



## September Member Meeting

**DATE:**

Tuesday, September 2, 2014

**TIME:**

5:30 - 6:15 Social Hour

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

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**PLEASE BRING:**

A flyfishing friend

New guests are always welcome!

**FLY FISHING THE BACK COUNTRY; AN ALTERNATIVE TO  
TAILWATERS WITH DON BELAK**

## **TAILWATERS WITH - RON BELAK**

**At our September member meeting, author Ron Belak will give a presentation on fly fishing the high mountain lakes, headwaters and back country streams of Colorado.** Ron has published over 50 magazine articles and more than 300 photos over the past 20 years, mostly in Colorado Outdoors magazine. He is a long time member of Evergreen Trout Unlimited and is currently their newsletter editor. Ron will draw from his 35 years of back country experience to discuss small mountain streams and high lakes.

Ron will show a video that was filmed on Bear Creek to illustrate fishing strategies for similar streams one could encounter in the back country. Ron will also discuss fishing strategies and fly patterns for high mountain lakes--his favorite type of fishery. His presentation is filled with excellent photos of the back country and big fish. Come and enjoy this presentation by an excellent local author!

***Kellie Heatherly/VP and Program Chair***

## **SAVE THE DATE: PARTY! PARTY! PARTY!**

By Special Projects Co-Chairs:  
Cherrie Buskohl and Carol Stafford

### **"End of the Fishing Trip Season" Party**

**Saturday, October 18th, 2014**

**6pm-10pm**

**Mickey's Top Sirloin Restaurant**

**Banquet Room**

**6950 N. Broadway, Denver, CO. 80221**

**[Click for Google map](#)**

Instead of our traditional holiday party (Christmas, Halloween), this year we have chosen to have a more casual party, much like the New Member Party held in the spring. Even though this party is in October, it will not be a Halloween party this year.

This restaurant has been around for over 50 years, and has great food, great drink prices and a very friendly, family restaurant atmosphere. We are still settling on the final price for the food, but it will be much less expensive than The Marriott last year.

It is going to be fun!! Please put it on your calendar. **We need RSVPs by October 11th.** More information to follow. **Call Carol Stafford, 303 829-1689 or Cherrie Buskohl, 303 246-7324 to RSVP.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENT: PICCOLO'S - A CWF TRADITION!!!!**

By Sue Holton - Membership co-chair

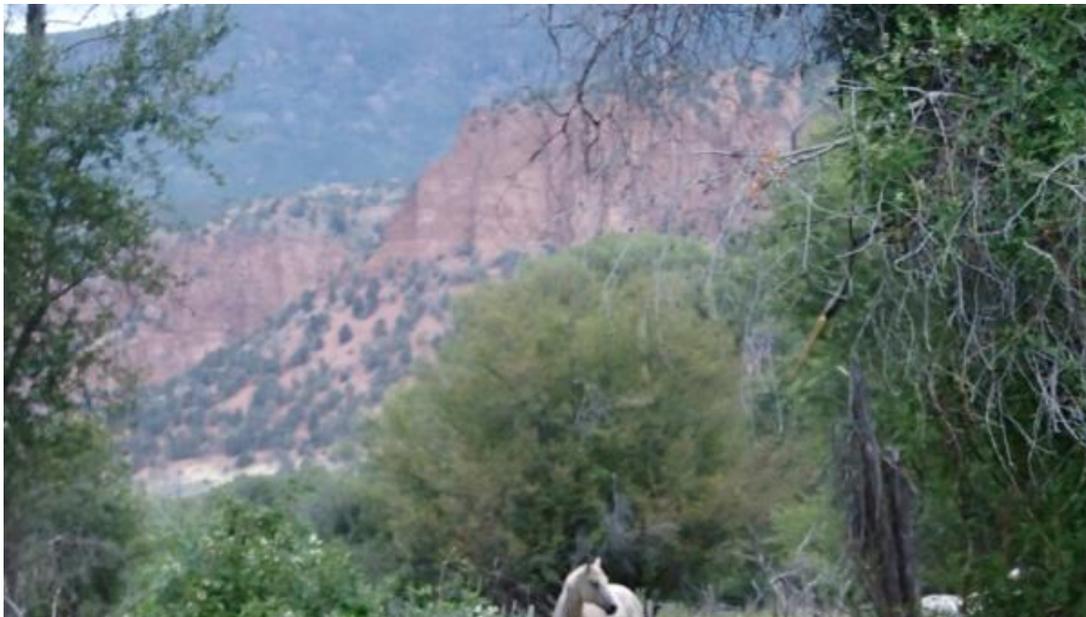
Throughout the many years (at least 10 by my memory), Piccolo's owner Vince Canino and his staff have supported CWF by accommodating us in their meeting room and preparing wonderful meals and drinks for our monthly club meetings!!! In the early days, we were a crazy bunch of women (about 50-60 on average) who loved to have a good time at the meetings. In 2014, not too much has changed - still a crazy, fun loving bunch! This year alone however, our attendance has fluctuated from over 45 to a low of 28 including guests. Still, Amanda, our waitress, and the kitchen staff continued to produce great service and abundant food!!!

### **WE NEED TO SHOW OUR APPRECIATION FOR ALL PICCOLO'S DOES FOR CWF!!!!**

Unfortunately, it has been brought to our attention that "The actions of a few have caused undue hardship on my servers and have made it very challenging for me (Piccolo's) to remain profitable as well." Your CWF Board of Directors approved that BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2015 --- EVERYONE attending a meeting at Piccolo's will be charged a \$12.00 cover which includes the meal whether or not the person chooses to eat. This is a change - yes - it's a small price for the privilege to participate in the social hour, Rheana's valuable educational series, the venue/dinner service and also a planned program!!! Piccolo's is a Colorado family-owned business! Please continue to support our monthly meetings at Piccolo's - it's a CWF tradition!!!!

### **Beautiful Pic from the Frying Pan Trip**

By Rheana Gavagan





**EDUCATION: Rocky Mountain Snowstorm..In August!**

By Rheana Gavagan - Education Chair





Can't believe what you are seeing? I surely couldn't either. I walked through the willows that gracefully swept the rocky banks of the 11 Mile Canyon and found myself in the middle of a freak snow storm. Had I just walked back in time to early April? Not quite...take another look.

The morning started overcast and rain threatening. At one point the canyon was enveloped with low clouds and visibility was not great. I thought to myself- oh great here comes the rain!



This is a Mayfly hatch!

Mayflies are an aquatic insect that live the majority of their lives in their immature nymph stage, underneath the water's surface. When the water temperature, flow and other environmental conditions are just right, those nymphs emerge to the surface to become winged adults.

Occasionally, the conditions are perfect for an entire population of Mayfly nymphs within a section of a river to emerge and mature all at once. This is referred to as a "hatch". A hatch can vary greatly in volume and can refer to any aquatic insect species as they emerge to adults. They live a very short time as adults, only a day or two.

A hatch may also be said to be "moving up the river". This doesn't necessarily mean that the same insects are simply traveling miles and miles upriver. Since the water and ambient air temperature play the largest roles in this process, the river may reach the right temperature for this process in a gradual fashion.

Whether the hatch is large or small, a Mayfly, Trico or Caddis hatch, there is one thing that is for sure. You better pop on that dry fly and get ready to say "fish on"!





Kellie Heathery with "fish on" during the Mayfly hatch in 11 Mile Canyon

## REPORT: ELEVEN MILE CANYON

By Chris Prelaz

We had a great turn out for the Eleven Mile Canyon trip. The weather was great and the canyon was gorgeous as usual.

Most of the ladies that I saw or connected with caught fish. There certainly were plenty of them there - right at your feet. Reports had them taken on San Juan worms, tricos, small pheasant tails, black beauties, red and black zebra midges, Adams, and H & L Variant.

Those that came and camped in the canyon:

Chris Juvan and dogs Chance and Barney, Chris Prelaz, Karen & Rob, Cathy Poirier, CJ Allen, Ann Gregory, Barb Conroy, Kristin Weber, Craige Stainton, Anna Schmidt, Ann Howell, Dawn Blom and hubby Tony, Linda Nielsen.

Deb Nelson, Maria Landis, and Cyndy Scholz came for the day. Members Cherrie Buskohl and Carol Stafford stayed in Flourissant.  
(Sorry if I missed anyone)





Deb Nelson came down for the day - I saw a fish jump right on to her line the minute she stepped into the water. Barb Conroy is getting rigged up.

We had huge fun Saturday evening watching Linda Nielsen, Chris Juvan and Craige Stainton fishing as night fell. Fish were porpoising everywhere, you couldn't see a darn thing but they all caught!



Chris Juvan, Linda Nielsen and Barney with a fish. The reflection of the setting sun on the water in the background was beautiful.





Ann Gregory and I hiked straight up the mountain looking for the Overlook Trail. Here is Ann posing with beautiful views of the river, campground, and reservoir below. We never did find the trail but ended up paving our own way.

There aren't many trips left ladies - come out and fish!

**Upcoming Trips:**

**Aug. 30 - Blue River North Pond**

**Sept. 6 - Tomahawk Wildlife area**

**Sept. 19, 20, 21 - Estes Park**

**UPCOMING TRIP: TOMAHAWK STATE WILDLIFE AREA -  
Sat. Sept. 6, 2014**

By Chris Prelaz

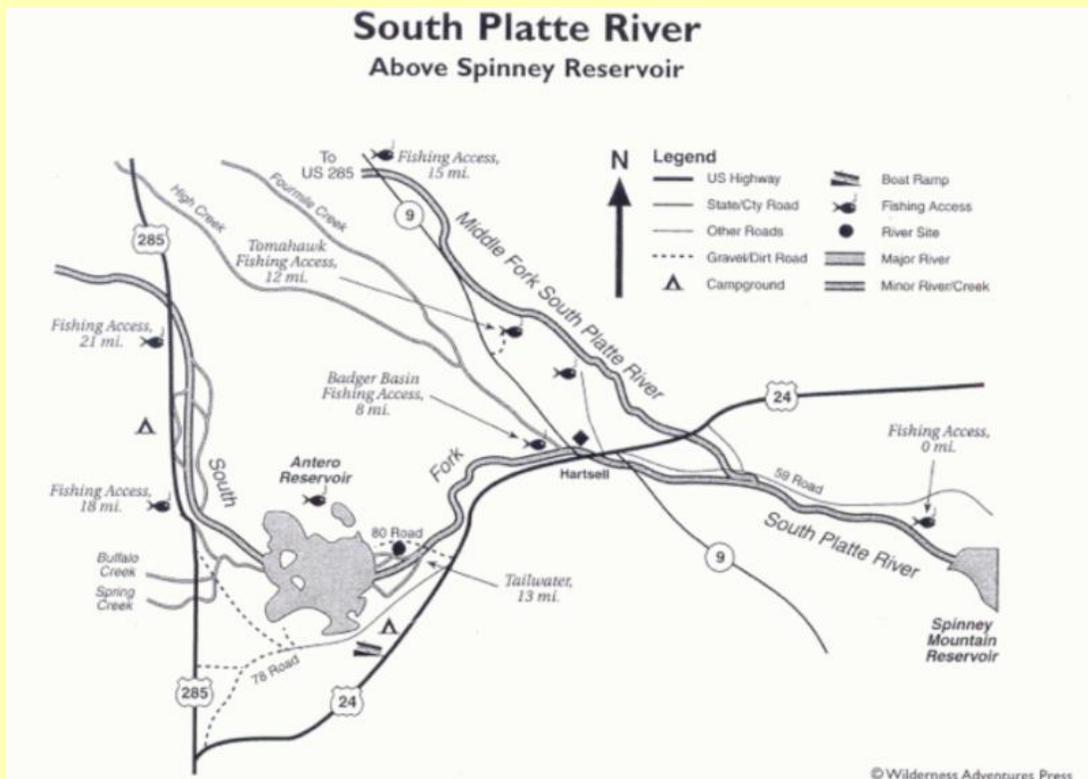
The Tomahawk is a medium size river located just out side of Hartsel, Colorado. The Middle Fork of the South Platte River in the Tomahawk State Wildlife Area is 3-miles of river upstream from Spinney Mountain Reservoir in the open spaces of South Park. Most of the river below Tomahawk to Hartsel is also public access, except on the Santa Maria Ranch.

The river is a classic meandering meadow stream, especially on the upper end where it is more open and stays between 12 and 15 feet wide in most places with shelves, gravel bars, riffles, runs

and some undercut banks; it is a good place for newer anglers, and yet can be challenging enough for the experienced flyfisher. The lower end river is much narrower and has very deep bank undercuts that house some very large fish, but the thick willows in these stretches make this area more of a challenge.

The 4-miles of river immediately to the North of Tomahawk are on the Buffalo Peaks Ranch, owned by the City of Aurora. Public access here is authorized, but prohibited beyond 25 feet from the center of the stream channel on both sides.

The Tomahawk meanders through miles of flat meadows until it joins the South Fork of the South Platte and empties into Spinney Reservoir.



(Info from: A Fly Fisher's Guide to the South Platte River - Pat Dorsey and A Fly Fisher's Guide to Colorado- Marty Bartholomew)Type caption text here.

Some consider the Tomahawk to be one of the most beautiful sections of river in South Park, Colorado.





According to [intheriffle.com](http://www.intheriffle.com/destinations/south-platte-river-tomahawk/)(<http://www.intheriffle.com/destinations/south-platte-river-tomahawk/>), the river boasts a healthy population of brown trout with most of them in the 6-12 inch range. The Colorado Division of Wildlife has been stocking catch able rainbows the past few years. Most of those fish are in the 8-14 inch range. Tomahawk does have some large fish in it though.

Undercut banks and deep holes allow for these fish to reach larger sizes. Once the brown trout reach larger than 16 inches, they become predatory and sulk beneath the undercut banks. A streamer or large grasshoppers are good ways to coax them out from under the deep banks.

All fish between 12 and 20 inches must be returned immediately to the water. Anglers can use only artificial flies and lures, and are asked to consider catch & release to help preserve this fishery.



This is scheduled as a day trip, however, there is various camping in the area as well as hotels in Fairplay. Other great fishing is near too. If anyone is interested in staying overnight Fri. or Sat., I would suggest posting on CWF talk.

Meeting time and place will be posted in CWF talk closer to the trip.

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