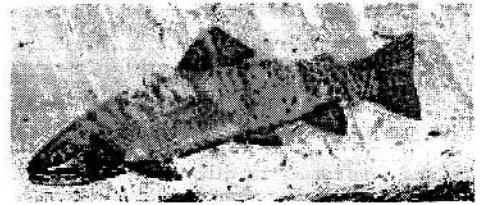


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Back Cast

The January 8 General Meeting was very interesting. The main talk was given by Steve Putman, the Regional Director of the CDOW. He outlined the current activities related to the Halligan Reservoir silt release and the burying of the first 2 plus miles of Phantom Canyon. He detailed the tragedy with slides and discussed the problem in the broader context of other silted reservoirs across the country, and the efforts to stop future such releases in Colorado. Current efforts are centered around a controlled release of 140cfs in the Spring to move the silt downstream through the irrigation system, thus bypassing the lower, less affected part of the Canyon. The State is also attempting to improve the coordination of its water and DOW activities, as a result of the disaster.

The membership, and subsequently the Board of Directors voted to donate \$1000 to a Colorado State University study that will focus on the silting deposition in the North Fork of the Poudre. If fully funded this study will be conducted by Professor Ellen Wohl. National TU's Cold Water Conservation Fund is also contributing \$5,000. Steve also discussed the state of whirling disease in the Big Thompson and the Poudre. Both have been infected for over a decade, yet the fish in the Big Thompson are reproducing and apparently healthy. Clearly we need more information about the disease. - Ken Eis

A special thanks to Brad Bishoff for his work in coordinating TU, Nature Conservancy, and State agency activities associated with the Halligan Reservoir disaster and keeping us informed. He is still looking for the remaining \$13,000 to fund the CSU silt study

Annual Banquet February 22 University Park Holiday Inn

Our Annual chapter banquet is fast approaching and I hope you all have it marked on your calendars. This year's speaker will be Mr. Marty Cecil of Elktrout Lodge, located on the Colorado River near Kremmling, Colorado. Marty is the guy in charge of all the fishing operations at this premiere

Raffle donations for the 8 January Meeting were as follows:

Tom Post	"Nothing But Blue Skys"
Rocky Mtn Fly Shop	Hat, Stream Aid Kit
	"Floating Montana" Guide Book
	"Fishing in New Mexico"
St. Peter's Fly Shop	Trout Pack, Mug, Hat,
	"Tying & Fishing Terrestrials"
RMFC	Wading Belt, 4 Spools Rio Tippet
	Wader Shampoo, Net Keeper,
	Leader Dispenser, Fish Creek Fly Rod
Garretsons	2 Sims Hand warmers
Steve Campbell	Fly Assortment
Greg Sheets	Fly Assortment

destination and a past Orvis Endorsed Guide of the Year. If you want to learn something about fishing this area, there probably isn't a better source than Marty. But, the program won't be a technical diatribe on fishing as Marty is one of the more entertaining people I know.

Remember, this is our only major fund-raiser of the year and supports our state and national affiliations with both Trout Unlimited and The Federation of Flyfishers. It also funds our next year's schedule of meetings and proposed projects.

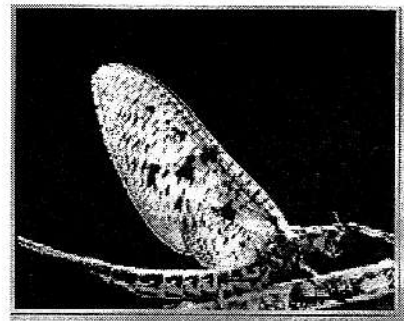
We'll have raffles and auctions with prizes that will interest everyone that attends. There will be plenty of fishing tackle as well as items for the non-anglers in the crowd.

Tickets can be purchased at: Garretson's Sports Center in Greeley, Bob's Fly Tying Specialties in Loveland, as well as Rocky Mountain Flyshop and St. Peter's Flyshop in Fort Collins. You can also contact the many awesome volunteers I conned into selling tickets year. These kind souls are as follows: John Arterburn, Bruce Biggi, Brad Bischoff, Ken Calloway, Ken Eis, Barry Feldman, Richard Jones, Dave Lyons, Frank Pierz, Pete Salg, Ron Sheets, Greg Sheets, Jim Shook, and Les Smith.

Ticket prices are \$25 per individual and \$40 per couple if purchased before February 15th, after that they go up \$5.00.

Please don't delay, make your plans now and join us in an evening of fun, camaraderie and conservation fund-raising. Remember, if we don't do it, who else will?

-Jeff Stone – Banquet Chair



Forward Cast

Our next membership meeting will feature Mr. Bob Smith, co-owner of Great Rocky Mountain Outfitters, of Saratoga, Wyoming. Bob will be speaking about fishing the North Platte and surrounding waters. The meeting date is February 12, and the time is the usual 6:30 for the fly tying session and 7:30 for the program at the Holiday Inn. This should be a fun and informative meeting as many of us fish

President's Beat

This column should be called the President's Upbeat, because that is exactly what I am. Upbeat about the direction that our club is headed. As most of you know, our club is now affiliated with The Federation of Fly Fishers as well as Trout Unlimited. While at the Sportsmen's Show in Denver last week I had the pleasure of talking with Dan Turner. Dan is the president of the Eastern Rocky Mountain Council of the FFF, which is the regional body to which our club belongs. He was quite excited about our chapter's decision to affiliate. Surprisingly enough, there are not very many members of the FFF here in Colorado. I encourage all of you to join both TU and the FFF.

I also wish to say how privileged I feel about being your chapter president for the next two years and that I am very excited about the challenges the club will be facing. Fortunately I am surrounded by an enthusiastic and diverse group of officers and board members. It is also great to work with devoted professionals such as Steve Puttnam (Senior Fisheries Biologist with the DOW). He and Ken Kehmeier gave us a great presentation about issues facing us as RMFC members. Emotions ran a little high as did the irrigation banners! Which one of you arranged that anyway?

Well, I digress which is usual for me.

Our most important fundraising event of the year is almost upon us. I'm speaking of our Annual

Banquet and Fundraising Auction. This event will be held February 22 at the University Park Holiday Inn. Jeff Stone has written an article about the event elsewhere in this issue so I won't belabor the point. I am just going to encourage you all to buy your tickets as soon as possible as that helps us get a handle on our anticipated attendance. With that information we can make good decisions about future advertising and about how many dinners we need to confirm with the hotel. Please join us as it will be a very entertaining evening for all!!!

Well, I'm going fishing tomorrow which I hope will help clear my head of the mid-winter blahs. Although my sanity probably could be an issue as anyone that goes fly fishing in the middle of Wyoming in the third week of January is probably a few line weights short. Sounds like something the FBI should look into - crossing state lines for idiotic reasons.

Until next time - Tom Post - President

Tippets

Special Thanks

As you may have noticed, the newsletter has been transferred from Jim Shook, and as I found out during the transfer of editorship his wife Chris, to Ken Eis. If you have any complaints or suggestion on newsletter improvements please let Ken know. Thanks to the Shooks for their turn in the barrel. Its been a big job that they shouldered heroically for a long time.

Fishing Opportunities

Fly Paper will be posting member's planned fishing trips so other members can sign up. Please call Ken Eis or better yet drop him e-mail at eis@cira.colostate.edu for inclusion in the next newsletter. Please keep in mind this is for long range planning. Please meet that deadline if you want your announcement in the next edition.

Les Smith is going to the Green around 5 April for 5-7 days his number is 226-5333.

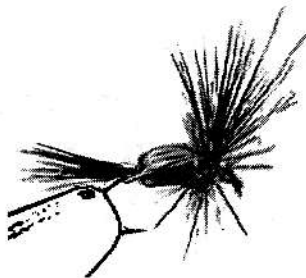
Fishing Information

I've run across several great world wide web pages related to fishing. Here are the www addresses:

Fly tying hook comparison chart	http://www.ofps.ucar.edu/~john/fish/tips/hooks.html
Conditions Reports	http://www.flyfishers.com
Weather reports & foercasts	www.weather.com (Weather Channel stuff)
Another conditions report	http://shano.proxima.com:880/podium/backcast
General Info Virtual Fly Shop	http://www.flyshop.com

From our sister chapter the Aurora Anglers newsletter-

The Gunnison River will be stocked with 107,000 three inch rainbows in Oct '97 and '98. This is the first stocking in over 20 years and the result of Whirling Disease's effects on natural reproduction.



Calendar of Events

General Meeting Wednesday Feb 12th

Board Meeting Monday Feb 17th

Banquet - 7:30 PM Saturday, Feb 22 at the University Park Holiday Inn

General Meetings are always at the University Park Holiday Inn at 6:30 PM
Board Meetings are held at the County Cork at 7:30PM

If you have any suggestions for the next news letter please contact Ken Eis at 229-9790 or better yet via e-mail eis@CIRA.COLOSTATE.EDU

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Deadline for newsletter submissions is the 22nd of Feb.

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