



The Flypaper

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From the President

"I'd really like to learn to fly fish," he said earnestly, "I fished some for bass as a kid with my uncle and some friends but I think I would really like fly fishing."

My new son-in-law seemed very earnest in expressing his desire, so I took him on a quick jaunt to some familiar holes on a nearby stream. I took his picture when he landed his first fish, an eight-inch brown that seemed barely longer than his large hands.

Time, work and responsibilities rolled the calendar around a year but when he overheard me talking about my annual spring trip to the Frying Pan with some friends from out of state, he modestly expressed an interest in coming along. "Of course you can come," I said, "I don't want you embarrassing my future grandchildren by not becoming a proper fishermen."

As plans were laid for the trip, my daughter told me he was nervous that he would embarrass me in front of my friends or be a nuisance because of his lack of experience. I assured her I had no worries either front.

I picked him up at 5:00 a.m. and we beat most of Denver rush hour to the foothills of I-70. Three hours later we rendezvoused with a good friend from Georgia over the selection of flies at a local fly shop. My son-in-law browsed all the gear and gadgets in the shop and asked me what he should buy. "Nothing," I said, "I've got plenty of that stuff for both of us."

He's a young athletic man and built differently than me but fortunately my spare waders and boots fit him just fine. I had him an old sling pack ready with the essential tools and a small assortment of appropriate flies.

"Show me how to do that," he said as I rigged up a rod, "I want to be able to do it myself and not bother you." So I showed him the double surgeon for attaching tippet to leader, the clinch knot for tippet to fly and how to tie a second fly to the bend of the hook. We made our way down to the water and made some simple casts



Coy Wiley, 2017-2018 President
Rocky Mountain Flycasters

and talked about the all-important topic of the dead drift.

The Frying Pan can be and was that day a highly technical river. Sure there are some monster fish but you have to put the right fly on the right fish's nose at the right time with a perfect drift to get a strike. Needless to say, we weren't slaying them.

It was frustrating to see fish, some really nice ones but not get any takes. So we moved downstream to another hole where fish were rising from time to time. I switched from a nymph rod to dry flies and caught a nice one within a few minutes. I handed him my rod and told him to fish while I quickly switched out his nymph rig. While I was tying a knot he shouted excitedly and I looked up to see him playing a nice fish. He smiled ear to ear when I helped him net a nice sixteen-inch rainbow. "Show me how to tie the knots again," he said.

Over three days I watched him grow as a fly fisher. He lost a few due to his failed knots. He lost a nice one when he got a little too aggressive in the fight. The second morning he purchased more flies just like the ones he'd lost the day before. By the third day he was netting his own fish and wandering down around the river bends on his own to explore new water. His confidence was growing.

On the drive home he queried me over the cost of various pieces of essential gear and a budget for getting into the sport. We discussed the importance of time on the water and that each time you fish you can learn something new if you are observant. We talked about the rivers, the habitat and the fact that if we don't do our part in conservation, his children and his grandchildren may not get to experience what we had just enjoyed. In the end, he hooked some trout; but most importantly, the trout hooked him.



Coy Wylie, President
Rocky Mountain Flycasters-Trout Unlimited



The May Meeting

Karin Miller, of Zen Tenkara/Zen Fly Fishing Gear, will cover the basics of tenkara but focus on the "Range of Possibilities" of this fixed-line method of fly fishing. While the tenkara excels in small streams for small fish, Karin and her company is pushing the boundaries and will show us how to manage and land large powerful species such as carp, shark, tarpon, bonefish, jacks, sockeye, silvers and chum salmon.

Come find out how tenkara is offering a whole new experience to the passionate fly angler. Karin is the owner of Zen Tenkara/Zen Fly Fishing Gear, a Colorado company that designs, manufactures and sells tenkara rods, lines, gear and accessories. Her company, since its start in 2012, has recognized the broad application of this fixed-line, fly fishing method and is known in the industry for being on the cutting edge, pushing the boundaries of tenkara, and offering high-end, muscle rods designed to target large, power fish, untraditional to the method. Karin's reputation in the industry is of revolutionizing this ancient method of fly fishing and developing a "fusion" of traditional fly fishing with tenkara fixed-line methods, and is known for changing the way people think of this ancient Japanese sport.

Now in approximately 15 retail stores and chains, as well as lodges in Patagonia, Alaska and Mexico, Karin spends most of her time rod testing, presenting, training, and doing demos. She lives in Loveland. Karin is “defining American Tenkara”.

Join us at the Fort Collins Senior Center. Social gathering at 6:30 pm with the general meeting at 7:00 pm.

From the Nominations Committee: Election of Officers 2018 Election of Chapter Officers and Trustees At Large

According to the Rocky Mountain Flycasters Bylaws, the nominating committee is charged with publishing a slate of candidates for the election which will be held at the Annual Meeting on **May 16, 2018**.

Following is the slate of nominees as submitted and approved by the incumbent Board of Trustees:

- President: Mickey McGuire
- Vice President: Linda Jefferies
- Treasurer: Ryan Hogan
- Secretary: Ruthie Ketola
- Trustee at Large: Frank Bub
- Trustee at Large: Colin Glover

·Immediate Past President: Coy Wiley (Automatically a Board member)

As always, nominations can be taken from the floor at the Annual Meeting. Only Trout Unlimited members are allowed to vote. Please have documentation for any nominee from the floor that s/he will accept the position if elected. A majority vote of all active members present will be sufficient to elect all Officers and Trustees.

River Conservation and Fly Fishing Day Camp

We are currently 90 days away from this year’s exciting 2018 NoCo River Conservation & Fly Fishing Day Camp. I am very happy to report that as of April 30, 2018 the camp attendance is fantastic. This year’s class is exceptionally motivated, bright, and eager to learn. With respect to teachers and volunteers, we have over 36 individuals who have volunteered for camp assignments, some for multiple time commitments through the week and some for a single event. This is wonderful and I know that the campers will appreciate everyone’s time and expertise. This is truly how we make an impact on these student’s lives. Thank you. The schedule for the six-day program is almost complete and will be finalized shortly. If you are interested in volunteering, we certainly do not want to discourage you from joining us for even a part of the program. Please contact me at wgedge@comcast.net if you are interested.

-- Bill Gedge and Robin Brown, Co-Directors <http://nocotu.org/S/youthcamp>.

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daycamp@rockymtnflycasters.org.

July 30-August 4, 2018
Monday-Saturday
8 AM to 6 PM



Fly Fishing Day Camp

**2018 NoCo Youth
River Conservation &
Fly Fishing Day Camp**

Sponsored by
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**\$30
Per
Person**

Ages 14-17

FOR APPLICATION VISIT:
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Questions: Contact (970)222-4428 or
daycamp@rockymtnflycasters.org
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Meetings in May



Board Meeting, May 9 at 7:00 PM,
Mulligan's. Everyone is invited to attend



Monthly Meeting, Karin Miller, May 16 at 7:00 PM, Senior Center



Fly Swap

Fly Swap: The May fly is appropriately enough, the Mayfly! Contact Dave Morse [Dave Morse](#) if you wish to contribute. For the Fly Swap, you tie enough copies of one fly to exchange with the others, plus one fly for the evening raffle. Include the recipe on a small tag with your fly. Happy tying!

[Click Here for Calendar Of All Upcoming Events](#)

From Phil Wright, Volunteer Coordinator



Phil Wright

Volunteers Needed – May 12 Revegetation Project on the North Fork of the Big Thompson

Rocky Mountain Flycasters has participated in riparian restoration projects on the North Fork of the Big Thompson River since shortly after the flood of 2013. RMF volunteers again have an opportunity to partner with Wildland Restoration Volunteers (WRV) on Saturday, May 12 on the North Fork.

WRV describes the project stating, "Volunteers will spread pre-staged piles of compost, broadcast native seed specially collected by the US Forest Service, apply engineered wood straw mulch and plant native container stock grown out at

WRV's own micro nursery facility." By joining with WRV, RMF volunteers can get on the stream early in the field season to improve riparian soil conditions, and plant seeds and container stock early in the growing season to give those plants a good start.

To register as a volunteer for the project [click here](#) to go to the WRV registration page for the "Big Thompson - Forest Service Flood II" project and click on "Register for this Project." Wildland Restoration Volunteers will follow up with you concerning the details for the day's project including meeting places, carpooling, conditions, equipment needed, and more.

I look forward to volunteering with you on the North Fork of the Big T on Saturday, May 12.

Trout Unlimited Volunteers Initiate a New Stream Temperature Logging Project to Benefit Native Trout Restoration



I just returned from the Trout Unlimited Western Regional Rendezvous held April 27-28 in Keystone, CO. During the Rendezvous, I and other interested Colorado Trout Unlimited Volunteers attended training with Chris Carroll of the US Forest Service on the installation and use of in stream temperature loggers that will be used on an ongoing basis to collect stream temperature data. This temperature logging project involves volunteers from several Front Range TU Chapters and is being supported by the US Forest Service. The project is enabled in part through a grant received by CTU from the [Western Native Trout Initiative](#).

The temperature logging project will require volunteers to become familiar with the installation and handling of the temperature logger devices, and to periodically visit specific sites in our region for logger installation and data retrieval. A protocol is being developed and will be provided that describes the temperature logger installation, operation, record keeping, and the mapping and GPS requirements.

To register your interest in volunteering for the temperature logging project please email [Phil Wright](#) stating your interest and availability. As further information becomes available concerning the temperature logging project, I will keep you informed concerning training opportunities on the installation and use of the temperature loggers, and on further details of the project as it unfolds.

I look forward to volunteering with you in the upcoming months and years as we work to gather key data that will help support the restoration of cutthroat trout to our local waters.

– *Phil Wright*

Congratulations to Dave and Dennis!

Please congratulate David Piske for receiving the Colorado Trout Unlimited Award for Distinguished Service. The award was presented Saturday night, April 28 at the annual CTU and TU Western Regional Rendezvous in Keystone, Colorado. The award that recognizes outstanding individuals is rarely given. During the presentation of the award, David Nickum, Executive Director of CTU recognized Dave's tireless efforts over 15 plus years as the RMF Conservation Chair and, particularly his efforts on the Greenback Restoration Project at Long Draw Reservoir.

Also, please congratulate Dennis Cook and the rest of the RMF Youth Education Team for receiving the Exemplary Youth Education Award from Colorado Trout Unlimited. The award was presented Sunday, April 29 at the annual Colorado Trout Unlimited Rendezvous at Keystone, Colorado. During the presentation of the award, David Nickum, Executive Director of CTU, highlighted the Youth Day Camp that is serving as the model for the CTU daycamp, Trout in the Classroom, and other activities involving youth in the RMF area. Mickey McGuire, Vice President RMF, accepted the award on behalf of the Chapter.



Dave Piske with David Nickum

Video of the Month

The video of the month, forwarded to us by Ben Zomer, is a humorous (very) discussion of what Trout-Unlimited really means. Give it a try, you won't regret it! *Hank Explains TU To Some Newbies*



Wil Huett, Past President

From Wil Huett, Community Outreach Coordinator

What To Do With Old *Trout*

If you spied the italics in the title you know I'm not talking about the carcass the do dragged up on shore last week.

No, I'm talking about the award winning, quarterly magazine that comes with your membership in Trout-Unlimited. You probably received the latest issue within the last few weeks-and if you haven't read it yet, Colorado connections are prominently featured in a number of articles. And more than one of the featured authors has been a speaker at our chapter meetings.

But that's all beside my point....what do you do with an old **Trout?**

Chances are it lands in the recycle bin once you have thoroughly digested the contents, right? Either that or it sits in a pile you intend to, but probably won't, re-read some distant day.

Here's another idea: next time you have an appointment which includes time spent in a waiting room, take your well-read copy along and leave it behind for someone else to find and read. (Maybe black out your personal info on the label first.)

Where? Think doctors, dentists, while waiting for your tires to be rotated, your accountant, your lawyer (hope you don't spend much time there). You can think of other locations I'm sure.

It may be a different way of recycling, or merely deferred recycling, but who knows, your hand-me-down copy might turn into a valuable education, and maybe recruiting, tool for the work we do.

Try it, someone new to cold water conservation, TU, and RMf may like it!

From Colorado State University Fly Fishing Club

The Colorado State University Fly Fishing Club was founded in the Fall of 2014 by students Jacob Pitt and Connor Murphy, and has since become a cornerstone of the CSU angling community. As a part of the college Costa TU Five Rivers program, they focus on five key aspects: conservation, community outreach, Costa campus representation, fundraising, and TU support.

The club provides a wide variety of programs for CSU students. They hold monthly meetings, featuring guest presenters speaking about topics ranging from conservation initiatives to fishing techniques. The club also holds fly tying night socials, where beginners can learn to tie their first fly, experienced tyers can trade tips, and everyone can share some fishing stories and laughs. Additionally, the club offers casting clinics, fishing trips, and conservation projects.

The club also represents CSU at the annual Five Rivers Rendezvous, a fishing & conservation trip sponsored by Costa for all the clubs in the western US. This year, the Five Rivers Rendezvous was held April 20-22 outside of Steamboat Springs. 35 CSU members were in attendance for the event. They participated in a river clean up and conservation project on the Elk River and neighboring waters. In addition to conservation, the rendezvous provides a forum for fun competition. CSU took home 2ndplace in the tying competition! Of course, members also spent their time fishing.

On April 26th, the election for 2018-2019 club officers took place. Incoming officers:

Collin Metscher – President
Will Lennon—Vice President
Alex Liston—Treasurer
Nick Haller—Secretary
Chris Piccione—Social Media Coordinator



Club Member Ion Bond

US Forest Service's Kid's Fishing Day

The US Forest Service Kids' Free Fishing Day will be June 2, 2018 from 8:30 to 1:30 at West Lake in Red Feather. Kids under 15 will be given a free spin rod and all the tackle and bait needed to catch a trout from the lake. RMF supplies the volunteers to help the kids have a great day.

This is the website for last year's event: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/news/arp/news-events/?cid=2894> The website for this year's event is NOT posted yet, but should be soon. However, last year's website contains information about the event. I will notify newsletter readers when the new registration procedure is available.

I could use about 5 more volunteers to help these kids catch fish. It is a fun day and the kids really appreciate our help with casting (spin rods), tying rigs, releasing snags, untangling line, and netting fish. If you could spend from 8:00 am to around 1:30 at West Lake, let me know at leesandie@msn.com Thanks!

Let's Go Fishing

Fishing Trips for 2018

Listed below are our trips for 2018. If interested, please sign up on-line on our chapter website. We have quite a mix of fishing destinations for 2018. Hopefully there is something for you on this list. We hope you will join us for all the fun!

May 17-19 (Thur-Sat) Lake John in North Park Host: Mark Miller

Camping and fishing for fast growing rainbows in North Park. Delaney Buttes is also next door. Join us for any of the days that work for you. I.E., fish and camp Thurs-Friday, or Friday- Saturday, or Friday-Sunday, etc. Mark Miller will be there Thurs-Sat. Bring your boat or canoe or float tube. Lodging (on your own) is also available in Walden if you prefer that to camping.

May 30 Wednesday Private Waters, Red Feather Lakes Host Bob Green

Spend a day catching large brown, rainbow, brook, and palamino trout from these amply stocked private lakes. Limit of 4 anglers. Email Bob directly to reserve a spot.

June 24 Sunday Joe Wright/Lake Agnes Host: Dave Morse

Date depends on ice-out timing. We'll fish for cutthroats early at Agnes, then Joe Wright for Grayling in the afternoon and evening hours. Always a fun time catching grayling.

July 14 Saturday High Country Lake, WY Host: Ben Zomer

Who doesn't want to catch a Golden Trout? A 2 mile hike for this rarest of trout

Aug 22 Wednesday RMNP Small Streams Host: Bill Gillett/Mark Miller

Small stream fun with dry flies in the Park makes for a great day!

Sep date TBD Frying Pan or Upper Green River in WY Host: Ben Zomer

3 day trip – still working on the location – either Frying Pan or Upper Green

Oct 5-6th – Kokanee Trip – S. Platte/Dream Stream Host: Mark Miller

Let's plan on driving to Fairplay Friday pm, get a hotel room, and then have a great day on Saturday fishing for Kokanee. Drive home late Saturday pm. Last year we cancelled our plans to fish on Oct 21st due to bad weather

– hopefully, by fishing earlier in the month, we will be blessed with good weather.

Questions? Email [Mark Miller](#) or call 970-744-8229 (cell).

The Library

The active link (click) icons below represent a beginning attempt to put together a group of FREE resources available to fly anglers. The first (Trout Magazine) is published by Trout Unlimited-USA and the third (High Country Angler) is published by Trout Unlimited-Colorado. Both of these publications are limited to TU members. The others, however, are for everyone

This page will be continually updated so you can always get to the most current issue of both of these magazines. Just click on the icon of the magazine you wish to read.

Please help me update these magazines by sending the URL for any FREE resources that you find worthwhile. Happy reading!

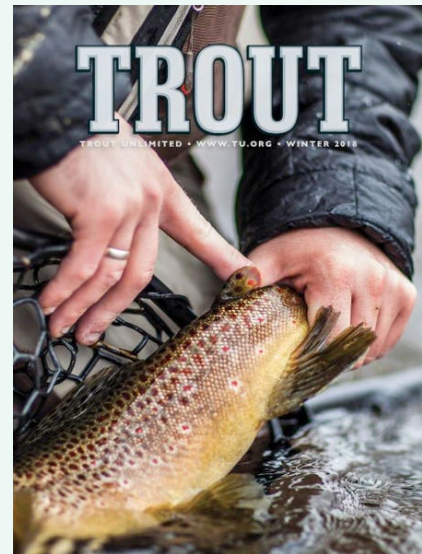
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