

The Flypaper

August 2021



A LEADER IN COLDWATER CONSERVATION

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From the President

Poudre Burn Scar:

Well, my worst fears were witnessed when I saw the news report on the flash flood on our beloved Poudre river the week of July 21st. Lives lost and homes destroyed. What else can I say – so very sad. So incredibly sad.

Now, turning my thoughts to the Poudre fishery, I don't think we really know the extent of the impact on the trout population, but I am sure the damage is extensive. I saw a [short video](#) showing biologist Kyle Battige surveying the damage (the video is called Monitoring impacts to the fishery in the Poudre River following a flash flood...). He plunged his hand into the thick, black muck at the water's edge. His hand went about 8" into the muck before he felt the solid gravel that made up the streambank before the flash flood hit. Numerous dead trout were left high and dry, black with ash, on the bank. Miraculously, the video also showed a number of live trout swimming near some large boulders at the river's edge. Hopefully some of these fish will survive. How long will it take for the river to recover? Only time will tell.



September Membership Meeting – Face to Face

As more and more people get vaccinated, your Board of Directors is hoping and planning on

meeting face to face in September (Wednesday, Sept 15, to be exact). At this moment in time, I am quite worried that we may not be able to meet in person, as the Delta variant is causing cases to rise. In some states cases are rising 300-400% over the last few weeks. What will the situation be come early September? I have no idea. But I do know that cases are slightly up in Larimer county from the month of June, so we are going in the wrong direction.

We will keep you posted via our September Newsletter about the time, location (see Dave Beede's article later in this newsletter), and program for our first chapter meeting of the fall. We will also keep you posted as the COVID situation evolves as to whether we will hold the meeting in person or remotely via Zoom.

RMF Corporate Rewards Program Expands

I know that this information was in our last newsletter, but thought it worth mentioning again. We have added Kroger's King Soopers and City Market stores to RMF's Corporate Rewards Program, in addition to Amazon. This is another easy way for our members to donate more to RMF. It's this easy:

1-You sign-up and shop.

2-The company gives to Rocky Mountain Flycasters.

This is an easy way to support your chapter, so please sign up soon! Thank you!

Ft Collins RiverFest, Aug 21st

Last month we announced that this event will be our first "in-person" event since 2019. We will need volunteers to staff our **brand new booth** which was just ordered with our new logo. Note that this will be an outdoor event, so I hope you agree that we can do this safely. Our booth volunteers will be there to tell people what we do, hand out our informational brochures, talk about the Poudre Headwaters Project, and tell interested people how to volunteer and also how to join RMF. We may also have a demonstration fly tyer. Here is the official announcement from the RiverFest website: <https://poudreriverfest.org/>

"Join us at New Belgium Brewing for a day of education, restoration and celebration of the Poudre River! There will be live music, exhibitor booths, interactive games, food trucks, tasty beer and door prizes! You can also learn about river restoration projects being led by local non-profits and sign up to volunteer".

- Saturday, August 21, 2021
- 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM
- New Belgium Brewery ([map](#))

Our booth volunteers will start setting up around 12 noon that day, to be ready for the 1 o'clock start time. I don't know about you, but I am excited to do this!

Upcoming Chapter Events:

To date, we have the following public events penciled in on our RMF calendar:

- RiverFest - Aug 21st, Mini-Celebration @ New Belgium, 1:00 PM 6:00 PM
- Rist Canyon Fire Dept Fund Raiser – Sept 11th. RMF will have a combined booth with our friends from Platte Rivers Veterans Fly Fishing, thanks to Dave Morse.
- Trek the Thompson – Oct 2nd in Loveland (organized by the Big Thompson Watershed Coalition)

As details of these events are solidified and draw near, we will be looking for volunteers to help staff our booth and tell the public what we do. If you don't think you know enough details about RMF programs and activities, no worries, let me know and we'll get you up to speed!

Trout Unlimited: What we do really matters!

- We work to conserve, protect, and restore Colorado's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds.

- We are a voice for Colorado rivers.
- We bring together diverse interests to care for and recover rivers and streams, so our children can experience the joy of wild and native trout and salmon.
- Every time I volunteer, it fills me with enthusiasm and hope for the future.
- Love your time on the water! Love the fish you catch! Feel the passion! Revel in it!

Thanks everybody, for what you do to support Rocky Mountain Flycasters. Now get out there and make August a great month!

Mark Miller
RMF President



New Location for Chapter Meetings



New location for chapter meetings in 2021 - 2022, beginning September 15

The Northside Aztlan Community Center (NACC), 112 E. Willow Street in Fort Collins is the new in-person meeting location for Rocky Mountain Flycasters (RMF). Our 7 monthly chapter meetings (the 3rd Wednesday of each month), the holiday event December 15, 2021, and the annual Fly Tying Expo, February 16, 2022 will be held at this new location

(website: <https://www.fcgov.com/recreation/northside#cb-29611-5600>) .

The NACC replaces the Fort Collins Senior Center to expand our space, to help facilitate greater attendance, and to encourage more and younger members to participate in our Chapter's monthly events. The NACC is centrally located relative to the distribution of RMF membership in NoCO and has free parking behind the facility, adequate rooms for monthly chapter meetings and the holiday event, a kitchen for staging meals, and a large (3-court) gymnasium space for our Expo — all in the same facility (photos: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/fortcollinsgov/sets/72157665424173069/>).

September 15, 2021 (Wednesday) begins the chapter's 2021 - 2022 meeting season. Please check the September issue of Flypaper for directions to the NACC and announcement of the program and speaker for our first Fall meeting.

Dave Beede, vice-president of RMF



Sponsors Near New Meeting Location





- ★ North Aztlan Center
- ★ Wolverine Farm
- Union
- Ginger & Baker / The Cache
- Copermuse Distillery
- The Exchange
- Jays Bistro
- Blue Agave
- The Cupboard
- Austin's
- Trailhead Tavern
- Social
- St. Peter's Flyshop
- Tap & Handle

Conservation Volunteer Opportunities

Big South Angling Survey

Anyone interested in fishing for science?? Think of it as angling in the most beautiful laboratory imaginable!! It is time to sign up for the Big South Angling Survey. While this project is a straightforward science-based data collection project, it is also a unique opportunity afforded to Trout Unlimited to engage its supporters with the opportunity to fish for enjoyment and, at the same time, support a critical component of our mission - science based decision making. And, just to spice things up a bit, how about some prizes and free swag. You know, prizes for things like; most fish caught (and info recorded), biggest fish caught, smallest fish caught (don't forget it is also Brookie water), biggest cutthroat, etc. There will be more information forthcoming, but the important thing is to get registered ASAP! Angler volunteers and Monitor volunteers are both needed. Monitor volunteers will receive training prior to the event.

On the serious side, the goal of the Big South Angling survey is to monitor the composition of fish, below the proposed Poudre Headwaters Project lower barrier, to determine where we stop observing brown trout. This collected information will help the USFS Barrier Design Team make final modifications to the barrier design.

Log in to the RMF iVolunteer portal for details. If you have not yet registered as a RMF volunteer, please visit the [RMF Volunteer Home Page](#) and register to receive automated notice of upcoming opportunities.

Post-Fire Fish Surveys

Dr. Kanno and staff are working with the Forest Service and Park Service to acquire data on impacts to fisheries in the burn area. This work will involve electrofishing streams in the Poudre Headwaters and the upper Colorado River basins. Volunteer help is needed for each project day. These will be all day trips and require as much as a two-hour hike to access these remote sites. More information, including dates will be available on the RMF iVolunteer portal at 12:00 pm, Friday, July 30th.

Log in to the RMF iVolunteer portal for details. If you have not yet registered as a RMF volunteer, please visit the [RMF Volunteer Home Page](#) and register to receive automated notice of upcoming volunteer opportunities.

Poudre Headwaters Mark and Capture

Following up on the data collected during the August angling survey, USFS and USFWS biologists will collect more localized data regarding Brook Trout above the Poudre Headwaters lower barrier. This project will involve electrofishing, data recording, tagging and relocation of Brook Trout. Access to the project area will be from Long Draw Road. USFS will assist with this access as Long Draw Road will, most likely, not be open to the public this season. Register now for any of the days available and additional information will be provided to registrants as it becomes available.

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Stream Temp Monitoring

Rocky Mountain Flycasters, in cooperation with the US Forest Service, has carried out a Stream Temperature Monitoring Project since 2018. The aim of the Project is to identify suitable habitat for reintroduction of native greenback cutthroat trout. The project is ongoing and will continue for the foreseeable future. The project involves visiting sites in Arapahoe and Roosevelt National Forest along tributaries of the Cache la Poudre River to install temperature sensing equipment and to retrieve data from the temperature sensing sites.

Log in to the RMF iVolunteer portal for details. If you have not yet registered as a RMF volunteer, please visit the [RMF Volunteer Home Page](#) and register to receive automated notice of upcoming opportunities.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at conserve@rmftu.org

I hope to see you in the field!

Dick Jefferies
Conservation Committee Chair



Lone Pine Fish Study

Volunteers Assist Lone Pine Fish Population Study

Rocky Mountain Flycasters volunteers once again teamed up with Colorado Parks and Wildlife at Lone Pine Creek in July to conduct a fish population study. Kyle Battige, an aquatic biologist with CPW, led the effort. Jake Ruthven, a fisheries technician with CPW and a graduate student in the Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit at the University of Wyoming, assisted Kyle in leading the activity. Jake has a long history with Rocky Mountain Flycasters, starting when he participated in the chapter's Conservation Day Camp as a youth.



Fish population studies in Lone Pine Creek have been done periodically for over 30 years, and historic "stations" (sampling areas) were revisited this year. Two sections of stream, each 400-500 feet in length, were sampled by electrofishing. In each section, two passes were made to collect as many fish as possible. In addition to brown trout, for which Lone Pine Creek is best known, one rainbow trout and several other smaller native species (longnose sucker, white sucker, and longnose dace) of fish were collected, weighed, measured, and then released.

It was another great opportunity to help out biologists and witness how they work to manage our fisheries. Lone Pine Creek is a lovely area within the Cherokee State Wildlife Area, and it was rewarding to enjoy a fine summer day and to meet some new people.

Jake brought along two experienced technicians he works with on fisheries research in Wyoming, Chloe Lyles and Noel Slater. Kyle was accompanied by Baily Menefee, another very capable technician. It was nice to meet this hardworking team, and great to see more women engaged in this type of work.

And finally, many thanks to the volunteers from Rocky Mountain Flycasters: Phil Wright, Scott Baily, Ted Sammond, Tony Popp and Wil Huett.



Pub and Dub RETURNS!



There is no greater pleasure than catching a fish with a fly you tied. Teaching a beginner to tie flies ranks a close second.

Our popular social fly tying event “Pub and Dub” will be held the **first Thursday of each month starting September 2 at 6:00 PM** in the loft area at the rear of the taproom at the Gilded Goat Brewery and Taproom, 3500 S. College Ave in Fort Collins. Come and join us for an evening of socialization, swapping fish stories from your summer and maybe even learning a new

pattern.

“Pub and Dub” is a free event hosted by the Rocky Mountain Flycasters TU Chapter for members and friends to meet, have a beverage and tie flies. **Marty Staab** will designate a “Fly of the Month”, and the Chapter provides all tying materials (and vises and tools as needed) along with video tying instructions on the big screen TV. Tyers of all abilities are welcome, and first time tyers will find themselves surrounded by others happy to assist.

Please RSVP to Marty (mrstaab@gmail.com) each session, and let him know if you need a loaner vise or tools.



Trout in the Classroom Program Coordinator

RMF's TIC Coordinator is part of RMF's Education Committee team led by Committee Chair Dave Haeusler. RMF's current TIC Coordinator retires at the end of the incoming 2021-2022 school year, and this opportunity provides overlap for the incoming TIC Coordinator(s) to get up to speed. It's also possible that up to three TIC Coordinators can train to job-share with each having responsibility for a designated school. Colorado TU also provides virtual training and a comprehensive TIC Manual covering all necessary information and instructions.



Trout in the Classroom is a teacher led, conservation-oriented, environmental education program in which students raise rainbow trout from eggs to fry while monitoring and controlling water quality chemistry and engage in a variety of stream habitat studies, projects and some also in field activities. RMF provides the equipment and supplies and provides support including any requested guest speakers and field activity leadership. Our objective is to help students appreciate water resources, begin to foster a conservation ethic and learn to understand ecosystems. School activity begins in mid-late August and most programs conclude by releasing their trout in a state-approved nearby stream or watershed. Each school's program is unique and tailored to fit the teacher's curriculum needs. TIC Coordinators assist the teacher to set up the tank, consult regarding teachers' questions, occasionally visit the school to confer or address the class, facilitate acquisition of necessary supplies, and provide encouragement with programming suggestions, etc.

TIC has been a large part of Rocky Mountain Flycasters youth program since 2010 and there are approximately a dozen other Colorado chapters that also sponsor TIC programs. This fall RMF Chapter will support TIC tanks in science classrooms at Windsor Junior High, Severance Junior High and Greeley West High School. There are more than 800 Trout in the Classroom installations across the United States.

Interested chapter members are encouraged to visit <https://coloradotu.org/trout-in-the-classroom> for more information about Trout in the Classroom and its virtual training program, and also to contact either Education/Youth Committee Chair Dave Haeusler d.haeusler@gmail.com and/or current TIC Coordinator Dennis Cook rkymtnangler@gmail.com to learn more about this opportunity before deciding if you wish to proceed.



Member Profile



Meet Colin Glover

As a 2nd generation CSU alumni I feel I was destined to make Fort Collins my home. After college I had stints living in San Francisco and Denver but now I've put down roots and built a business doing what I love; helping folks find their home in Northern Colorado as a Realtor at The Group Inc.

My wife and I chose to live in Fort Collins because of the amazing opportunities for growing a business, community involvement and outdoor recreation that

Northern Colorado provides. But what's kept us here is the amazing people that make this community feel like home.

A deep love of fly fishing is obviously what brought me to the Rocky Mountain Flycasters but the passion shared by our members for conserving the fisheries in our home waters of the Poudre and Big Thompson Watershed is what led me to join the leadership team. Currently I serve on the board of directors for the Rocky Mountain Flycasters and the Coalition for the Poudre River Watershed. I've also served as Vice President for RMF in years past. Giving back to my

community has always been a big part of my life dating back to my involvement in the Boy Scouts. Earning my Eagle Scout showed me that it's possible to build a life that blends entrepreneurship, a love for the outdoors and community service. Today, through my volunteer work with these organizations I get to utilize these passions while also finding a reason to slip in conversations on fly fishing at every opportunity.

I got my start chasing trout on my first backpacking trip in the Sangre de Cristos as a little kid. I fell in a beaver pond while fishing for brookies and thought for sure I was going to drown. After a few seconds of panic I pulled myself up only to hear my dad struggling to tell me to stand up through his booming laughter. Turns out that pond was about 8 inches deep! It was the three feet of muck backed up behind the dam that I was flailing in and not the water. Since that eventful outing I've carried a rod with me on almost every outing across our public lands. I still spend time in the Sangre de Cristos as my family has had a cabin in the area for the past 30 years.

Since Covid-19 saw a huge spike in the interest in fly fishing I have turned to solo hiking, with my 13 year old lab mix, into remote streams and alpine lakes to beat the crowds. The challenges of reaching and catching backcountry trout has really added fuel to my passion for fly fishing. I make a point to get into the backcountry at least one day a week, if only for a few hours, and I continue this year round through hunting both large and small game. It's these experiences across Northern Colorado and Southern Wyoming that ground my connections to the natural world and provide an outlet to the fast paced nature of my real estate business. But don't get me wrong, I'm also a big fan of combining friends, drift boats, large rivers and ice cold IPAs to pursue trout across the West!

While I'm not the world's greatest fly tyer or long distance caster I do love teaching people to fly fish. Now that COVID-19 is increasingly in our rear view I'd love to connect with other chapter members, especially those who've joined in the last 18 months, to share some of my favorite spots in our region.



Volunteers Still Needed!



Volunteers Still Needed! - RMF Stream Temperature Monitoring Project is Progressing in 2021

The 2021 field season is in full swing and the Rocky Mountain Flycasters Stream Temperature Monitoring Project team is making real progress. However, additional volunteers will help the project achieve its goals before the field season ends. Don't worry if you have not yet gotten into the field and been trained to install and maintain temperature sensors, and retrieve sensor data. New volunteers will be matched up with an experienced

volunteer so that they can be trained and then go on to train others. It's a fun and satisfying project to carry out and will likely take you to new places you have not been to before. Take a fly rod along and fish!

The Rocky Mountain Flycasters Stream Temperature Monitoring Project began in 2018. With the assistance of the Forest Service and RMF volunteers, the team has now installed and is visiting 26 temperature monitoring sites in tributaries of the Cache la Poudre River. The aim of the Project is to identify suitable habitat for the reintroduction of native cutthroat trout.

So far in 2021, volunteers have retrieved temperature sensor data from Panhandle Creek, North Fork Joe Wright Creek, Sawmill Creek (that's volunteer Scott Baily on Sawmill Creek on July 27 in the photo above), lower Trap Creek, Williams Gulch, Sevenmile Creek, George Creek, Cornelius Creek and Sheep Creek near Eaton Reservoir. We are making good progress thus far this field season but there are quite a few more sites to visit.

The identification of suitable habitat areas in which to establish additional sustainable

populations of greenback cutthroat trout on the specie's historic range is a longstanding priority for Rocky Mountain Flycasters and Colorado Trout Unlimited and our partners. These partners include the US Forest Service, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, the US Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Park Service, and the Western Native Trout Initiative. A key requirement for selecting suitable habitat for greenback reintroduction is to assess the water temperature regime in potential reintroduction streams.

If you are interested in participating in the stream temperature monitoring project or would like additional information please contact me by email at philwright@ieeee.org. I thank the Stream Temperature Monitoring Project team for your interest and participation in RMF's stream monitoring efforts. I look forward to building our capabilities and establishing a substantial database of stream data going forward. See you on the stream – *Phil Wrigh*



South Park Fishing Trip Report

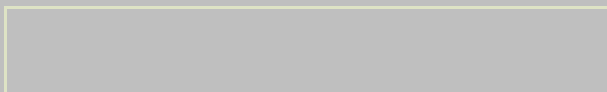
Friday, July 23rd four intrepid RMF Anglers traveled to South Park, not to be discouraged by the weather predicted heavy thunder storms for all of Saturday and Sunday. Well, the weather *wasn't quite as bad* as we'd feared, and overall circumstances weren't at all as dismal as we'd expected. In fact, we had an enjoyable time. Lodging for Bill, Marty and Dennis was in small cabins at the Lake George RV & Cabins Resort, where Scott Baily also parked his travel trailer and hosted a terrific Mexican dinner & libations Friday evening after our initial but brief fishing at Eleven Mile Canyon.

Eleven Mile Canyon is a beautiful river stretch with a moderate gradient that provides glorious pocket waters throughout its length. The tailwater below the dam release is highly technical featuring a long ripple stretch into a large pool that feeds through about 1½ miles of varied meadow runs reaches...all catch & release. Brush heavily borders the river, so insect life is extremely good. Then, increased gradient begins and runs for about five miles until it flattens and becomes private. Pat Dorsey's website at <https://www.patdorseyflyfishing.com/colorado-elevenmile-canyon/> offers a good description of the beautiful terrain and also details specific qualities of this fishery. Very interesting ancient and pioneering history scenarios about the canyon are also available at <https://cpw.state.co.us/placestogo/parks/ElevenMile/Pages/History.aspx>

The Dream Stream (aka Charlie Myers SWA) was our Saturday challenge and we spent a long morning and brief early afternoon combatting a slightly high flow dam release causing heavy color that blocked good visibility for any sight fishing...additionally complicated by fairly heavy winds. Insect life on this approximately 1½ mile meadow stretch is very good...and this time one might have expected to catch his/her limit using a mosquito dry fly...but we weren't that lucky. Very specific CPW fish and species counts about this world class fishery are available at <https://cpw.state.co.us/thingstodo/Fishery%20Survey%20Summaries/SouthPlatteRiverAtTheDreamStream.pdf>

Saturday evening we also again visited Eleven Mile Canyon, but this time our fishing time was brief because we became trapped in a road blockage caused by a car whose passenger-side wheels were precariously both off the road (threatening a possible roll down toward the river) and presenting a treacherous choice for another angler's rig to pull it out or phone and wait for a tow truck. We watched! ...and eventually another vehicle's driver with apparent knowledge succeeded resolving the threat.

Sure, we caught a few fish but nothing to write home about...but we had a terrific time as a foursome! It was a great opportunity to get to know new members' Bill Adkison, a TU member transfer who relocated from Taos, NM, and Marty Leech, a longtime local who recently joined RMF. Both are experienced fly anglers and very enjoyable trip companions...plus we discovered we all enjoy a pleasant lunch at a unique Florissant restaurant, and also an outstanding casual dinner at McGinty's Wood Oven Pub in Divide...both within a 30-minute drive. So, all in all a very enjoyable weekend!





Beautiful Water!



Bill Adkison, Marty Leech and Scott Baily survey South Park expanses..



BROOKIES GALORE! Trip Report

Colorado River Headwaters, RMNP West Slope, Saturday, July 10th

On July 10th our crew of ten enthusiastic RMF Chapter anglers assembled in the Loveland Jax parking lot readied for carpool to depart at 7:00am to drive across Trail Ridge Road to the Colorado River Trailhead at the North end of The Kawuneeche Valley section of Rocky Mountain National Park. The weather forecast was glorious and the stream was running just a bit higher than typically which we agreed made everything *just perfect!* Trip veterans Paul Wehr, Wil Huett, Ron Hanser, and Dave Haeusler welcomed member Mark Bonaventura and recent new chapter members Terry Gibbons, Tom Schultz, Mike Nichols and Dave Rackoski aboard for this popular trip that first started in 2012.

We got on the water at about 9am, rejoined briefly for lunch stories and ended at about 4:30pm. Fort Collins approached 100 degrees that day, but we were basking in beautiful mid-70's amongst the lush greenery and lurking shadows of RMNP's dense spruce-lodgepole forest. Ron Hanser gets applause for the most brook trout, 32 I think he said, plus the only Colorado River Cutthroat...a 13 incher.) Everybody this trip enjoyed a successful catch and there also were four other fish caught that hit the 12 inch length – the most of any headwaters trip that I recall.

This RMNP trip typically is scheduled in early July each year, and is popular among both longtime members to let their hair down (if they still have enough) and relax, and for new members who may be relative newcomers to flyfishing, without pressure to pick up a few tips and enjoy a good catch of these small size, but big-personality, wigglers.

Mark your calendar and keep an eye on newsletter and website calendar announcements about next year's date.



Above

Back: Terry Gibbons, Ron Hanser, Tom Schultz, Middle: Dave Haeusler, Mike Nichols, Wil Huett, Dennis Cook, Front: Dave Rackoski, Mark Bonaventura, Paul Wehr

Right
Ron Hanser setting his hook for the day's first catch.



Vince Herrera's St. Peter's Fly Fishing Report for August

It never fails to amaze me how quick the year seems to go by. There are days where fishing goes by so fast and everything else goes by so slowly and before you know it, it's already August and some of the best fishing of the year is already behind us. Water is beginning to warm up on the really hot days and now it's going to be very important to be conscious of the water temperatures starting around 12pm. This is not to say that the fishing is done but some of the hatches that we wait for all year are done. We have August to fish a lot of small stoneflies like Golden and Yellow Sallies and plenty of Caddis and Terrestrials but this is the time of the year when we begin to see thick Trico hatches throughout the day as water periodically warms up. Just like the rest of the hatches during the season, we only have a limited amount of time to actually see and fish the hatch so get out there and rope some fish before it gets too hot.



The summer brings some hustle and bustle around the shop and it has been pretty cool to see everyone in person who reads this newsletter. I am sure glad that we have the opportunity this summer to visit in person without masks and that's something we should never take for granted. It's great to see everyone getting out and participating in being part of the community. We still have plenty of classes that you can join to learn some new things and elevate your angling skills and techniques to the next level. Fly casting can be hard sometimes and no matter how long you have been fishing there are fundamental skills that will help make our days a lot easier and successful. Entomology is a great class to become familiar with the invertebrates fish feed on but Fly Fishing School and Intro to Fly Fishing are both excellent classes to get refreshers on the absolute basics of fly fishing. It's funny because after years of fishing and just 1 day in this class there were several things that had slipped out of my mind that I now realize are very important to a good day on the water. Intro to Fly Fishing runs every weekend this month with the first class being on August 7th at 12pm. Fly Fishing School will be from 9-5pm on August 21st at our South store. Call if you would like to sign up. I'm sure everyone has heard the craze surrounding European Style Nymphing techniques. It's an extremely easy, sensitive, and effective way to

catch fish given the correct understanding. I will be teaching and helping students learn some of the most effective nymphing techniques used to cover water at various times of the year. This will be our On the Water Nymphing strategies class on August 7th from 8-12pm on the Poudre River. For \$100 you will walk away with techniques that you can apply to any river for the rest of your life. For any intermediate anglers looking to try something new you should look at our Warmwater Tactics class. It's \$150 and you are bound to have a good time. We have some pictures and stories to prove it. Thomas from the shop is an avid warm water angler and grew up fishing for Bass, Pike, Crappie, Carp, and PanFish. Targeting these species is so fun and it's nice to give trout (a cold water species) a break when the water gets warm. Focusing on bass and other warm water species will only increase your knowledge and bend your rod even more making those fights extra intense. I highly encourage you to check this class out. It's on some private water with plenty of fish to be caught and you'll be missing out on some excellent learning opportunities.

Conditions have been pretty dang good lately. On sunny days, temperatures won't become too hot until midday and sometimes later. Water clarity was a little murky in July with some black flows here and there but now the clarity is not too bad unless it begins to rain. Dry fly fishing has been amazing thanks to great hatches and the fish seem to be ok despite the results of The Cameron Peak Fire. Everytime I go out I see Caddis, PMD's, Sallies, Hoppers, BWO's and Drakes. The fish are readily taking them from the surface and it won't last forever. If the dry fly fishing is slow switch to a dry dropper with a #10-14 foamy hopper on top a #14 Ticket or #12 Green Drake underneath your Hopper Pattern. This should get some attention. I'm still fishing heavier tippet like 3x and 4x. This gives me the confidence to cast close to the structure and the thick diameter helps turn large flies over with great ease. As the temps warm up, fish will move towards the riffles where there is more available oxygen. Swing some soft hackle mayflies through a shallow riffle and they'll be there. Deep pools will still be a viable option when fish are relaxing but they are all fairly spread out during this time of the year. When it gets to about 12:30pm I'll go back into town and look for the sunning bass and carp. You'll find a lot and if you throw a damsel nymph in front of them you'll be able to watch them follow the fly. It's awesome! Do not forget that this is our chance to fish high alpine lakes as well. Water stays pretty cool on the high elevation lakes and the fishing can be really good. Especially as their fall season approaches. There's also something about being alone at a lake with one fly box and rod that just makes the whole experience a lot more intimate. You should go check them out. Of course, if you have questions or find yourself struggling you can always stop by or call the shop. Thank you all for your continued support. We are so thankful to be here for such a fantastic community. Keep enjoying your Summer!



Upcoming Events

August 22 - 28 Yellowstone Trip

September 2 Pub and Dub

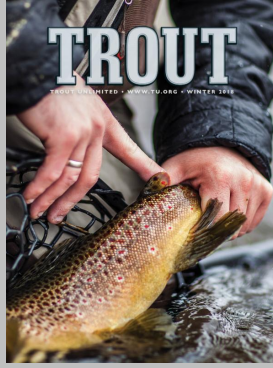
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