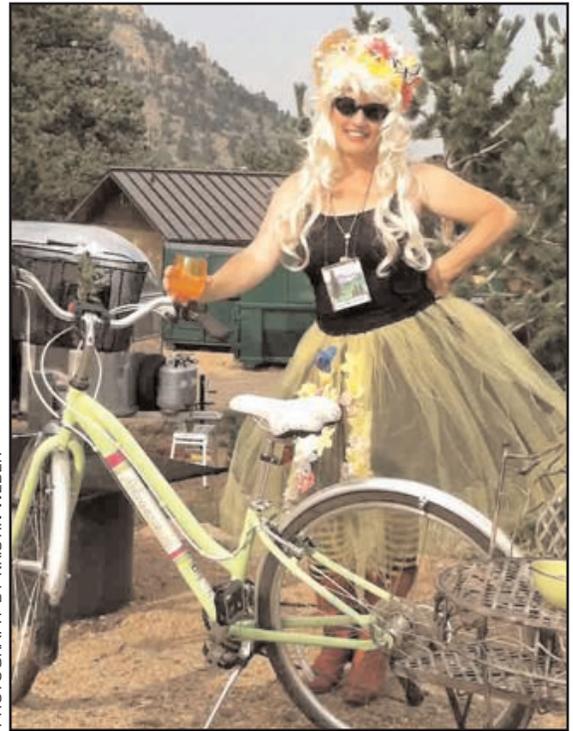
The coyotes about 25 feet above on the hillside didn’t wake everyone, but the car alarm going off at around 1:45 a.m. certainly was the topic of conversation over coffee the next morning! We couldn’t determine whose car it was, and whether there was a bear sighting or not... So we all went fishing!

The Members split into groups with some helping Fran Sturgis buddy with the interested Sisters On The Fly, some went into RMNP and fished around Fern Lake Trail with good success catching “dinks” which is to be expected on high mountain streams, and some kept their fishing destination under wraps.

Sisters on the Fly held a barbeque Saturday evening and several CWF members attended, one rule to keep in mind when partnering with SOTF, “The Sister’s rules are ” No men, no dogs and no children.” Hmmm.

After the barbeque and social hour, the CWF ladies retreated to a campfire at Rheana and Aliyna Gavagan’s campsite to share fish tales and plan for Sunday activities and the drive home.

It was a beautiful weekend for weather and scenery. It always makes for a successful trip when all of the ladies catch fish, especially our beginners! ■



PHOTOGRAPH BY KRISTIN WEBER

**The ladies of Sisters On The Fly have such moxie! We don’t know her name, but we can admire her style!**



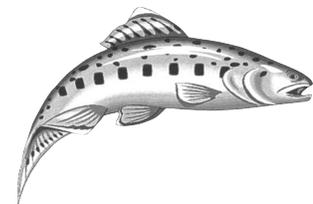
PHOTOGRAPH BY FELICIA OLSEN

**It’s a tent raising! CWF members assist Carol Stafford in erecting her tent for the first time, and it is a fabulous tent, Carol!**



PHOTOGRAPH BY FELICIA OLSEN

**Deb Nelson has a sit and “unwinds” on the Big Thompson River along the Fern Lake trail in RMNP.**



## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

### **CWF ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY WITH A COSTUME CONTEST AND LIVE MUSIC!**

BY CAROL STAFFORD, SPECIAL EVENTS DIRECTOR

Last year, we changed our traditional December Holiday Party to a Halloween Theme Party! It was a huge success, and this year promises to be even better! This year, the party will be held on **Saturday, 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. Dinner buffet is 7:00 p.m. We are keeping the dinner the same as last year, \$35 per person.

#### **DIRECTIONS:**

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

#### **RESERVATIONS:**

The reservation form is below. The deadline for reservations will

be Monday, Oct. 14th, so please mail your check no later than the 10th.

#### **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 slightly discounted room rate of \$104.00 + 14.75% tax = \$125.07. You can reserve either a room with two Queen beds or one King. **You must reserve a room by September 27th to receive the discounted rate.** After Sept. 27 the Marriott will release the unreserved rooms for general sale and you may not be able to get the discounted rate, if there are any rooms available.

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
2. All reservations must be accompanied by a major credit card.

We need of volunteers to help with the following committees: Decorations and Set Up, Greeters, Raffle Assistants, Costume Contest and last but not least, — Clean Up.

For QUESTIONS or to VOLUNTEER please call: Carol Stafford at 303-829-1689 or email [carolstafford@comcast.net](mailto:carolstafford@comcast.net). ■

## **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) \_\_\_\_\_

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 10th.

Sorry, no late reservations will be accepted.

PHOTOGRAPH BY KRISTIN WEBER



A cactus garden mural on one of the SOTF trailers.

PHOTOGRAPH BY FELICIA OLSEN



Jeanne Sonderup, Joanie McCord, and Aliyna Gavagan rest relax in between fishing.

PHOTOGRAPH BY FELICIA OLSEN



Kimberly Travis and Sue Holton fish the Big Thompson in RMNP.

## From the Presidential Suite

WOW! Is it really August already? 'fraid so. Bad news is this means back on a schedule (more or less) because the teacher members are back at work and our kids are back in school. Good news is you've had four months of great fishing, AND ... there are another three months ahead for us before the cold really sets in. Of course that doesn't mean the end of fishing — just the end of fishing without possibly freezing. Did you know that Colorado is one of the few states which doesn't have a designated fishing season? Ah, yet another reason to live in Colorado! One could fish 24/7/365! But even for our "hard core" anglers, that might be a bit much.

Even the best and most dedicated angler needs some time off, so why don't you plan on attending our Holiday Party in October? Rumor has it that not only will some be wearing costumes, but we might be able to strike up a dance or two also!

This is just one of the things I love about this Club. There is always something going on and someone planning something new and special. Events, projects and trips may have the same titles from year to year, but they always have a different look to them. They end up with different times or days, different venues, different rivers and/or lakes — You just never know. Sort of like fishing itself, isn't it? You never know from day to day whether it'll be a three-fish day or a 13-fish day.

Remember:

*In Colorado – "God willin' and the crik don't rise" but you can't get out t'day to fish? Well, there's always t'morra!*

**Joanie McCord,  
President**

PHOTOGRAPH BY FELICIA OLSEN



Aliyna Gavagan takes a break from fishing along the Fern Lake trail.

## **BOARD NOMINATIONS**

### **WE ARE LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD WOMEN!**

BY FELICIA OLSEN, NOMINATIONS DIRECTOR

It's that time of year... Board Of Director Elections! There are several positions opening up and we are 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 role. Please take a look and let us know if you have an interest in one of these positions. The open Board of Director positions are:

#### **Membership:**

Record the membership applications and waivers for use in updating the Roster on a monthly basis. Email each member the access codes to the Members Only section of the website. Mail each new member a predesigned welcome packet with basic orientation information to CWF. At monthly meetings, manage the name tags at the Welcome Table and collect the money for the buffet meals at Piccolo's.

#### **Fundraising/Raffles/Logo Wear:**

Schedule, organize and oversee fundraising events:

Concessions twice a year, AKA Dogs N' Brats events

Annual Holiday Gift Wrapping

Work with flyfishing vendors and CWF Members to solicit items for all raffles.

Logo Wear:

Manage current inventory

Re-order items

Sell items at meetings and via website

#### **Benefits of Being A Board Member**

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
- \* Experiencing 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 them on the shoulder and let 'em know!

HERE'S TO GETTING OUT THERE AND ENJOYING COLORADO'S CAMPING, FISHING AND HIKING ADVENTURES!

Felicia Olsen

Newsletter Director, Nominations Director

## **TECHNOLOGY TIDBIT**

BY DEB NELSON, TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR

Have you ever had a last minute issue that caused you to have to work late? You thought to yourself — if you were only able to drive across town in the heavy I-25 traffic you would get to see Pat Dorsey or Landon Meyer talk to our Club. That really makes for a challenging drive.

Although you might miss the socialization with other Club members, or miss out on the “Get Hooked” educational topic for the month, you can still watch the speaker do the presentation through the members' section of the website. Login to the member section and find the link to the CWF Member Meeting Videos in the menu to the right. We have them going back to April of 2012.

If you forgot how to log in to the members' section, feel free to ask any Board Member. They would be happy to help! ■

## **CWF Board of Directors 2012**

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Joanne Sondock is dialed in on Deckers!

## **LAST CAST**

***"The fishing car in those days was the 'ambler'. It has actually once said 'Rambler' in chrome letters on the hood, but a minor run-in with a fence post had resulted in the abbreviated version. Of course, there was never a thought of having it fixed."***

**JOHN GIERACH  
"THE FISHING CAR"**

### **CWF 2013 MEMBERSHIP**

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

NEW MEMBER (over 18? yes  no  )

*Enclose a check for \$40 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

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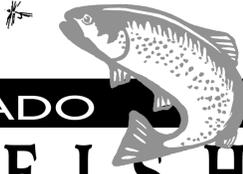
I would like to serve on the following committees: (Circle as many as you like!)      Programs      Membership

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

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**Contact Kris Trierweiler, Membership Director, at [membership@colowomenflyfishers.org](mailto:membership@colowomenflyfishers.org)**



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