



November 2019

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From the President

November 2019

Greetings again.

Well, quite an early blast of winter last month! I imagine it curtailed a few fishing plans. Looks like we will be able to get out this month as temperatures return to more normal conditions.

Almost five years ago, my employer re-assigned me to the Washington DC area to work in another office. This was a temporary assignment to last six months and it started right after New Years Day. So, here I was in a small apartment with just a few of my things. Having done this a couple of years before, I knew I would want my fishing equipment (OK, a couple of rods and reels, one pair of waders and my vest which contains too many things) and my fly tying tools and supplies.



Mickey McGuire, RMF President

Since it was January, fishing opportunities were limited. However, one shining spot was the local Potomac Patuxent TU Chapter that met close to my Silver Springs apartment. Their website mentioned when and where their meetings were held and what events occurred. The first meeting I attended was a rather low key affair and newcomers were asked to introduce themselves. When I told them my situation and where I was from, one of the members asked if I knew Dave Piske. I said of course. It turns out Dave was heavily involved in their Chapter as well, having written the ByLaws and getting the conservation efforts started. What a surprise! But not really as those are the same activities he did for our Chapter.

I found the Chapter members very inviting and was invited along on several fishing trips through the spring. I consider those folks as a bright spot during my tenure in the area. I trust Rocky Mountain Flycasters is as open and caring as the PPTU Chapter. We need to strive to welcome new people, hear their story and get to know them. Perhaps even ask if they want to go fishing! I know it made a big difference in my life and I am sure it will in theirs.



Don't forget about the Social Fly Tying gathering **Wednesday, November 6** at the Gilded Goat. Experienced tyers will be there to help new tyers or those less experienced. If you have ever thought about tying, this is an excellent opportunity to try things out. The event is free and starts at 6:00 PM in the mezzanine. The Chapter will provide tools and supplies. Contact Marty Staab at mrstaab@gmail.com if you are interested so he will know how many packets of materials to bring.

I am also looking forward to our November meeting. Once a year, we have Guest Night where we bring in a nationally recognized speaker. Be sure to bring your friends and neighbors as folks that have never been members can get a half price membership that will include a few raffle tickets. This is always one of the highlights of the year for our Chapter.

Until next month,

Mickey McGuire
President

[See our Calendar of Events](#)

Events in October



November Membership Meeting: **Wednesday November 20.** Social hour 6:30 PM, meeting begins at 7:00 PM. Fort Collins Senior Center.

Our speaker for guest night, Ron Belak, is an award-winning writer and photographer from Evergreen, Colorado. He has fished the Colorado back-country as an adult for 40 years.

In that time, he has fished about 400 different high lakes and small reservoirs in Colorado, as well as a number in Wyoming, Idaho, Oregon, Alaska, British Columbia and Argentina.

Educated as a scientist with degrees in geology and significant coursework in the biological sciences, he approaches fly fishing from an analytical perspective, trying to decide what strategies, techniques, equipment and patterns work and what is the scientific basis for why they work. In addition to Colorado Outdoors magazine, Ron Belak's writing has also appeared in Fly

Fisherman and American Angler magazines. He is a frequent presenter at chapter meetings of Trout Unlimited, other fly-fishing clubs and the Fly Fishing Show in Denver.

For our special Guest Night, bring a friend or more who will enjoy the benefits of Rocky Mountain Flycasters and Trout Unlimited. Admission is free and the public is welcome

Where: Fort Collins Senior Center; 6:30 for social 1/2 hour, 7:00 PM for meeting.



Board Meeting Trustees: Wednesday, November 13 at The Group office on Harmony at 6:00 PM. Everyone is invited to attend this meeting.



Monthly Membership Meeting, Wednesday November 20, at 6:30 PM for social 1/2 hour; speaker Ron Belak at 7:00 PM, Senior Center, Fort Collins

Fly Swap: The fly for November is Fall Streamers. Use your imagination and tie your hot fly to catch Fall Browns that is suitable for fishing in the local waters in the Fall. Plan on bringing 8 identical flies unless you hear differently. Any extra flies will be donated to the raffle or returned to you.

Please email **Dave Morse** to let me know you will participate by the second Wednesday of September so we can determine how many flies to tie. As usual, include the recipe with your name on a “toe tag”. and bring your flies to the November General RMF meeting. You will receive one fly from each other participant and contribute one for the monthly raffle. We hope that this will be an educational and enjoyable experience this year.



From Phil Wright, Our Volunteer Coordinator



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Thank you Stream Monitoring Team for a Successful Field Season

I would like to thank you all for your efforts this field season. We are now visiting 22 temperature sensors in the Poudre River Watershed.

In addition, we moved one sensor from the Little South Fork of the Poudre to Seven Mile Creek. We also installed an additional sensor on the North Fork of Joe Wright Creek (see photo below – note the stream was just icing up on October 19).

Thus far this fall the team was able to visit 18 of the 22 temperature sensor locations. Data retrieval has continued through October but the recent cold weather and snow has iced in high elevation locations. There are still a few mid-canyon locations that we hope to visit to retrieve data and to install additional sensors as requested by the Forest Service.

After the 2018 field season a suggestion was discussed concerning improving the design of the tidbit sensor housings to make installation and data retrieval quicker and easier. Thanks to team member Roger Slocomb’s diligent design and fabrication efforts, we now have a revised tidbit sensor housing design which requires no tools

to assemble and is much quicker to use. Thanks to all the volunteers who have helped install the new design housings during the 2019 field season. As well as purchasing the materials for the new housing design, and purchasing five additional tidbit temperature sensors for additional monitoring sites, Rocky Mountain Flycasters have also purchased a data retrieval shuttle and software to make it easier to schedule and manage data retrieval efforts.

I have scheduled Stream Monitoring Team meetups for 3–5 PM Friday, November 15 and 9–11 AM Saturday November 16 so that we can gather to share our experiences and plan for the future of the Rocky Mountain Flycasters Stream Monitoring Project.

If you are interested in participating in the stream temperature monitoring project or would like additional information please **contact me by email**.

Again, I thank the temperature logger team for your interest and participation in RMF's stream monitoring efforts. I look forward to building project capabilities and establishing a substantial database of stream data going forward. See you on the stream. The photo above is team member Scott Baily on North Fork of Joe Wright Creek.

—Phil Wright



From Wil Huett, Our Community Outreach Coordinator



Wil Huett, Outreach Coordinator

The Good, The Bad, The Questionable & The Big Oops

Did someone say the weather can change quickly in Colorado? My belly boat went flat overnight and it doesn't have a leak. Maybe it's allergic to near zero temperatures?

The Good:

It is finally complete:

Poudre River Whitewater Park opens to the public. 'This is really a gem now,' Poudre River Whitewater Park opens with a splash.

I haven't seen anyone testing out the kayaking but have seen several folks with rods in hand.

This author talks about pursuing our local native trout. Notice he both slaps the wrists and gives plaudits to anglers as a group.

50 Fish, 50 States: Trout at 11,000 Feet

This article mirrors the kind of conservation work our chapter has done and will be doing more of locally. Hope you have been and will be part of it.

Hard work has payoffs Planning for next season's conservation projects is underway. Stay tuned for updates.

I love the photo at the head of this article, it really sets the scene for a story proving the resilience of nature when given a chance. **The Phoenix in the Elwha River**

Would you love fish and fishing even more if this had happened to you at 13 years of age? [Boy lands prized golden trout, breaks 42-year-old record](#)

The Bad:

NBC news took a look at the Pebble mine issue recently:

[Why Alaska residents are fighting against a billion-dollar mine project](#)

The Questionable:

This article from The New York Times has elicited a lot of pro and con reaction among folks like you and me. What's your reaction?

[Fly Fishing Is the New Bird-Watching](#)

The Big Oops:

Someone apparently missed the meaning of the second word in "bragging rights" (see photo):

[Country star Dierks Bentley fined for illegal fishing during Colorado music festival](#)

Remember: to avoid vertigo, don't watch a thermometer in Colorado!

Thomas Wurster's Fishing Forecast from St. Peters Fly Shop



We can all definitely see that fall has landed in Northern Colorado and it is even bringing with it an early taste of winter. A heaping amount of snow might seem like a burden now but keep in mind that this will contribute to our 2020 Spring Run-off season. Not only that, but it will only be around for the next couple days. It is only the end of October, don't let it trick you into thinking it is February.

Do not be discouraged as for this time of the year can offer some fun fishing opportunities on small insects as well as streamers. The cold weather has more people inside tying flies and fewer people on the water, so finding solitude and good stretches of water is easy.

We won't see as many insect species but we will see plenty of hatches and a large number of bugs. Fishing small midges (nymphs and dries) can be the best way to find some of those picky fish. Try a size 18 CDC Baetis dun with a size 22 Hi-Vis midge behind that.

A dry fly followed by an emerger is a great way to keep the visual aspect rolling as we get into the cooler months. As fall rolls through, Simms let us know that they will be releasing some new products for us to purchase and try this fall/winter.

Join us at the shop on November 6th from 4-6:00pm for the Simms G4 Road Show Party. Our Simms Reps will be here to demo the latest release in Simms Wading Technology and we will also have some tasty beers to go along with a G4 Boot raffle. Although our outdoor time is becoming more limited, there are several different ways to stay engaged with fishing. Starting November 9th, we will have FREE tying demos from some of the industry's best tiers. These will be RSVP only, so check out the calendar before it is too late.

This is the best time of the year to sit back inside with a drink and spend some time working on the vice. We

will start our Intro to Tying class on November 16th. This is a great class for \$50 that will teach you how to tie 3 of the most effective trout patterns. You will learn the techniques to be able to tie at home on your own, as well as to progress your tying skills to new patterns. As we are all aware, the Holidays are right around the corner. We will be having a Customer Holiday Party on November 21st from 5-6:30pm at Both Shops to be able to kick off and celebrate the holiday season with the people we appreciate the most. Where ever your fishing takes you this month, we would love to be the ones to help you out. Stop by and say hello sometime.

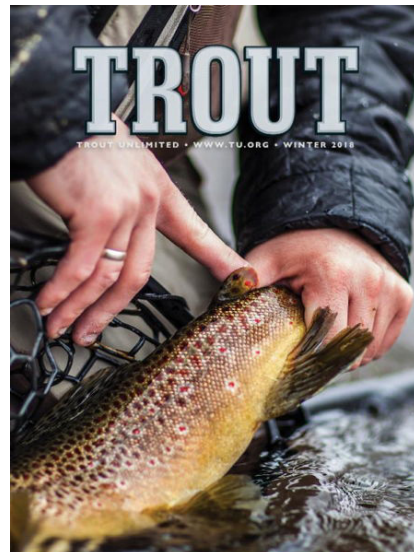
The Online Fly Fishing Magazine Library

The active link (click) icons below represent a beginning attempt to put together a group of FREE resources available to fly anglers. *Trout Magazine* is published by Trout Unlimited-USA and *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!

Hatch Magazine



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Video of the Month

This month's video, "Trouts Fly Fishing: Five Flies for November."



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