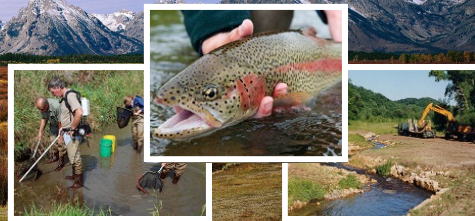




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PRESIDENT'S BEAT

BY LEE EVANS

Good Day Fellow Flyfishers,

We had our annual Fly Tying Expo last month and it was a great success. I counted 17 tiers, about 50 percent more participants than last year, and I hope everyone walked away with some new knowledge that they can put to use. The contributions will help us do the things we need to do to conserve, protect, and sustain cold water fisheries in our area.

I wish to publically thank the tiers for giving their time to demonstrate their tying abilities, and for donating the flies they tied to our bucket raffle. Seventeen of us left the meeting with a batch of flies that may lead to some great hook ups. Wasn't it exciting to see the interest from the students who attended?

It's also important to note the time and effort spent by the Leadership Council to organize the evening. Jim Lilly, for the second year, contacted the tiers and encouraged them to spend the evening with us. This is a major task and we appreciate his hours in the shops, on the computer and creating buckets for the raffles. Paul Fromme pulled off the advertising better than ever, Ken Eis negotiated with the senior center for rooms, tables with electricity and extra chairs, Bryon Fessler totally took care of getting the food there, Cullen Emsing got the print-

ing of the posters and flyers donated, then distribute the flyers throughout our region, Greg Evans had signs for each tier plus change for the cash box, Phil Wright manned the Behnke Scholarship table, Guy Turenne was a tier, Dennis Cook kept our Youth Activities fresh in our minds, and all I did was bring the soft drinks, and get interviewed by FM 104.3.

A night like this really points out the need for a broad based volunteer staff. If we expect our chapter to really be functional, the base of members willing to do a little more needs to constantly be increasing. It is very encouraging to have people say "How can I help?"

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Keep on the look out for news regarding the restoration of Greenback Cutthroats in the Long Draw drainage.

There's still some legal wrangling going on between all of the affected parties, but this looks to be a huge volunteer activity for our chapter. Barriers have to be built, fish stocked, and trail and stream maintenance enhanced in an area that will require hiking in. I'm excited about the opportunity and hope we can get started this summer.

Until next time,

—Lee Evans

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Upcoming Events

- General Meeting (Mar 17)
- RMF Green River Trip (Mar 19-22)
- CTU Annual Gala (Mar 19)
- General Meeting (Apr 21)
- NoCO Camp Deadline (Apr 30)

Our chapter newsletter is entirely electronic. Please sign up for the distribution list at one of our chapter meetings.

WIND RIVER AREA FISHING OPPORTUNITIES

GENERAL MEETING—MARCH 17

Our next meeting will be March 17 and will feature Mike Kaul. He will be speaking about fishing opportunities in the Wind River area of Wyoming, around Pinedale.

Mike has fished the Green and New Fork Rivers of Wyoming for over 48 years and enjoys introducing people to stalking trout along a beautiful stream bank. He conducts a fly fishing school in Pinedale, is a Federation of Fly Fishers Certified casting instructor, and a guide for Two Rivers Emporium (www.2rivers.net) in Pinedale.

The winter 2010 issue of Trout

Unlimited's *Trout* talking about the Upper Green River says *"If you're thinking about floating, contact long-time TU member and Outfitter, Guide, and Business member, Mike Kaul at Two Rivers Emporium."*

Mike specializes in wade fishing and enjoys working with beginners, introducing them to flyfishing. He feels the ultimate fly fishing experience is moving along a pristine trout stream, finding a shy trout, choosing the right fly, making the correct approach, executing a well placed cast, seeing the bubble and feeling the tug of a feisty trout on the line. Fishing with Mike you will

learn a lot about wade fish tactics and most important enjoy the magnificent solace of a high mountain trout stream.



Mike Kaul sharing some of his many years of experience

YOUTH CONSERVATION & FLY FISHING DAY CAMP

BY DENNIS COOK

NoCO Youth River Conservation and Fly Fishing Day Camp is now accepting applications for the 2010 summer program. This 6-day camp (similar in scope to the Colorado Trout Unlimited residential camp) will run July 15-17 and July 22-24.



Applications must be received on or before April 30, 2010.

The purpose of the camp is two-fold. First, we want to present concepts that contribute to a natural, ecological stream system through a hands-on experience to develop a recognition and appreciation of the origin and importance of a clean, healthy coldwater resource. Second, we want to introduce sport fly fishing as a recreational pursuit that helps better understand the importance of maintaining healthy trout populations as indicators of cold-water streams' water quality.

Conservation topics include such things as riparian habitats, healthy river aquatic insects, hydrology, watersheds, etc. Fly fishing topics will include trout behavior and survival, handling fish, casting techniques, streamside ethics, trout fishing entomology, etc.

Camp events will occur in public

classrooms and on local rivers. The camp is open to NoCO high school students ages 14-18. A panel will select 15 student applicants. The fee is \$30. Participants apply by submitting an application form, essay, and parent-guardian consent form.

For more information, please visit the Day Camp page on the RMF website or contact Dennis Cook via telephone (970-372-9229) or email (rkymtnangler@O.com)



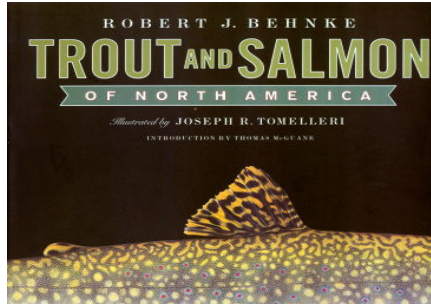
ROBERT J. BEHNKE—RMF RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

BY PHIL WRIGHT

Rocky Mountain Flycasters is currently conducting a fund drive to support the Robert J. Behnke—RMF Research Fellowship. We need to raise enough for this year's fellowship and we are actively seeking additional donations so that the endowment may become self-sustaining in the future.

The intent of the endowed fellowship is to provide an opportunity for a Colorado State graduate student to study fisheries issues such as restoration of native greenback cut-throat trout in Colorado, impact of sedimentation on trout from run-off following forest fires and lessening

the impact of whirling disease on rainbow trout. Fishing is a primary recreational activity in Colorado and studying issues that address the quality of cold-water fisheries will continue to improve the state's fishing reputation and economy.



One of many books authored by Robert J. Behnke

The Fellowship was endowed in 2007 with a generous gift from Professor Behnke. Additional Fellowship donors are T. L. Johnson Rod Company, Jax Merchantile, St. Peter's Fly Shop, and various individuals.

Donations are always welcome (individual as well as corporate). This year's raffle will be held in May 2010. Tickets are available now for \$20.

Please visit the RMF website for more information or feel free to contact Phil Wright via email at (philwright@ieee.org).

PHANTOM CANYON PRESERVE UPDATE

BY DAVE PISKE

For almost two decades, TU members and TNC staff have cooperated in a combination of recreational, educational, and stewardship activities involving the trout fishery on the North Fork of the Poudre within the Phantom Canyon Preserve. In the early years, the recreational component was a few days of catch and release fishing open to the public with fishing guidance provided by TU volunteers. The stewardship component was TU volunteer labor to maintain approximately 6 miles of primitive foot trail along the river.

In 2007, with the intent of better aligning the missions of both TNC and TU, the public fishing program was modified to include a component of conservation education

along with the fishing experience. The revised public fishing program was named River Adventure Days. The stewardship program continued as before.

This is a challenging year economically and so we ask for your patience and understanding as the River Adventure Days, along with the other TNC outreach programs, have been adjusted to comport with the reduced capacity of the Nature Conservancy staff resources to continue TNC's commitment to the highest priority conservation work.

Dependent on the final plans for Trail/Fishing days in 2010, it appears there will be a similar or perhaps greater number of angler-half-days available to TU volunteers in 2010. Thus, TNC is making every

feasible effort to provide the opportunity for TU volunteers to fish at Phantom Canyon, whereas there are other programs not involving TU which have been completely removed from the 2010 list. Looking further ahead, some sections of the river trail will need some realignment and erosion control in the next few years, so it is expected that this will provide additional Trail/Fishing days in future years.

Please visit the RMF website for more information or feel free to contact Guy Turenne via email at (spilunkr@aol.com).



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FLY TYING EXPO

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Special thanks to noted regional tiers Rick Takahashi, Jin Choi, Al Ritt, Dennis Martin, Steve Schweitzer, Greg Sheets, Mark McMillan, Dick Shinton, Dave Coulson, Guy Turenne, Terry Gibson, Tim England, Jason Haddix, Ted Meredith, Eric Petine and fish carver Larry Winslow for contributing their time and talent to our annual fly tying expo.



All photos by Ken Eis

IMPROVED COMMUNICATION & COLLABORATION CHAPTER NEWSLETTER AND BLOG



The RMF Board of directors is working hard to improve chapter communication and collaboration so as to obtain even better attendance at our meetings and activities. To that end, the Board recently revived our chapter newsletter and created a blog in addition to the existing chapter website (www.rockymtnflycasters.org).

The revived chapter newsletter is entirely electronic. Please sign up for the distribution list at one of our chapter meetings.

Like the newsletter, the chapter blog is a work in progress. It will likely evolve over time to include such things as "ask the expert" and other similar functionality. The chapter blog is hosted on the Colo-

radonan website under the Voices & Views / Blogs section (www.coloradoan.com).

Members are encouraged to submit content and pictures to the editor of the newsletter and blog via email at (gofish2020@comcast.net).

