



March 2019

Table of Contents

From the President
Membership Meeting
Community Outreach
Bill Gedge, Camp Dir.
Platte Rivers Veterans Fly
Fishing
St. Peter's Fishing
Online Fly Fishing
Donate and/or Buy
Let's Go Fishing
NoCo Youth River Con-
servation & Fly Fishing
Day Camp
Sustaining Donors

Quick Links



From the President

March 2019

Greetings all:

WOW! What an amazing event we held in February. More than 150 people attended our fly tying Expo to watch amazing fly tiers, enjoy a delicious Caninos meal and bid on items in our silent and live auctions. The results are in and this year's event turned out to be the most well attended with the most donations ever. Thank you to our tiers, our guests, those who contributed to the auction and those who volunteered their time to make this event the best so far.



Mickey McGuire, RMF President

Coming up in March, be sure to attend our first ever social gathering to tie flies. Whether you are an experienced tier, someone like me who dabbles, or someone like my friend Mark who has been thinking about tying, you are welcome. The details were in the blast email you should have received last week, but we will gather at the Gilded Goat Brewery at 6:00 PM on Wednesday March 6 where hooks and materials and a limited number of vises will be provided by RMF; plenty of instruction will be available to help you get started. Thanks to

Marty Staab for leading this new event.

We will have a number of new volunteer opportunities coming up in March so keep a lookout for something you would like to do to contribute to our mission. Be sure to visit our volunteer page on the website or click above to keep up to date on new events.

Colorado Trout Unlimited will be holding their annual River Stewardship Gala on Thursday, March 7. This is their primary fund raiser and last year they raised more than \$100,000. It is quite an event and their auction items are available online at <https://CTU2019.givesmart.com> where you can view and bid on items large and small.

Finally, March is typically a great month to fish either locally or somewhere a farther drive away. Rainbows and brookies will be spawning and are typically easily catchable. Beware of reds that are formed as the spawn progresses; the last thing we want is for people to wade over the reds and disrupt the eggs. In addition, it is imperative you all stay safe. There may be



icy roads, cold weather and tricky wading so caution is the order of the day! And, if you haven't been actively fishing this winter, be aware of the use of new muscles and joints. I don't want to see folks at the March meeting hobbling around!

Until next month,

Mickey McGuire
President

March Membership Meeting

Be sure to attend our General Chapter meeting **March 20** to hear what's going on with the watershed coalitions, some research from CSU and, for the first time, physical therapists will give us some suggestions for keeping healthy and uninjured on the rivers and lakes.

We will hear from Shayna Jones, Executive Director of the Big Thompson Watershed Coalition, Jen Kovescs, Executive Director from the Coalition for the Poudre River Coalition; Alex Townsend, our sponsored student from CSU and Sarah Baily, Physical Therapist, from Rocky Mountain Physical Therapy.

In addition, we will have the usual raffle, other program items and the opportunity to mingle with friends old and new. We will get more details out later but be sure to put this important event on your calendars.

Other Events in February



Board Meeting: Wednesday, March 13 at the Hop Grenade @ 6:30 PM; everyone is invited to attend this meeting.



Monthly Membership Meeting, March 20 at 6:30 PM., Senior Center, Fort Collins.



Fly Swap: The fly for March is a Caddis pupa or larva. To participate, Contact Dave Morse to determine how many copies of your fly to tie. Include a small toe tag with the fly's name, recipe, and your name. This is a fine way to hone your skills and pick up new tying ideas. One fly goes into the monthly raffle. Thanks for participating. Contact **Dave Morse** to sign up.

From Wil Huett, Our Community Outreach Coordinator

Dam News, Congratulations & Better Views



Wil Huett, Past President

Halligan - a Home Town Dam Project

Well, almost hometown - Halligan Reservoir is on the North Fork of the Poudre River, **25 miles northwest of Fort Collins**. If approved, the Halligan Project will raise the existing dam from 70 to 95 feet and enlarge the reservoir by approximately 8,100 acre-feet to provide additional water for Fort Collins users. You can find more about the project from the Fort Collins website: **Halligan Water Supply Project**. RMF members heard about this project at our membership meeting in September 2017. Fort Collins Utilities customers received a flyer about it in recent monthly bills. A Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) is expected this year and will provide a chance for public input.

Note: the Halligan project is entirely separate from the proposed NISP (Glade reservoir) and Seaman reservoir enlargement projects.

Loveland's Reporter-Herald shed some light on the many water-seeking projects in the area with this January article: *Cities eye regional collaboration on water*.

Clean Water - you want it? Speak up!

The opportunity for the public to weigh in on reducing protections for headwater streams in the US is here. **The comment period opened February 14 and only lasts until April 15. You need to comment now!**

The EPA has proposed modifying the existing protections, a backwards step important to not only we who pursue piscatorial passions, but important to all if you consider the cost of treating water so we can make decent tasting coffee or beer, or shower and feel really clean.

Trout Unlimited (and others) urge you to **Stand up for Clean Water Today**

Pebble Mine* - you don't want it? Speak up!

TU says "Heads up: The lead agency reviewing Pebble's key federal permit just released a draft of the most important document in the process. The purpose of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) is to list potential risks and benefits that Pebble, in its current proposal, could bring to Bristol Bay. So far the permitting process has been unnecessarily rushed and the **DEIS that was just released fails to address the full impact of the multi-generational mine that Pebble advertises to its funders**. Instead, this DEIS only evaluates Phase I of the project - this is unacceptable. Pebble is only economically viable at a much larger size than currently proposed and its impact must be assessed accordingly."

TU is looking for volunteers to help spread the word and starting MARCH 1 is a critical 90 day nationwide opportunity for us to weigh in on this document and Pebble's application.

Congratulations Alex Townsend

Meet our 2018-19 RMF-Behnke Fellow at CSU. Alex (pictured below) started on a career in business marketing but found more satisfaction in pursuing his lifelong love of the outdoors through the fisheries biology program at CSU. Alex has worked for the CPW Aquatic Toxicology Lab studying the effects of copper exposure on Mountain Whitefish and is currently conducting research on selenium and fish reproduction. After finishing up his degree Alex wants to work to improve water quality and native fish populations.



Alex and his wife, Melisa, have two boys, six years and six months old. Look forward to Alex making a brief presentation at our March 20th meeting.

Congratulations Will Lennon

Our CSU undergraduate intern from last year has earned a semester in Spain to pursue his degree. So far the research work is going well, but landing Spanish speaking fish on English speaking flies is not. Will promises to send us photos when he finds the secret.

Better Views

<https://www.coloradoan.com/story/news/2019/02/24/poudre-river-billboard-removal-fort-collins-colorado/2954239002/>

Take care and tight lines!

*I have a personal take on the Pebble Mine - no one at TU or anywhere else has advocated this, it is my thinking only!...This mine is proposed by a company called Northern Dynasty Minerals Ltd. It's a public company trading on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol NAK. On Friday 2/28 the stock was selling for less than \$1 per share. In the last year it has traded from \$0.43 to \$1.13 a share.

My proposal is that all 300,000 TU members invest and take control of this company and put the Pebble Mine to rest! What do you think?

Spotlight on Bill Gedge, our Camp Director



Bill Gedge, Camp Director

I'm sure that many of you know Bill Gedge as the Camp Director for last year's Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Day Camp. As preparations are actively underway for this year's camp in late July, we wanted to spend a little more time in introducing him.

Bill (and his wife Cindy) are originally from Minnesota where he grew up and attended school at Macalester College in St. Paul and the University of Minnesota. Bill was always known as a "science nerd", having won two International Science Fairs with innovative research on alcohol habituation in mice, and lobster electrocardiography (yes, even in Minnesota). After college and some graduate school, Bill entered the health care profession as a Hospital Administrator, first at several Twin Cities hospitals, and then recruited to Yale New Haven Hospital in Connecticut where he was Senior Vice President for 20 years until "semi-retiring" two years ago.

For Bill, semi-retirement has always meant something other than health care. Since relocating to northern Colorado, Bill has done some management consulting, and currently is a full-time administrator for Kentwood Real Estate and their new office in Fort Collins. In his spare time, Bill is actively involved at Faith Church in Fort Collins and will of course direct this year's Fly Fishing Day Camp for Rocky Mountain Flycasters. He and his wife Cindy are also avid fly fishers, having just recently taken up the sport since moving to Colorado. Being new to the art of fly fishing, they have been trying out many new spots for the first time that are very well known to everyone, including the Dream stream, Pueblo, Bozeman, Alcova, and several small ranches in Wyoming. Bill & Cindy have a son in New York city and a daughter in Chicago and a total of three grandsons under the age of 2 1/2. All future fly fishermen!

Bill wanted me to make sure everyone knows about this summer's fly fishing day camp. Applications are open

and information can be found on the chapter's website. Please encourage applications, and please consider volunteering for this year's camp. The success of the camp depends on dedicated chapter volunteers. This will be the 10th camp and we are hoping for an outstanding week. Information about the camp and how you can apply can be found by scrolling down in the newsletter.

From Dave Morse, Platte Rivers Veterans Fly Fishing Coordinator

Rocky Mountain Flycasters supports veterans through the Platte Rivers Veterans Fly Fishing organization that regularly meets in Loveland/Ft Collins, Greeley, Cheyenne and Laramie, and currently serves over 400 local veterans. We hold fly tying classes every Thursday evening and are in the middle of our rod making classes which



meet on Saturday mornings. Fishing trips will start up when we get open water. If you are interested in participating as a mentor or veteran, contact Dave Morse, the local lead. This is a program to support all vets and you do not need to be a veteran to mentor.

The eighth annual banquet and fundraiser for the Platte Rivers Veterans Fly Fishing group will be held in Cheyenne at the Little America Hotel and Resort, 2800 W Lincolnway on March 30, 2019. Doors open at 3:30 with dinner served at 6:00. Admission (\$75) includes dinner and the opportunity to bid on silent and oral auctions for trips, vacations, fishing gear, crafts, Crown Royal packages and novelties. In addition there are two gun raffles (\$20 a ticket) to win either a Browning X-Bolt Hell's Canyon 6.5 Creedmoor hunting rifle or a Kimber Custom II, 45 ACP full size 1911 pistol with a Stainless steel frame, rosewood grips and a brush polished carbon black slide. Both guns are top quality collector items. You do not need to be present to win. Contact [Dave Morse](#), [Domingo Rodriguez](#), or [Joe O'Connor](#) info and tickets. Tickets will be available at the March RMFC monthly meeting. Let's support our local veterans! Thanks.

Thomas Wurster's St. Peter's Fishing

Forecast for March



The month we have all been waiting for is here! I don't know about you folks but this is when I start to feel like a fly fisherman again. Lakes & rivers will start to thaw, and the fish will start to become aggressive. With that being said this is also a month that rainbows will start to stage and spawn.

It is extremely important to be aware of spawning activities in the river we are fishing so that you can avoid walking on Redds or fishing over them. If we can do this it will provide for a successful spawn and ensure that we still have wild offspring swimming in our river. Just because there is spawning activity going on, that doesn't mean that you can't fish. Tailwaters will continue to provide happy and hungry fish, especially with the increased midge activity we've been seeing on warm sunny days.

As the end of the month rolls around there is the possibility for the Stillwater lakes to open. It has been an awfully cold winter so that might not happen until April, but it is always good to keep an eye on. Ice off on Stillwater can be a productive time for both trout and warm water species like bass, so don't be afraid to start poking around the local front range lakes

as soon as they open! If your still not ready to get out on the river, join St.Peter's Fly Shop on March 22nd for the Fly Fishing Film Tour. Tickets are available at both locations along with the chance to win a pair of Simms Freestone Waders with any additional purchases made when you get them. Stop in to pick them up before they sell out. It is looking like an awesome line up of films! We hope to see you there or around the shop asking any questions you might have. We are here to help.

—Thomas Wurster

The Online Fly Fishing Magazine Library

The active link (click) icons below represent a beginning attempt to put together a group of FREE resources available to fly anglers. *Trout Magazine* is published by Trout Unlimited-USA and *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.

Please help me update these magazines by sending the URL for any FREE resources that you find worthwhile. Happy reading! Paul Wehr, our webmaster, just submitted a new magazine. Give it a try : <https://dunmagazine.com>

Hatch Magazine

High Country
Angler

 **DUN** Magazine



MONTANA
FLY FISHING MAGAZINE



The New
Fly Fisher

Donate and/or Buy



[Make a Donation](#)



[Buy RMF Merchandise](#)

Let's Go Fishing with Mark Miller

RMF 2019 Fishing Trip Listing



Here's wishing everyone some fly fishing fun for 2019. As you can see below, some months still have trips that are in the planning stage, with exact dates and locations to be nailed down over the next month or so.

As in most years, the majority of our trips are to local waters, such as the Poudre, RMNP (Dream Lake), Lake Agnes/Joe Wright Reservoir, and Red Feather Lakes.

Something new for this year – a trip to the Great Lakes region for King Salmon, in Oct. See details below.

We also hope to put together a trip over the Memorial Day weekend to either the lower Green River below Fontanelle Dam in WY, (where we can fish the tailwater below the dam, and also float and fish parts of the Seedskafee National Wildlife Refuge a few miles further downstream from the dam), or float the Wind River just upstream from Thermopolis. Both of these destinations are a 6 hour drive. The Green River at Fontanelle Dam would require camping, since it is pretty much in the middle of nowhere (translation = no crowds!). Please contact Mark Miller (flytyer.miller@gmail.com) to let him know if you are interested in any of these trips.

If you are a new or beginner fly fisherman, we want you to join us for our trips – we love to help anyone get started in fly fishing, and to help people learn new skills or techniques.

Wherever you decide to fish this year, good luck and tight lines!

Date(s)	Location	Host
March 8-10	Gray Reef	Ben Zomer
April 12	Poudre River (Gateway Area) - Friday	Mark Miller
May TBD	Red Feather Lakes	Bob Green
May 23-27	Green River/Seedskadee or Wind River	Mark Miller
Camping is the name of the game on the Seedskadee National Wildlife Refuge in southwestern WY. We'll float this tailwater, so only 4 seats available. Additional people are welcome, but would need to plan on wade fishing, with high water levels. Numbers of fish are not high in this area, but the size of those caught is really nice		
June 29	Lake Agnes and Joe Wright Reservoir	David Morse
July TBD	Local Waters - TBD	TBD
August TBD	Local Waters - TBD	TBD
Sep 9	Dream Lake in RMNP -Wednesday	Mark Miller
A one mile hike for some exciting dry fly sight-fishing to rising cutts. Midweek trip to avoid crowds.		
Oct TBD	Great Lakes Salmon Trip	Richard Bender
We'll fish the Milwaukee River just a mile or two above Lake Michigan. The exact dates will be set only a couple weeks ahead, as we need to time the King Salmon run. Mostly Kings but may also be Coho salmon along with lake-run rainbows and browns. Sight fishing with easy wading, fish will average 20-30 lbs with some bigger. Heavy rods (10wt) recommended. Can drive or fly – your choice.		
Trips dates will likely be Wed through Sunday in early Oct – possibly the first week of Oct based on prior history. Will stay in hotel near downtown Milwaukee just minutes from the river. For more info contact Richard at 970-219-2019.		
Oct TBD	Colorado River float – Friday-Sunday	Mark Miller
Fishing for browns in pre-spawn mode (hungry and aggressive mode) Camping on the river, or hotel in Kremmling – your choice.		
Nov TBD	Miracle Mile- weather permitting – Fri-Sun	Mark Miller
Browns in aggressive spawn mode, and rainbows after the eggs. Will most likely fish egg patterns and/or streamers. Fun trip if you like to swing streamers, or own a 2-handed rod or switch rod.		

NoCo Youth River Conservation & Fly Fishing Day Camp

Applications are now open for this year's Fly Fishing Day Camp. The camp will be held July 29 through August 3, 2019 and again, we are expecting a full enrollment by late April. Chapter members are encouraged to volunteer and are also encouraged to spread the word about the camp. The camp is open to both boys and girls ages 14-17. Details and applications can be found on the Rocky Mountain Flycasters website. At the next several chapter meetings we will have posters about the camp that may be distributed. Any questions can be addressed to **Bill Gedge, Camp Director** by email or phone 203-444-6276.



Fly Fishing Day Camp

July 29-August 3, 2019
Monday-Saturday
8 AM to 6 PM

2019 NoCo Youth River Conservation & Fly Fishing Day Camp

Sponsored by
Rocky Mountain Flycasters,
Chapter of Trout Unlimited.



Casting & Riggings
River Restoration
Fish Hatchery
Water Safety
Electro-fishing
Dry & Nymph Techniques
Fly Tying & Knots
Aquatic Insects
Habitat Snorkeling
Trout Anatomy & Behavior



Ages 14-17

\$30
Per
Person

FOR APPLICATION VISIT:
<http://nocotu.org/S/youthcamp>
Questions: Contact (203) 444-6276 or
daycamp@rockymtnflycasters.org
Facebook: [fb.me/NoCoYouthCamp](https://www.facebook.com/NoCoYouthCamp)



Rocky Mountain Flycaster Sustaining Donors



St. Peter's Fly Shop



Bob Green
Karl Kronberg
Jenna Merrit
Michael Ringus
The Nature Conservancy
Bruce Biggi
Frank Cada
Dennis Cook
Frank Bub
Yang Qian &
Edward McConnaughey
Kent Christensen

Steve Craig
Adam Omernick
Karl Kronbergs
Lee Evans
Greg Evans
Fast Signs
Wil Huett
Mickey McGuire
Mark Miller
Domingo Rodriguez
The Mishiwaka
David Morse

Ted Sammond
Scheel's
Coy Wiley
Blue Agave
CSU Flyfishing Club
Jay's Bistro
Berkshire Hathaway
Umqua
Paul Hilbrecht
Eric Pettine
Richard Withey
Paul Wehr

2019-03-01

Bob Green, *The Flypaper* Editor.

