



COLORADO

WOMEN

FLY FISHERS

A sociable club for women who flyfish

August 2015

## AUGUST MEETINGS

### DENVER CLUB MEETING

August 4, 2015

5:30 – 6:30 SOCIAL HOUR

6:30 – 7:15 DINNER

7:15 – 7:30 ANNOUNCEMENTS

7:30 – 8:30 PROGRAM: Rock Bob's Fly Fishing Rods

### NoCo CLUB MEETING

August 10, 2015

6:30pm Program: Streamer Fishing

#### **PLACE:**

ST. PETER'S FLY SHOP (SOUTH LOCATION)

2008 E. HARMONY RD, FORT COLLINS

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

August 11, 2015

Bass Pro: 6:30pm – 8:30pm

(Private Dining Room)

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Katherine Albert	Denver, CO
Dina Brown	Denver, CO
Leslie LaBry	Albuquerque, NM
Gayle Pruett	Cheyenne, WY
Susan Robinson	Highlands Ranch, CO
Peggy Stevinson	Greenwood Village, CO
Pat Luzier	Westminster, CO
Margot Iwanchuk	Windsor, CO

## Calendar of Events

Aug 8	Club Trip: 11 Mile Canyon
Aug 14-16	World Youth Championship (CWF Controller Volunteer Event)

## Future Events

Sept 11-12	Club Trip: Arkansas River (Salida)
Sept 26	Member Volunteer Pick

## News from the North – NoCo Chapter

The information provided below may change at any time. Check NoCoCWFTalk for the latest information.

DATE/TIME	OWNER	PROGRAM or FISHING OUTING	LOCATION
August 8-9	Volunteer Needed	Destination to be determined	To be announced
August 10	Gretchen Osborn	Program: Streamer Fishing and Bring your Favorite Fly Vest to meeting	St. Pete's South
Sept 14 6:30pm	Volunteer Needed	Destination to be determined	To be announced
Oct 10-11	Robin Brown	Group Trip – The Pumphouse Colorado River	To be announced
Nov 9	Volunteer Needed	TBD Topic & Holiday Fly Exchange Bring a fly you love as a gift	St. Pete's South

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### Northern Chapter Members:

**This is your Events Page: Please provide upcoming events, outings, and meetings so this page can be updated accordingly.**

### Newsletter Articles and photos:

**NoCo – your members, as well as the rest of the CWF members, want to hear from you! Submit articles and photos of your events, fishing trips, personal travel stories, etc. for inclusion in the club newsletter.**

**Until we have a Newsletter Director any articles, photos, event information, etc. can be emailed to:**

[president@colowomenflyfishers.org](mailto:president@colowomenflyfishers.org)

## CWF TRIP SCHEDULE FOR 2015

(Trips - nearby towns are provided in parentheses – please keep in mind this is not to pinpoint the exact place but just to provide general idea of area. Also note that the exact location of meeting place CAN CHANGE or may not be identified until closer to the date) With ALL trips, **stay in touch** with CWF talk for any changes in trip info as things can change due to weather, water conditions or life in general.

DATE(s)	TRIP	AREA
August 8	11 MILE CANYON	(Woodland Park, Lake George)
August 14-16	WORLD YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP CONTROLLER VOLUNTEER	(Dillon, Vail areas, sites vary)
September 11-12	ARKANSAS RIVER	(Salida, Buena Vista)
September 26	MEMBER VOLUNTEER	CLUB MEMBER TO PICK & HOST TRIP
October 17	<b>GROUP REQUEST:</b>  <b>WE ARE ASKING FOR SUGGESTIONS FOR POSSIBLY A            NEW AREA TO FISH. SUBMIT A REQUEST TO SANDY            WRIGHT (FLYFISHQUEEN@MSN.COM OR CHRIS PRELAZ            (CMP97@HOTMAIL.COM)</b>	



## August Denver Chapter Speaker: Rocky Bob



Handmade Rods That Dance In Your Hand

This month we have a special treat for everyone, new and experienced members. Rocky Bob will be speaking at the Denver Chapter meeting as well as showing some of the components he uses (reel seat, cork grip, guides, etc.) and the rods he creates.

### From Rocky Bob's webpage:

Rocky Bob's Fly Fishing Rods designs and builds handmade & custom fly rods crafted for men and for women in graphite, in a variety of lengths. These handmade fly fishing rods will dance in your hand and bring your fly fishing experience to a new level. Rocky Bob's fly fishing rods truly are handmade, one at a time, by Rocky Bob, who's both a fly rod designer and builder, as well as a master angler. Fly rod components – including the reel seat, the cork grip, and guides – are hand-fitted to the rod for a one-of-a-kind fly fishing rod.

### Rocky Bob's Bio:

A Boston-area native, Rocky Bob's first introduction to fly fishing came when he got a Tonkin Cane Fly Rod Kit for Christmas when he was 12. After learning to cast from a neighborhood friend who just happened to be from Colorado, Bob went to a local pond to try the rod. The scene that day was chaotic as he tried casting, hooking, and then bringing fish to shore. "Even today, catching and landing a fish of any size still makes my heart race," he says.

After catching trout in New England with both spinning and fly fishing tackle, Bob and his dad decided to build a spinning rod from Herter's during one cold New England winter. They built the rod in a month, and when Massachusetts' fishing season opened the next spring, Bob cast the newly made rod only to have it break on the first cast. Chagrined, he sent the broken rod back to Herter's and it was promptly replaced with another kit. This time, he and his dad carefully read the instructions, built the rod, and Rocky Bob still has that rod today.

Growing up, Bob and his father tramped through fields and forests in New England, and he learned orienteering, fishing, hunting, weather assessment, how to “read” a river, and more. He has stories of getting lost in the woods and facing the prospect of putting his survival skills to the test, encountering wildlife, and more.

He moved to Colorado in 1979, and had a chance to try out Colorado’s famed “Gold Medal” waters in more ways than one. Bob has fished virtually every river in Colorado and many others throughout the Rocky Mountain West. He also took up gold panning, and when he’s not working to catch elusive trout, he’s panning for gold in Colorado streams.

In 1989, Rocky Bob went to a Fly Rod Building School in Colorado. This particular rod building school featured a strong, hands-on approach to designing and crafting fishing rods for all sorts of situations. They studied how different materials flexed and performed under a load. He was especially fascinated with the action of fly rods. He learned tips and techniques that don’t come from books and built a great variety of rods during this training. Once he graduated, Rocky Bob kept in touch with his teacher, who continued to mentor him. Then, Bob crafted a variety of fly rods for himself, for friends and colleagues, while pursuing a corporate career as a successful technology salesman. Still...his heart was always on the river.

After 25+ years in sales, he decided it was time to build fly rods full time, researched the performance of various blanks, and crafted a product line of fly rods for men and fly rods for women that are handmade, one at a time, on a workbench. He balances his time between designing and making fly fishing rods with actual time on the river, tromping through Colorado’s wild places with his Labrador Retriever, and meeting folks who love to fish, or want to learn to fish.

He has caught trophy trout, salmon, warm water fish, and pan fish in course of his fishing career.

Bob is passionate about fishing, and getting people outdoors. He has a genuine enjoyment of sharing knowledge and introducing people to fishing, as well as helping existing anglers expand their skills and knowledge.

## **8 RIVER RODEO – CWF PARTICIPANTS**

Submitted by: Amy Slaughter, President

The 8 River Rodeo was held July 24, 25, & 26. The CWF Board of Directors approved sponsorship funds and four members submitted their name and CWF covered their entry fee. The members that were sponsored by CWF this year were Deb Nelson, Kellie Heatherly, Chris Prelaz, and Rheana Gavagan! These ladies, as well as several other CWF members participated this year. Those that were officially sponsored by CWF will be asked to be our featured speaker(s) at the September Denver Chapter meeting. The other CWF members that participated are also invited to share their experience with your fellow members. These members will hopefully share what the experience was like and are welcome to share both stories and photos.

## **CLUB PICNIC REPORT**

Submitted by: Amy Slaughter, President

The annual CWF Picnic was held at the Lake Estes Marina Pavilion on July 18, 2015. I hosted the event and had help setting up from Sandy Wright, Janet Lopez, Fran Sturgis, and Sara Navarro (my guest). We had 35 members that RSVP'd, 5 members that had to cancel (thank you for letting me know), and 16 members / guests attend. I grilled hamburgers, hotdogs, and veggie burgers for the group while some fished, some warmed up their arm tossing horseshoes, and the rest chatted while trying to offer to help.

We enjoyed the sunshine while catching up and, of course, making plans for our next adventure(s). After lunch a horseshoe match broke out with Sandy Wright and Mandi Dorris (The Ringers) taking on Ann Howell and Amy Slaughter (The Wooly Buggers). We were tied at 1 match apiece and were playing a tie breaker game when Sandy tossed a horseshoe, hit her other horseshoe and snapped it! She broke the horseshoe! We had to postpone the rest of the game until different horseshoes could be retrieved. The funniest part is that Sandy has apparently broken a horseshoe in the past! After getting different horseshoes The Ringers prevailed...but this is not the end of it! There will be a rematch as Ann and I had hot arms until the delay in game (or at least that is the story we are telling).

After the Picnic was finished, several members headed out to test their luck on the Big Thompson and others took off the shop in Estes Park. We had a great time and I only wish that more members were able to attend – maybe next year!

## **Presidential Suite:**

Submitted by: Amy Slaughter, President



I hope this newsletter finds everyone well. It was so nice to see a few of you at the club picnic and then the next weekend at the club trip fishing the Big Thompson. I joined our wonderful club in order to meet more women that loved to fly fish as much as I did and every time that I get to meet members it brings a smile to my face! I hope the same thing happens to you as well.

The rivers have finally calmed down so we can safely get on the water and try to catch some fish. There are still several trips left in the season and I hope that the number of participants for the trips will continue to be as good as they have been. The good news is that the fishing is really improving, the fish are as tired of the high waters as we are, and they seem very happy to be looking up for that next meal. I am happy that when at least a few of them look up, they are fooled by my presentation of a breakfast or dinner fly.

We have had quite a few beginners attending the trips and club events, and it has been a lot of fun to hear and see their excitement. The experienced anglers have also been great at taking the beginners under their wing. They help them set up their rigs, show them a few simple knots to tie, and even give up a few of their secret “go to” fly patterns. Sharing of fly fishing knowledge is what the club is all about and seeing it in action is almost as much fun as catching fish. It is great to be able to see, and experience the joy of learning and teaching. Tight Lines ladies!

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOTICE:**

There are several BOD positions that are open and there will be several positions that will become vacant at the end of the calendar year. Please consider volunteering for one of the positions and give back to a club that tries to give its members a “bang for the buck” (pun intended).

Note: The Board of Directors is aware of rumors and rumblings that the club might close its doors. This is not the case but we are in the middle of a volunteer crisis. There is obvious interest in the club based on the number of members attending meetings, club trips, and the many other functions planned for the NoCo and Denver chapters. Get involved – it’s your club!

**BREAKING NEWS:** Jane Retherford has volunteered for the Fundraising Director position! WOW!!! Thanks Jane!

## CWF TRIPS –LODGING, FLYSHOPS

**NOTE:** Most camping reservations for state campgrounds can be made through <http://recreation.gov> OR <http://reserveamerica.com> but not for private campgrounds

DAY USE OR ENTRANCE FEES MAY APPLY TO SOME AREAS – PLEASE CHECK BEFORE YOU GO OR MAKE SURE YOU HAVE SOME MOOLAH WITH YOU

### Arkansas River Salida or Buena Vista CO

#### Fly Shop/ Guides

Arkanglers 7500 W US Hwy 50 Salida, CO 719-539-3473 [www.arkanglers.com](http://www.arkanglers.com)  
Contact: Greg Felt

#### Lodging

**Super 8 Motel**\*\* 719-539-6689  
719-539-7018 (Mention you are with CWF)  
[www.salidasuper8.com](http://www.salidasuper8.com)

#### Camping

- **4 Seasons RV Park** 719-539-309 \*\*  
Discount for CWF members. Please wear CWF clothing when visiting.  
- Primitive camping east of Four Seasons.

### No. Platte R., Grey Reef Alcova or Casper WY

#### Fly Shop/ Guides

-*The North Platte River Fly Shop* (307-237-5997)  
[www.northplatteflyfishing.com/seasons.php](http://www.northplatteflyfishing.com/seasons.php)  
-*Grey Reef Fly Shop*  
22222 Grey Reef Rd, Alcova WY  
307-2329138  
-*Ugly Bug Fly Shop* (307-234-6905)  
Coloradoskies, in Parker, CO  
[www.coloradoskiesoutfitters.com](http://www.coloradoskiesoutfitters.com)

North Platte River Fly Shop to reserve boats 307-277-6282

#### LODGING:

**The Inn at Alcova- 307-234-2066**  
Cabins/cottages-  
<http://northplattelodge.com>

#### Red Butte Inn – B&B

<http://www.redbutteranchlodging.com/>  
(307) 472-3784 or (307) 277-1003

**Camping (Grey Reef):** BLM camping at both Grey Reef and Alcova Reservoirs. Also camping at the KOA Campground in Bar Nunn, ([www.koakampgrounds.com/where/wy/50155/index.html](http://www.koakampgrounds.com/where/wy/50155/index.html)) about 34 mi from the reef and at the Fort Casper Campground between Casper and Grey Reef, ([www.ftcasparcamp.org](http://www.ftcasparcamp.org)) about 30 miles upstream of Grey Reef, there camping along the Miracle Mile section of the North Platte.

-Check [recreation.gov](http://recreation.gov) or [reserveamerica.com](http://reserveamerica.com)

### Yampa River Steamboat CO

#### Flyshops:

-*Steamboat Flyfisher* 970-879-6552  
<http://www.steamboatflyfisher.com/>  
-*Bucking Rainbow Outfitters*  
888-810-8747  
<http://www.buckingrainbow.com/>

#### Camping/Lodging Steamboat Campground

<http://steamboatcampground.com/>  
3603 Lincoln Ave. Steamboat Springs, CO 80487; (970) 879 – 0273  
<http://steamboat-chamber.com> -other lodging, camping

### Frying Pan – Basalt or Aspen CO

#### Flyshops

-*Frying Pan Anglers-* 970-927-3441  
<http://www.fryingpananglers.com/>  
-*Taylor Creek Fly Shop* – (970) 927-4374  
<http://www.taylorcreek.com/>

#### Camping

-\*Little Maud  
<http://www.recreation.gov>  
-Mollie B <http://www.recreation.gov>

### Eleven Mile Canyon Lake George, or Woodland Park, CO

#### Lodging

Eleven Mile Canyon Lodging Option  
[VRBO.com](http://VRBO.com) (South Central Colorado, Lake George area.)

### Camping (Eleven Mile)

[www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov)  
-\**Spillway Campground main campground*  
-*Springer Gulch Campground*  
-*Riverside Campground*  
-*Blue Mountain*  
(1.5 miles south of Lake George on Rd. 61)

### Rocky Mountain National Park Estes Park, CO

#### Fly Shop/ Guides

-*Kirks Fly shop*, [kirksflyshop.com](http://kirksflyshop.com) 877-669-1859 /Toll free 970-557-0790

-*Scotts Sporting Goods*

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

(970) 586-2877 **Winter** (October-April): (970) 443-4932

-*Estes Angler*

<http://www.estesangler.com/>  
800-586-2110 or 970-586-2110

#### Lodging

Lodging Estes Park Colorado  
[www.estesparkcvb.com/lodging.cfm](http://www.estesparkcvb.com/lodging.cfm)

#### Camping

Mary's Lake Campground

Rocky Mountain National Park

<http://www.nps.gov/romo>

Follow link to *Plan Your Visit* or *Fees and Reservations* for camp info

Check for reservations or to find other campgrounds in area

[www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) or  
[www.reserveamerica.com](http://www.reserveamerica.com)

1-877-444-6777

Estes Park KOA, [estesparkkoa.com](http://estesparkkoa.com)  
(800) 562-1887.

## CWF TRIPS – LODGING, FLYSHOPS CONTINUED

### Jefferson Lake Jefferson CO

**General Info Link:**

<http://www.anglerscovey.com/where-to-fish/colorado-lakes-and-reservoirs/jefferson-lake>

**Camping**

-Jefferson Creek – **main campground**  
-Lodgepole  
-Aspen  
All of these are VERY close in proximity to each other  
Reserve through state campground links

### Castle Mountain Recreation at Wellington Lake Baily or Pine CO

**General Info** – rates, directions, camping etc

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

*SAVE THIS AREA  
FOR ADDITIONAL  
OR FUTURE  
LODGING,  
CAMPING, &  
FLY SHOP  
INFORMATION*

## Colorado Women Flyfishers 2015 Board of Directors

Colorado Women Flyfishers – 2015 Board of Directors	Position
Amy Slaughter	President
<b>OPEN</b>	Vice President
Kimberly Travis	Secretary
Jolene Pilcher	Treasurer
Rheana Gavagan	Education Director
Jane Retherford (assist from Mary Manka)	Fundraising Director
Sue Holton & Penny Dietrich	Membership Director(s) (Co-Director's)
<b>OPEN</b>	Newsletter Director
Ann Howell	Public Events Director
<b>OPEN</b>	Special Projects Director
Deb Nelson & Kris Trierweiler	Technology Director(s)
<b>OPEN</b>	Outreach Director
Chris Prelaz & Sandy Wright	Trip Director(s)

**2015 Board of Directors open positions** – need volunteers soon. Please give it some thought and look at the position descriptions below. Co-Directors make the work half as much effort but twice as much fun! Find a friend and volunteer!

Send Amy an email: [president@colowomenflyfishers.org](mailto:president@colowomenflyfishers.org)

Vice President – Assists the President, organizes programs for the Denver member meetings, monitors compliance with the by-laws, and, in the absence of the President, acts as President.

Special Projects – This position is responsible for setting up the special projects for the club (spring kick-off, year-end party, river clean up, picnic, etc.).

Newsletter Director – Produces Club newsletter and maintains newsletter mailing list

**BREAKING NEWS:** Jane Retherford has volunteered for the Fundraising Director position!  
WOW!!! Thanks Jane!

**2016 Board of Directors that will be open as well as positions currently open** – we need volunteers soon. Please give it some thought and look at the position descriptions below. Co-Directors make the work half as much effort but twice as much fun! Find a friend and volunteer!

**Available Officer Positions (and their duties):**

**President:** Presides over all meetings of the membership and the Board, serves as a exofficio member of all standing committees, and, subject to the direction and supervision of the Board, acts as official spokeswoman and representative of the Club.

**Vice President:** Assists the President, organizes programs for the Denver member meetings, monitors compliance with the by-laws, and, in the absence of the President, acts as President.

**Available Director Positions (and their duties):**

**Education Director:** Plans and coordinates any educational and skill-improvement activities that may be undertaken by the Club.

**Newsletter Director:** Produces Club newsletter and maintains newsletter mailing list.

**Outreach Director:** Plans and coordinates community outreach activities undertaken by the Club.

**Public Events Director:** Plans, coordinates, and staffs volunteers and conducts a raffle, if appropriate, at shows and events as approved by the board. Co-sponsors the annual holiday party fundraising with the Fundraising/Raffle Director.

**Special Projects Director:** Plans and coordinates special projects, including any social, conservation or charitable activities that may be undertaken by the Club.

**Trip Director:** Plans and coordinates fly fishing outings for the Club.