



## February 2018

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## From the President

I am so ready for spring. I don't why that desire is so strong in me this year. Maybe it's because I'm getting a little older and have a little less toleration for cold weather. Maybe it's cabin fever. Maybe it is because lately I've worked more and not fished as much as I would have liked. Maybe it's the embedded memories of several amazing fishing trips last March and April. Whatever the reasons, I definitely have spring fever!

One of the signs that spring is coming is RMF's annual **Fly-Tying Expo**. Though February is still a decidedly winter month, it inches ever closer to warmer weather, green leaves and open water. I have always greatly enjoyed this event. We bring together 20+ of the regions finest fly-tyers (and that's saying something!) for an evening of education, camaraderie and fun.

Visiting the tying stations, chatting with the tyers and watching their technique inspires me to get back to my bench and fill my boxes with my go-to flies that always seem to produce as well as trying out some of the new patterns inspired by these creative folks.

Our members and sponsors are always so generous with their donations to our silent auction table. From brand new rods, nets, fly boxes to professionally guided trips and gift certificates, it is easy to find something you need or want on the auction. And best of all when you bid, you know your donation is going straight to the chapter and will support our local watersheds.

This year we are planning a *live auction* for a few items. Please remember, this is our major fund-raiser for the year. It's a time for generosity not just picking up some new gear!

And then there's the great Italian cuisine from **Canino's** and an opportunity to interact socially with old friends and fishing buddies as well as meeting some new people you don't know.

Speaking of spring, I always look forward to the spring chapter trip to the **Grey Reef** in Wyoming. Each year it seems to get better and better. **Ben Zomer** is heading it up again this year and will be locking down a date in late March or early April depending on the rainbow spawn and release flows. It's always a great time to catch some fat tail-water trout, make some new friends and tell some tall tales over a cold beer at the end of the day.

All the relevant information is below. I hope to see you there. Spring is just around the corner..

**Coy Wylie, President**

Rocky Mountain Flycasters-Trout Unlimited



Coy Wylie, 2017-2018 President  
Rocky Mountain Flycasters

Rocky Mountain Flycasters  
**2018 Annual Fund-Raising Fly Tying Expo**  
Wednesday February 21, 2018 from 5:30 to 9:00 pm



Two dozen professional and experienced tiers demonstrate their skills and share tips on tying and fishing their signature flies.

- Food provided by Canino's
- Beginner's table to learn tying your own flies
- Random drawings for each tier's flies and a fly rod
- Live and silent auction with many quality equipment items, supplies, books, art, etc.

Learn from such tiers as: Rick Takahashi, Chris Krueger, Phil Iwane, Marty Staab, Dick Shinton, Mark McMillan, Al Ritt, Eric Pettine, Tim England, and others.

Don't miss this once-a-year opportunity.  
When: February 21, 2018, 5:30-9:00 pm  
Where: Fort Collins Senior Center  
1200 Raintree Drive  
Fort Collins, CO

Funds raised support conservation and education projects, including restoring the fishing pier on the Big Thompson River, greenback trout restoration in several locations, and our annual Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Day Camp.

Admission: \$20 per person (\$10 for students with ID, under 12 free). With the price of admission, you get a plate of food and a beverage, ten(10) raffle tickets (five (5) for students, none for under 12) for the fly and rod drawings, and a wealth of tying and fishing information.

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## A RMF Milestone

This summer RMF experiences a very significant marker in its history: **Dennis Cook** is stepping down as Camp Director. Dennis will be dearly missed. But, after eight years, it's time for Dennis and Terri to have more time for each other.

Dennis came to Rocky Mountain Flycasters from the Cherry Creek Chapter in Denver, Colorado, which he served as president. It was clear from the beginning that establishment of a youth day camp was on Dennis' mind. Indeed, within a year's time he had established our week long camp for young people!

Dennis is characteristically modest. He is quick to point out that we have always had lots of volunteers—indeed a young angler has always been assigned to a member/mentor one-one-one.

Nevertheless, Dennis was the heart and soul of the camp. He planned the curriculum, raised funds on a yearly basis, kept our equipment in shape, recruited, etc. Anyone who has ever directed or attended a camp knows how hard Dennis worked—all year long!

Dennis' goal has always remained constant: "making available to young people the opportunity to get an in-depth experience and discovering that fly fishing and conservation go hand in hand. His most satisfying aspect has been observing how many young people come back to the camp—as anglers!

Fortunately, we have been able to secure two—not one—but two co-directors for the camp. Both are enthusiastic, well prepared and raring to go in July 2018:



Dennis Cook, Youth Outreach Coordinator



**Dr. Robin Brown** retired from Colorado State University where she served as Vice President for Enrollment and Access for 11 years. Prior to that she was Vice President for Enrollment at Willamette University in Salem, OR. She is a Certified Casting Instructor with Fly Fishers International, and when not fly fishing, she is hiking, cross country skiing or snow shoeing.



**Bill Gedge** is a recently retired Hospital Administrator (and Colorado transplant) from Yale New Haven Hospital in Connecticut, where he and his wife Cindy have spent the last 18 years. Formerly a Minnesota resident, Bill is an avid fly-fisherman, chef and home remodeler.

## Let's Go Fishing



Our 2018 schedule is still a work in progress. We still need to nail down some locations and dates. However, here is a sneak peek at what we hope to schedule.

**April** – Gray Reef, WY. Host: Ben Zomer. April is a great time for big rainbows at Gray Reef, WY.

**May** – Lake John. This lake was poisoned 3 or 4 years ago to get rid of the sucker population. It is now a great spot for rainbows during runoff. Look also for a trip to private waters at Red Feather Lakes. Host Bob Green.

**June** – Joe Wright/Lake Agnes. Host: Dave Morse. We'll fish for cutthroats early at Agnes, then Joe Wright for Grayling in the afternoon and evening hours.

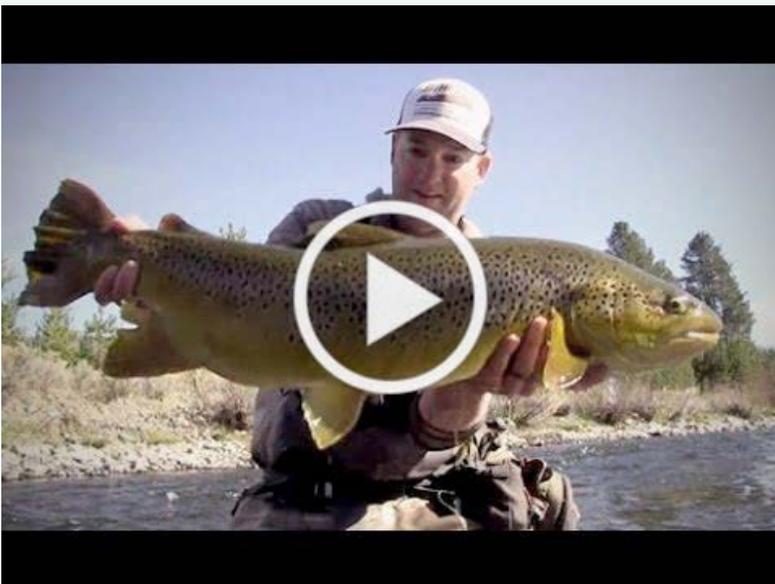
**July** – High Country Lake, WY. Host: Ben Zomer. Who doesn't want to catch a Golden Trout? A 2 mile hike for this rarest of trout lakes.

**August** – RMNP Small Streams. Host: Bill Gillet. Small stream fun w/dry flies in the Park makes for a great day.

**September** – Frying Pan or Upper Green River. 3 day trip to one of these great rivers.

**October** – Kokanee Salmon trip – South Platte / Dream Stream – Host: Mark Miller.

## Video of the Month



Watch Matt Heron hook up with and then literally chase down this huge Brown. It measured 30". He was excited. I'm sure you will be also!

## Upcoming Events



Board Meeting, February 7 at 7:00 PM, Mulligan's. Everyone is invited to attend



Fly Tying Expo and Dinner, February 21 at 5:30 PM, Senior Center



During February members of RMFly Swap will be tying Mayfly nymphs or emergers. Members can contact [Dave Morse](#). to be added to the monthly swap.

[Link for Chapter Events Calendar on our web site](#)

## Library

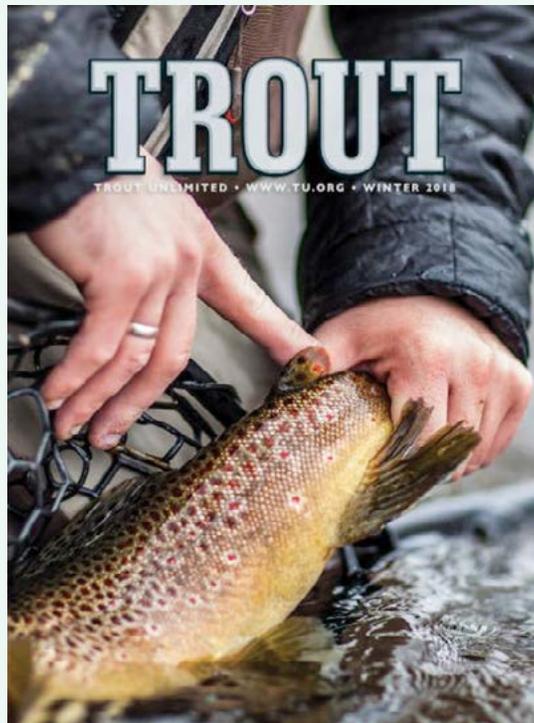
The active link (click) icons below represent a beginning attempt to put together a group of FREE resources available to fly anglers. The first (Trout Magazine) is published by Trout Unlimited-USA and the third (High Country Angler) is published by Trout Unlimited-Colorado. Both of these publications 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.

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