

The Flypaper Newsletter

February 2023



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From The President

Welcome to the February newsletter.

I hope everyone is staying safe, relaxing, and taking time to refresh fly boxes and make plans for spring fishing trips while cabin bound with snow.

I appreciate the great turnout we had for St. Pete's Film Night at Odell's this month. I'm sure everyone had a FANTASTIC time. If you're not aware, the proceeds are being donated to RMF in support of our 2023 NoCO Youth Fly Fishing Day Camp. Thanks everyone!



Many things are happening at the TU National and CTU levels with opportunities for our Chapter to help out in numerous ways including through the Priority Waters Program, conservation initiatives, and the Headwaters Youth program, so please stay alert for information on how to get involved. I also want to let you know that Rocky Mountain Flycasters is now the North Platte Watershed stewards for CTU. This expands our Chapter's footprint so let's welcome our new members to the west and get out to enjoy fishing in North Park. We will be looking to work with CPW and the Forest Service on projects in our new watershed.

Our March 11th Trout Expo is coming up! It will take many volunteers to pull this fantastic annual event off so please be on the lookout for a volunteer request email. It will be a fun day for the whole family.

And remember... take someone fishing and you plant a seed for a lifelong coldwater conservationist.

Sincerely,

General Membership Meeting

Our next General Membership Meeting will be at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, February 15 at the:

Northside Aztlan Community Center
112 E Willow St, Fort Collins, CO 80524

March 11th Trout Expo

ROCKY MOUNTAIN FLYCASTERS
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SATURDAY
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RMF TROUT FISHING EXPO

Sponsored by:
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OUTDOOR GEAR

Our annual fundraiser returns in 2023 at the Northside Aztlan Community Center in Ft Collins, 112 E Willow Street

Join us on Saturday March 11th from 11am - 4pm. Lunch included + beer!

Purchase tickets and bid on raffle items at rmtu.org/Expo2023

Join us to get the fishing season started in style! Speakers, Door Prizes, Raffle, Vendors, Fly Shops, Fly Tiers, Silent Auction, Rods for you to cast and compare. Try to catch the very rare Lawn Trout! Casting and fly tying for kids also!

Our Trout Fishing Expo is shaping up to be a fantastic event! We are receiving RSVP's from well-known fly tiers, have four excellent speakers, and have close to 20 exhibitors lined up to make this our best Expo yet (sponsored by Jax and Scheels).

St Peter's Fly shop will be donating a high-end rod and reel combo for our on-line auction. Our Silent auction will also include a day of guided fishing by St Pete's, as well as a day of guided fishing for four people at Horse Creek Ranch in Wyoming (still waters). For anyone interested in a more traditional set ups, we'll also have an 8ft bamboo 5 weight rod and reel combo as part of our silent auction.

This is our **BIG** Fundraiser of the year, so bring your wallet and be ready to bid on some cool gear. Our

on-line ticket purchase is now ready to go on our website (\$20 for adults, \$10 for students, and \$10 for veterans/military, law enforcement, and first responders). So be sure to check out all the details at: <https://rmftu.org/expo2023>

Expo Title Sponsors

We are happy to announce that Scheels and Jax are both Title Sponsors for our March Expo. This is exciting news, and will help ensure that this annual event will be a resounding success.

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Opportunity: RMF Chapter Leadership Council

We are seeking a **Leadership Development Committee Chair** for our RMF Chapter's Leadership Council. Candidate will build RMF Chapter Board and Committee Chairs succession and bench depth as well as support identification and development of project/functional Coordinators. Other responsibilities include participation on the Leadership Council, Annual RMF Board Nominations, Annual Membership Awards and oversight of Committee functional Coordinators.

WE NEED
YOU

Candidate profiles require demonstrated leadership capabilities, and might include leadership experience in a company, governance department, or other multi-level organization.

Interested members should contact President Dave Haeusler: president@rmftu.org

January Meeting Fly Swap

Our Fly Swap is an opportunity to trade flies and recipes with your fellow Rocky Mountain Fly Casters. **The theme for the February 15th meeting is caddis nymphs. In the past we've had 6 to 8 participants each month, so tying is not a big burden.** Sign up or ask questions by emailing Dave Morse, your Swap Coordinator:

[Email Dave Here](#)



This is how it works:

1. You will be notified of the number of copies of your favorite fly to tie.

2. Bring your flies in a small container to the monthly meeting along with a toe recipe attached to each fly showing its name, size, materials/recipe, your name, and the date.

3. You will get back one fly from each participant (in your container) at the end of the meeting.



Those who tied Stonefly Nymphs for the cancelled January meeting, bring them to the February meeting. **Those who wish to donate flies for the March Expo should tie 1 dozen for Dave.** We hope to receive 12 dozen so get tying!

St. Pete's Corner

It's February already and the days just keep rolling by...fast. It's too bad there's not a sick note for cabin fever because the cases really shot through the roof this week! There are lots of people tying and going to fish local tailwaters; class attendance has been awesome; and the turn out for the movie second movie night at Odell Brewing Co was amazing-thank you to everyone who attended. It never disappoints to see the strong, diverse community that we have built together. It's great to see support from everyone and it's always so fun for me when we can all be in the same room together. It's a positive energy that we all enjoy and if we continue to work together then our community only becomes stronger. With the profits going towards RMFC's Summer Youth Camp, we can now welcome in the next generation of anglers and pass the torch to them by teaching good habits, etiquette, technique, and ethics while on the water.



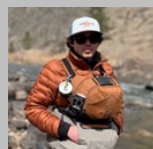
With winter present, we all know how technical fishing can be. I fished the North Fork of the Poudre River at Gateway Natural Area last Monday and even with low flows and picky trout, fishing was still a blast. I encourage you all to check out The North Fork or Big Thompson tailwaters before winter ends. Come readily stocked with a couple of each pattern in each sized Zebra midges #22-24, Bling Midges #22-24, and Biot Midge Emergers in a #20-22. For Blue Winged Olive Nymphs I would personally take Beadless Pheasant Tails #20-22, and Juju Baetis in Black #20-22. I prefer nymphing these on 5x-6x fluorocarbon this time of year but when dealing with larger fish you might want something stronger like 4x. These flies are also weightless so have JP's Tungsten Nymphing Putty ready to go. This stuff allows me to make really small weight adjustments. I set my flies up about 1-1.5 feet away from each other and cycle through patterns, weight, and depth every 3-5 drifts until I find out what the fish want.

Most of the time I will be fishing deep pools and deep runs but on a sunny day you might see fish spread out. If you are seeing lanes of bubbles and foam on the surface this can be a good indication of food below the surface and there is a good chance that fish will be there munching. Start at the bottom of your run, cast upstream into the seams of said run, let the drift come back

down, pick up, and re-cast further out into the run or take 2 steps upstream and make another presentation. This will allow you to cover water in great detail which will help get flies in front of more fish. I always have Adams in a #20-24 and Eric's Hi-Vis Midges #20-22 in the event of a hatch. If I see fish beginning to rise or bugs flying around I will take off my nymph rig, add 5-6x mono to my leader and fish the seams and foam-lines with dry flies. It doesn't happen often but when it does, it can be pretty awesome. Keep it simple. From how you rig your flies to how you work the water. If you do get caught up with questions, come find me at St.Pete's Old Town and I will help you figure it out. I hope everyone has a good month and just remember, spring is on the way.



-Article by Vince Herrera



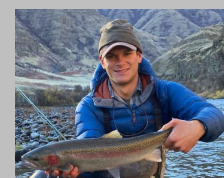
Video of the Month



Winter Run by Todd Moen

Winter in Colorado means frozen guides and puffy coats but in the Pacific Northwest winter means rain, steelhead, and more rain! In this wet video, travel to coastal Oregon's famed Clackamas River to swing flies for elusive steelhead! Tight lines and thanks for reading this month's Newsletter!

-Isaac Fournier (Editor)



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phone: 970-498-8968 / FAX: 970-482-5990

web site: www.stpetes.com | [Check out our classes](#)

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phone: 970-227-4707

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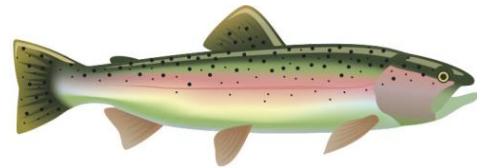
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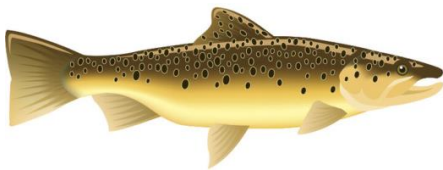
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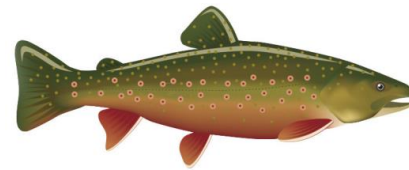
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