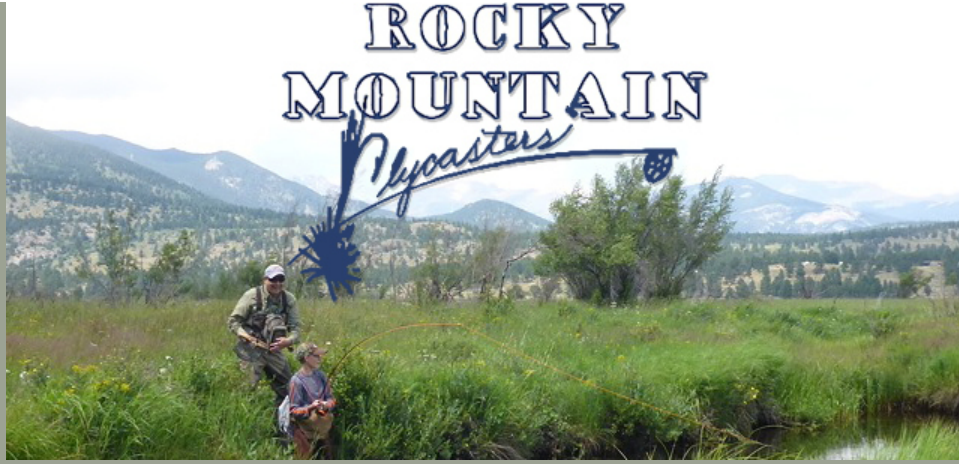


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From the President

September 2020



What a year, huh? We got off to a great start with an outstanding Expo, then Covid-19 hit. Now we have another fire in the Poudre Headwaters area. On top of all that we are in for a long and, I am afraid, ugly Presidential campaign. I don't like to wish my life away, but it will be nice when this is all over. If you do nothing else this fall, be sure to vote. It's the most important event of the year!

But, the good news is, we will start up our General Chapter meetings on September 16th via Zoom so be sure to check out Colin's article further down the Newsletter.

I don't know about you, but the cool weather sure feels nice! Better for the fish as well. I read that there were fishing restrictions in the Southwest part of Colorado due to stress caused by hot weather. I know I quit a few times in August when the water temperature got to 70 deg. I hope you have all been carrying thermometers and monitoring temperatures as you fish, especially in our lower waters.

Last month, I wrote about the threat of the Bristol Bay Pebble Mine that was on its way to permitting. Last week, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers found "that this project, as currently proposed, cannot be permitted under section 404 of the Clean Water Act." While this is outstanding news, TU is urging everyone to stay involved as the company proposing the mine still has opportunities to address the clean water concerns. For further information, check out [Chris Wood's article on the TU website](#).



I also wrote last month that we were close launching our newly redesigned website. The formal launch occurred Wednesday, August 26. As part of this we have a shorter web address as well; www.rmftu.org. But if you have links on your browser with the old address, Paul Wehr has set up an automatic transfer feature that will take you to the new site. If you haven't already, check it out; I think you will be impressed. Paul Wehr and Zach Jory put the website together with lots of help from your Leadership Team. Thanks to all who participated!

Until next month,

Mickey McGuire,
President

From Dennis Cook, our Leadership and Development Coordinator

Treasurer: Rocky Mountain Flycasters



Our Chapter is seeking a member with a solid background in finance and accounting to support the chapter leadership team by safeguarding the financial resources of the chapter, including potential liabilities.

The Treasurer leads preparation of the annual budget, supervises an accounting system that uses QuickBooks, and oversees procedures for recording and reporting the chapter's financial results at the monthly Board of Trustees and Leadership Team meetings.

Serving as a Chapter Board Officer the Treasurer ensures that required annual reports are filed on time with Trout Unlimited, governmental agencies, etc., and that activities prohibited by Trout Unlimited are observed. Following a brief transitional overlap, the incoming Treasurer's Board term is limited to a maximum of three consecutive years.

Contact: Leadership & Development.

Online Program Meeting for September 19

The Cameron Peak Fire

The Coalition for the Poudre Watershed was created in response to the High Park Fire of 2012. Now, eight years later, CPRW will be coordinating much of the recovery work in the burn area of the still active Cameron Peak Fire. There will be some similarities between recovery efforts but the unique location of the fire in the Poudre River and Laramie River headwaters and potentially even into the CO river headwaters present entirely different challenges to our community. Our speakers will discuss similarities and differences in recovery efforts.



These areas are not only home to Native Greenback Cutthroat that the chapter has been helping to reintroduce, but also the source for drinking water for hundreds of thousands of Northern Fort Range residents. We will be discussing what recovery will look like in the areas impacted by the Cameron Peak Fire, the impacts on TU's efforts to reintroduce native trout and how the fire will impact our local fisheries.

We will email online instructions (Zoom) a few days before the 19th of September. The meeting will begin at 6:30

—Collin Glover

Coming Events In September



Board Meeting

When: Wednesday, Sept. 9
Time: 6:00 PM
Where: Online via Zoom.
Contact **Jeannie Weaver** 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.

Covid-19 Cancellations

The Northern Colorado Fishing Day Camp for this year has also been cancelled.

Social Fly Tying will resume when advisable.

Membership meetings will resume in September either by Zoom or in person.

"Lets Go Fishing" multiple day trips cancelled through September.

FlyCast Colorado Fishing Forecast

Beginning this month, *The Flypaper* will begin posting a new feature: FlyCast Colorado Fishing. FlyCast will provide a weekly forecasting of the fishing in most of Colorado's waters (South Platte: Cheeseman Canyon, Deckers, and Dream Stream); Front Range: (Clear Creek, Bear Creek and Big Thompson); Tributaries: (Williams Fork, Eagle River and Eleven Mile Canyon); Colorado River: (Upper Section and Middle Section); Blue River (Silverthorne) and the Arkansas River (Upper Section and Pueblo Tailwater).

Simply go to www.flycastusa.com/ before your trip and get all the information. Or, if you have an interest, just browse. The founders of the FlyCast website (Taylor and Travis) provided me with the following description:

"At FlyCast, we use our on-water experience and our dynamic forecasting model to provide up-to-date and forward-looking fly fishing and river conditions for fishermen of all skill sets. While traditional fishing reports give us a sense of how the river fished a week, or even a month ago, FlyCast's weekly reports and daily forecasts provides in-depth analyses on Colorado rivers and creeks. Uncertainty torments every fisherman, but with the right tools, we can put more fish in the net. FlyCast equips you with the information you need to be prepared in any situation. Rain, snow, or shine, there's never a wrong time to fish."

You might notice that information on the Poudre is missing from FlyCast. Although Travis and Taylor plan to include The Poudre in the future, our own Vince does this nicely in the St. Peter's Fishing Report, featured below and monthly in *The Flypaper*.

From Mark Miller, Our Let's Go Fishing Coordinator

RMF 2020 Fishing Trip Listing – September to October

As you will read below, we have cancelled our multi-day trips through August. Our one day trips are still going, with some precautions, like driving alone, wearing masks when we are closer together than 6 feet, etc. We can do these one day trips safely and still have a ton of fun.

One note referring to the trips in RMNP – you need to reserve a timed entry for the day you want to fish. On the 1st of the month, you can go on-line for the following month to make a reservation. The cost is just \$2. Of course, you will still need to buy a Park Pass upon arrival, or use your annual pass for entry. It is a good idea to make your reservation at least 30 days ahead of time. Here is the link you will need to make a reservation:

www.recreation.gov

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!

Sep TBD

Colo River wade trip, 2-3 days
Not sure if this trip will go or not due to virus

Host: Bobby Bottles

Oct 28-30

Colorado River – 3 day float trip
Not sure if this trip will go or not due to virus

Host: Mark Miller

Community Outreach from Mark Miller

Join the RMF Social Media Team

If you enjoy writing and taking photos, and using social media, we want you to join our team. We are trying to build up our presence on Facebook and Instagram, and need help from a few people that enjoy doing that. If interested, please contact **Mark Miller**.

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



As anglers, we form a community. A network of folks that share a common denominator; we look to each other as friends when we are in search of tips, tactics, stories and help. We have made it to September with some hiccups, such as Covid-19, and now the new Cameron Peak Fire that took place. Despite things trying to pull us down, this community has remained stronger than we have ever seen it here on the Front Range and for that we say Thank You.

We have seen not only new faces but old faces who now have time to get back on the water and that's all we want for you beautiful people. Despite the Cameron Peak Fire holding us up on the Poudre River, places like The St.Vrain, The Big Thompson, Rocky Mountain National Park, and High Alpine Lakes and Streams will still be fishing exceptionally for about a month before things start to change. I challenge you to get out of your comfort zone and try some new water that you won't know. That's just one of the best aspects about angling.

Conditions have been excellent lately. Flows on our home waters have come down and we've also been sizing down our leader sizes and bugs. In some cases, I have even started breaking out the old 3wt for dry fly fishing. September is one more month closer to fall but I'm going to let the fish and the weather decide what bugs I have on.

September still brings warm temps to the middle of the day and the afternoon and during those times I'm going to mainly focus on Ants, Beetles, and Grasshoppers. I usually like fishing two terrestrials but dry dropper rigs with a caddis larva or a mayfly nymph of some sort will still produce. When you're out during the cool mornings and evenings be prepared to see a few Blue Wing Olives emerging. This is usually the time of the year we will begin to see them due to the cooler temperatures outside. Until then keep fishing those PMD's. You'll see them hatching during the buffer zone from a cool morning to a warm midday/afternoon as well as a couple caddis. Expect to see more caddis during the late afternoons and early evenings as the daily temperatures begin to decline. Sizing will depend on water temps but this time of year I will stick to nymph sizes of about 14-20 and dry flies in the sizes of 14-20 as well. Keep an assortment of different size terrestrials as the biggest ones will be most active when it's hottest.

If you can't get out to hit the water, we have some juicy classes and even an event day to attend to keep your mind on fishing. September 12th will be the Summer Rod Shoot-out. We will be taking appointments this day

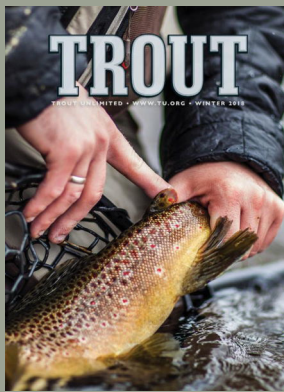
for those who want some one on one time with casting rods individually. If you are looking to pickup a new rod, today will be the day to test them out on the lawn. We are still running Intro to Fly Fishing and Fly Fishing School Sessions every weekend. This is just about the best way to get acquainted with the art of angling due to the excellent value and the fact that you will be learning from trained professionals. When you have a proper foundation it really helps make the learning curve a whole lot easier. On September 3rd we will have our On the Water Spey Class taught by Grant Houx. It's short notice but this is probably one of the most informative and useful classes I've taken at St.Petes. It gives you the fundamentals on how to use a fly rod and my more tips to expand and practice on your own. If you are looking for a new style or method of fishing, this class is the one. Fall is just around the corner and as we move closer, we are always coming up with ways to keep everyone engaged no matter the time of year. Please stop by and visit, pick up some bugs. We want to hear your next plan to get on the water. Enjoy and have fun!

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