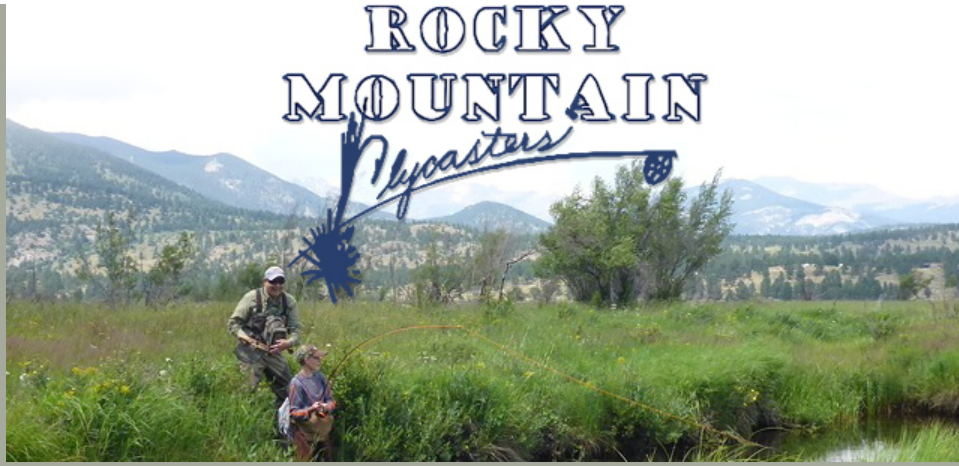


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## From the President

June 2020



I hope those of you who attended our last Chapter meeting of the season enjoyed Karin Miller's presentation on Tenkara fishing. She hooks some amazing fish and is in high demand from destination fly fishing camps world wide. Her techniques bring science to the long telescoping rods to enable catching a wide range of fish.

One of the announcements I made prior to Karin's presentation was the roll out of the Poudre Headwaters Project communication plan. For those of you who don't know, the PHP aims to restore our state fish, the greenback cutthroat trout to the headwaters of the Poudre River in the Long Draw Reservoir area. The plan includes the launch of a wonderfully prepared video, an excerpt from Kurt Fausch's book For the Love of Rivers and a trifold pamphlet that describes the projects. The plan was developed to correct a lot of misinformation that has developed around the project. Many thanks to Phil Wright, Ron Dickson and Mark Miller for their efforts on the Plan.

For those of you who missed the May 20 meeting, you can view the presentation as well as the PHP Communication Plan on our new [Rocky Mountain Flycasters YouTube Channel](#) created by Zach Jory. In addition, the PHP Plan can be viewed on the RMF website.

As we move into summer, I hope you all have plans to fish. I was fortunate enough to fish with a Chapter group at Red Feather Lakes, thanks to Bob Green's personal generosity of supporting a few of us to access the private lakes. We all drove up separately, maintained our distances and still had a wonderful time. If you ever get the chance to fish those well managed lakes, I encourage you to check them out.



For now, stay safe, stay tuned for announcements through the summer and I hope to see you on the waters. Our next General Meeting will be September 16; we don't know at this time if it will be face to face or via Zoom.

Until next month,

**Mickey McGuire,**  
President

## Father('s Day) and Son Fishing

RMF member Bob Magill and his son Sean made separate but successful trips to Colorado's fine lakes in May. Sean (below left) shows a 31 inch brown trout caught on North Denlaney Lake and father Bob holds a nice Donaldson trout caught at Lake Shagwa in Red Feather Lakes. Father's Day is June 21. hint...hint.



## RMF Digital Communication from Mark Miller and Zach Jory

### Advantages of Digital Communication

YouTube, Facebook, Instagram, Websites – what's all this mumbo-jumbo about?

Social media – some people are hooked on it, some folks are afraid of it, and others are just not interested.

What is social media? For us, it's a great opportunity to reach a large pool of people that are interested in fishing and conservation.

Social media is one of the few mediums that allow you to instantly connect directly with interested parties and chapter members no matter where you are. And in these unprecedented times, being able to digitally connect with people is more important than ever.

Digital communication channels enable us to share all kinds of rich content. It's a great way to put our chapter out in front of people interested in Trout Unlimited, and help them get more familiar with how we are conducting conservation work for the benefit of future generations.

Social media is a great catalyst for driving interested folks to our RMF website. Social media platforms, such as

Facebook and Instagram, allow us to post content that engages users, directs them to our website, and provides them with an easy path to become more involved in chapter activities. It's a great opportunity for us to help our audience get more familiar with our chapter, and encourage people to volunteer for a project they feel particularly strong about (like our youth programs, or veterans programs) It's also a great channel to make it easy for newcomers to sign up for chapter fishing trips to get to know other trout bums and make new fishing friends, which is especially nice for those who are new to the NOCO area.

So, we hope you will give it a try if you aren't already hooked. We will do our best to post content that you will enjoy, and content that will keep you in the loop on chapter plans, projects, and accomplishments. Oh, almost forgot, if you have any fish photos that you would like to share, your photos are always welcome – just email them to **Mark Miller** with a short description and names of those in the photo.

Here are our RMF digital accounts:

Website: <https://www.rockymtnflycasters.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/rocky.flycasters>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/rockymountainflycasters/>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNmhRdonFPpgleoZ8U6ezIA>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/RMFlycasters>

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## Coming Events In May



### **Board Meeting**

**When:** Wednesday, June 10  
**Time:** 6:00 PM  
**Where:** Online via Zoom.  
Contact **Mickey McGuire** to get instructions for joining.



### **Social Fly Tying**

**When:** First Wednesday each month, (when COVID-19 is over).  
**Time:** 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM  
**Where:** Gilded Goat Brewing Company, 3500 South College, Fort Collins, CO (next to Trader Joe's). We tie in the mezzanine.

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## Covid-19 Cancellations

The annual Kids'Free Fishing Day, sponsored by the National Forest Service at West Lake in Red Feather has been cancelled for this year, due to health concerns.

However, Saturday June 6 and Sunday June 7 are still free fishing days for the state of Colorado. For both residents and non-residents, no license is needed that weekend.

Similarly, the Northern Colorado Fishing and Conservation Day Camp for this year has also been cancelled.

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## From Mark Miller, Our Let's Go Fishing Coordinator



### RMF 2020 Fishing Trip Listing

As you know, almost everything these days is on hold due to the virus. I am still accepting names for those who hope to sign up for a trip. Our plan for now is to take a look at each trip about 2-3 weeks ahead of time, and make a decision to go or to cancel, based upon our local and state guidance, and whether or not we feel the trip can be safely conducted. I do have that sinking feeling that most or all of our trips will need to be cancelled. We definitely want to err on the side of caution.

Please contact **Mark Miller** to let him know if you are interested in any of these trips.

Wherever you decide to fish this year, good luck and tight lines!

June 10-11	<del>Spinney Mtn Reservoir (2-day trip)</del> Trip cancelled due to coronavirus pandemic.	Host: Mark Miller
July 11	Colorado River Headwaters	Host: Dennis Cook
July 16-19	Gunnison River (tentative dates)	Host: Dennis Cook
July – TBD	RMNP- Hike 4 miles to Sky Pond Big Brookies	Host: Ben Zomer
July 17-20	Fish North Park – Ponds & N Platte River Cabin on the Ginger Quill Ranch	Host: Eric Pettine
July 18	Long Draw Reservoir – Float tubes for nice sized cutthroats	Host: Dave Morse
Aug TBD	RMNP Small Stream Fishing (weekday trip)	Host: Bill Gillett/Art C.
Sep TBD	Colo River wade trip, 2-3 days	Host: Bobby Bottles
Oct 28-30	Colorado River – 3 day float trip	Host: Mark Miller

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## Community Outreach from Mark Miller

### Ending Cutthroat Trout Restoration in Utah

What does Cutthroat restoration in Utah have to do with our Greenback Cutthroat project? Utah has had great success restoring the Bonneville cutthroat, as the article describes at this link: <https://www.hatchmag.com/articles/ending-cutthroat-restoration-utah/7714844>

Back in the 70s, fisheries biologists in Utah were up a creek without a paddle. Bonneville cutthroat, the state

fish and most widely-distributed cutthroat subspecies in Utah, were all but extinct. Does this scenario sound familiar to you? Sounds to me just like our situation with our state fish, the Greenback Cutthroat.

As you may know, the project to restore the Greenback Cutthroat is called the Poudre Headwaters Project, or PHP. Many state agencies are involved in this, the largest project of its kind ever attempted in Colorado. The PHP will restore the Greenback to some of the headwaters of the Poudre River, to include Long Draw Reservoir. The project is expected to take at least 10 years, and will end with over 40 miles of connected streams and multiple lakes.

This is a highly collaborative effort led by the US Forest Service, aided by Rocky Mountain National Park, the US Fish and Wildlife Service, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, the Water Supply and Storage Company, and Colorado Trout Unlimited, as well as our own chapter, Rocky Mountain Flycasters. There will be many volunteer opportunities to help in the near future.

Hopefully, with everyone's efforts, in about 10 years we may be able to say Colorado succeeded just like Utah did. Like the thrill of hiking a trail to the Continental Divide in RMNP, or watching elk bugle during the Fall rutting season, fishing for Greenbacks in the headwaters of the Cache la Poudre will provide a unique experience commensurate with Colorado's outdoor heritage.

## Young Outdoor Writers Contest

2020 is the fourth year for Rocky Mountain Outdoor Writers Photographers (RMOWP) Young Outdoor Writers Contest, designed to encourage young people to write about their outdoor experiences in prose or poetry. The contest is open to youths age 18 and younger who are members of RMOWP, and includes all outdoors topics. Youth membership is \$5 per year, but is waived for the youth category. Entries are due by July 8th, 2020. You can join when you submit your entry. Follow this link for more details: <https://rmowp.org/annual-contest/>

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