



Chapter Gathering November 15 - Northside Aztlan Community Center - 6:00 - 8:30

President's Message



Welcome to the November newsletter. Every member of Rocky Mountain Flycasters should be very, very proud! We were recognized nationally for our accomplishments!

It was with great pleasure and an honor for me to accept the TU Gold Trout Award during the Spokane National TU Gathering on behalf of all our fantastic volunteers and leaders. We were recognized for having broad impacts in conservation, education, and community outreach. I had a chance to talk with TU Trustees, National Leadership Council members, State Council Chairs, and other Chapter Presidents. Everyone was impressed by the breadth and success in what we have been able to accomplish as a chapter post COVID. It can only be attributed to our tireless, creative, and flexible members! FANASTIC Job!

-Dave Hausler (President)

Alex Deetjen's St. Petes Fishing Report



Fall is winding down here in Northern Colorado and just like that we are inching closer to the Holiday Season! November can bring some fantastic fishing opportunities, click the link below to read the current local report from Alex at St. Peter's Fly Shop. - *Alex Deetjen*

[Read the St. Pete's Fishing Report Here](#)

Donate to RMFTU Via Colorado Gives



Colorado Gives Day is a statewide movement to increase giving, and it unites all Coloradoans in a common goal to strengthen nonprofits by giving to favorite charities online! Again in 2023, you can donate directly to RMFTU through Colorado Gives.

Why Participate?

Donating to RMFTU through Colorado Gives helps raise funds needed to conserve, protect and restore coldwater streams and rivers where trout live — including the Big Thompson, Cache la Poudre and Colorado Rivers in Colorado. RMFTU's signature conservation project is Poudre Headwaters Project, the largest restoration effort of native Greenback Cutthroat Trout in Colorado history. With your generous donation, RMFTU can help save Colorado's state fish and expand important work in conservation and education.

Early giving began on Nov. 1, and you can schedule your donation. All you have to do is:

- Visit: <https://www.coloradogives.org/organization/RockyMountainFlycasters>

On the RMFTU page, click DONATE and make your gift.

- Make sure your donation is set to process on December 5, Colorado Gives Day.

Ask your FRIENDS & FAMILY to donate too (before December 5)!

Donate Here

Big South Angling Survey - Volunteer Opportunity -



The USFS is interested in how far up the Big South Fork of the Poudre River brown trout are found. As such, we agreed to reintroduce a new version of the Big South Angling Survey. Instead of getting everyone out on the same day, this year anglers get to choose when to go. Great prizes are available for anglers who correctly document (with photos and GPS coordinates) brown trout they catch in the areas of interest. One prize is for the brown trout caught furthest the Big South Trailhead on HWY 14, and the other is for the the most brown trout caught in one day in the segment of interest. There is still time to participate - click the button below for more information.

Learn More



Trout Fishing Expo 2024 – Save the Date March 23rd

Our 2023 Trout Fishing Expo was so successful that this coming years' will be bigger and better!

How can you help? We are building a list of potential donors that we will contact in the next few months to ask for donations for our live and silent auctions. Donations can come in many forms: fishing gear, fishing trips, artwork, restaurant coupons, ice cream gift cards, etc. If you have any personal contacts with potential donors, or friends who are business owners, your offer to talk to them about donating to our Expo fundraiser would be greatly appreciated! You could also simply forward their name and contact info to our Expo Committee (expo@rmftu.org) who will give them a call.

*-Mark Miller
Expo Coordinator*



November Membership Gathering Fly Swap

At the November Membership Gathering we'll be swapping blue winged olive (BWO) nymphs such as RS2, Twobit Hooker, Copper John, Dirty Bird, Juju baetis, etc. You'll tie enough copies of your fly so that everyone gets one. In return you'll get one from each other tier. Include a little toe tag attached to your flies with a material recipe and bring them to the Gathering. Typically we have 6 to 8 participants, but I will let you know the exact number of participants a week before hand. - *Dave Morse*

EMAIL DAVE MORSE BELOW TO LET HIM KNOW IF YOU'LL BE PARTICIPATING:

[Email Dave to Sign-Up](#)

RMFTU Board of Director's Election



During our Chapter's November **Annual Business Meeting** (combined with the Chapter Gathering), will be electing the Board Officers and Directors at Large for the 2024 Chapter Activities Year.

Aztlan Northside Community Center
112 East Willow Street, Fort Collins, CO

6:00pm – **Social gathering** with light refreshments

6:30pm – Business Meeting:

****Election for Board of Directors**

****State of the Chapter Report** - President Dave

****Open Floor Discussion:** "Post-Covid & Moving Forward"

8:00pm – **Social gathering** before departure

2023 SLATE: Board of Directors Nominees

Presented by the Nominations Committee

- **President: Dave Haeusler**, 2nd year of term, re-electable – max 3 successive years
- **Vice President: Terry Gibbons**, 1 year term, re-electable
- **Treasurer: Tony Popp**, 3rd of 3 year term, re-electable – max. 3 successive years
- **Secretary: Dave Handshue**, 1 year term, re-electable
- **Board Director at Large: Adele Shirmer**, 2nd year of 2 year term, re-electable
- **Board Director at Large: Bill Adkison**, 2nd year of 2 year term, re-electable
- **Board Director at Large: Don Gilmore**, 1st year of 2 year term, re-electable

A majority vote of those Chapter members in good standing present at the annual business meeting is required to elect all officers and directors. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting. Floor nominees are expected to have already affirmed in advance that they will accept their specified position if elected, that they will be present at the November meeting to describe their qualifications to the attending voting membership if another is nominated from the floor, and to assure they will participate actively within the Board to fulfill the elected position's responsibilities. Please direct any questions about the election process in advance to the Nominations Committee Chair, Dennis Cook, by email at ldrdev@rmftu.org as early as practicable.

Poudre Fall Fish Sampling



Once again, RMFTU has partnered with Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) for the fall fish sampling on the Poudre River. This activity helps CPW establish trends in Poudre River fish populations by sampling the same areas every fall. This year, eight RMFTU volunteers showed up to help with the effort, getting to see first-hand how biologists work and just how many fish lie beneath the surface! Thanks to these volunteers: Tony Bartolone, Brett Foreman, Bill Jenkins, Mark Miller, Arthur Powell, Bill Rosquist, Eric Swanson, and Michael Taylor. Your contributions are very much appreciated!!

Tie-A-Thon: Winter Fly Tying Event



Here's a fun idea for all you fly tiers this winter. Let's get together on a Saturday in February to tie flies for good causes – Reel Recovery and Casting for Recovery. These two non-profits take men and women fishing who are fighting cancer. The trips allow them to have a few fun days of fishing while giving them a break from the constant stress, worry, and medical procedures they face due to their illness.

If we have enough interest, we will pick a Saturday in February and come up with a list of patterns to tie. You can tie all day, or just drop in for a couple of hours. Our Chapter will provide the pizza, and we will all feel great donating our flies to a great cause. **If you are interested, please email Mark below to let him know.**

[Email Mark](#)

Successful Completion of 2023 Stream Temperature Data Retrieval Campaign



RMFTU volunteers successfully completed data retrieval from 20 temperature sensor sites on small tributaries of the Poudre River. The data will be delivered to the USFS in support of greenback cutthroat trout restoration. I want to thank all the volunteers who visited sensor sites to retrieve data. Special thanks go out to the new volunteers, like Don Gilmore in the photo above, who were able to visit sites and be trained on sensor installation, maintenance and data retrieval. Thankfully, I think this year we visited sites early enough that no volunteers had to break through ice to retrieve data! Email Phil Wright at phil.wright@rmftu.org to learn more about this RMFTU program.
-Phil Wright

Video of the Month

RMFTU Gunnison Trip

RMFTU members organized a jet boat/rafting trip on the Gunnison back in September. Mark Miller put together this great video! It sure looks like it was a fun trip, although we're all a little concerned about the weight capacity of those boats.

-Isaac Fournier (The Editor)



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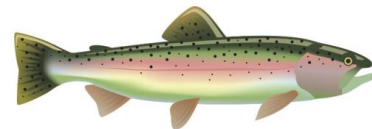
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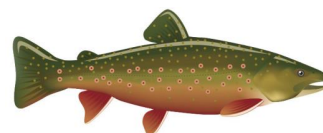
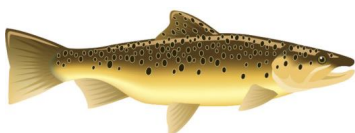
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