



April 2019

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From the President

April 2019

Greetings all:

I just returned from a trip to the Midwest to visit my kids and grandkids. The trip started with a request from my 93 year old mother to visit them as she had not met her two newest Great Grandkids. My mother is still active, independent and drives; all very well.

As we were travelling together, we discussed fishing together when I was growing up. While my father was the main fishing force in my family, I learned a lot from my mother on fishing outings. She was an excellent caster and did very well wading the rivers in Colorado, especially the Blue. She was patient, careful and truly enjoyed being with her family as we all fished together. Also on the trip, my oldest grandson, Rocky, who recently turned 9 asked when we would go fishing. We didn't have time this trip (plus the weather was lousy) but I promised him that the next time we travelled to Illinois, we would set aside time to get out and wet a line. I doubt my mother will travel there again, but what a picture four generations fishing together would have made!



Mickey McGuire, RMF President

We have had several changes on our leadership team this past month, please see the column below for the details. I am reminded how lucky we are to have busy people find the time in their schedules to do the important work of our chapter. You will have lots of opportunities to contribute your time and talents and become part of a larger picture as our Conservation season is ramping up quickly. I refer you to the column below about our activities that have been scheduled so far.

I mentioned last month that we have started a social fly tying event the first Wednesday of each month. Marty Staab is leading the charge on this and so far we have had two great events at the Gilded Goat in Fort Collins. Our next gathering will be May 1, 2019.

For now, don't forget to get your new fishing licenses!



News from your Board of Trustees

At the March, 2019 Leadership Meeting, several changes on our Leadership team were approved. Please welcome these new leaders as they embark on the important work of our Chapter.

Trustee at Large: Ron Dickson

Membership Chair: Rick Musselmann

Conservation Chair: Ron Dickson

Youth Chair: Bill Gedge

I want to extend my gratitude to each of these folks for their willingness to take on these important tasks. I would also like to thank Frank Bub, outgoing Conservation Chair, Linda Jefferies, outgoing Membership Chair and Dennis Cook, outgoing Youth Chair for their outstanding work over the past few years in support of our mission. Both Frank and Dennis will stay intimately involved with Chapter volunteer activities and we wish Linda the best as she deals with her illness.

Mickey McGuire

President

April Membership Meeting

When talking leadership, organization, and running security for some of America's biggest events, no one fits the part better than Captain Rob Hagerty. As CEO of Pyramid Fly Co., Rob is the perfect fit for the amazing team he has created.



Capt. Rob has supervised and directed security and itinerary plans for the NFL and many Universities across America. With all of his event experience aside, Rob has over 30 years of fly shop and guiding experience. He was a deckhand, guide and Captain for many years and then went on to own his own big game fishing company, Team Ocean X-treme, located in Negril, Jamaica.

Currently based in Fort Collins, Colorado, Capt. Rob is still running a plethora of sports and celebrity events, but he has been spending much of his spare time flyfishing his favorite waters and organizing upcoming flyfishing events within the industry. The Pyramid Fly Co. team is ecstatic to have such a genuine CEO and friend.

Our presentation this month is about the history of Pyramid Lake, the Pyramid Lake Paiute Indian Tribe and the historic comeback of the Pilot Peak Cutthroat Trout that once grew to 60+ pounds, and the ways to catch your Trophy Cutthroat Trout in the "Land of Giants".

Be sure to attend our General Chapter meeting March 20 to hear what's going on. Admission is free at the Fort Collins Senior Center; 6:30 for social 1/2 hour, 7:00 PM for meeting.

Other Events in April



Board Meeting: Wednesday, April 10 at the Hop Grenade @ 6:30 PM; everyone is invited to attend this meeting.



Monthly Membership Meeting, April 17 at 6:30PM, Senior Center, Fort Collins.



Fly Swap: The Caddis Dry is the fly for the April Fly Swap. This is timed to match the Mother's Day Caddis hatch found on local rivers, especially the Arkansas River, during April. The fly will bring up a trout through the summer months as well and should always be in your fly box.

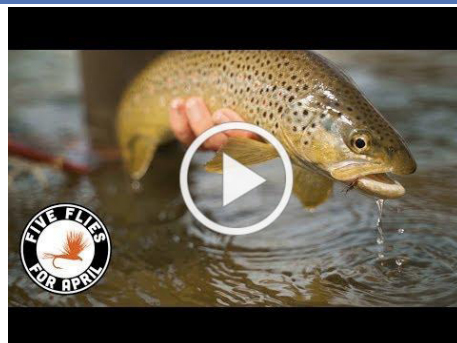
Please include your fly name, recipe, and your name on the little toe tag that holds your fly for the swap. It is estimated that we will need you to bring 8 copies of your fly to the April RMF general meeting on the 17th. You will get a fly from each of the other contributors. If you are not a regular contributor, let Dave know you will be bringing swap flies, so he can let the others know the latest fly count. Contact **Dave Morse** to sign up. Don't forget the Social Fly Tying session at the Guided Goat next to Trader Joe's on Wed. April 3rd from 6-8. Marty will have materials kits and will help you tie. We had a great group and lot's of fun there last month.

[Click Here For Calendar Of All Upcoming Events](#)

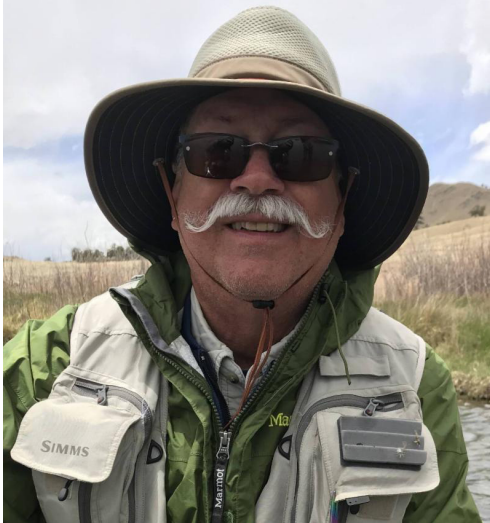
Video of the Month

Five flies for April 2019: Baetis, Baetis, Baetis, etc.

(For those who love music and photography)



From Phil Wright, Our Volunteer Coordinator



Phil Wright, Volunteer Coordinator

April Volunteer Projects with Rocky Mountain Flycasters

Help Rocky Mountain Flycasters (RMF) kickoff the 2019 field season by volunteering on one or more of our projects planned for April 2019.

Project Dates

- Saturday April 6, Viestenz-Smith Revegetation
- Saturday April 13, Cedar Cove Revegetation
- Saturday April 27, Big Thompson River Cleanup
- Tuesday April 30, Poudre River "Unnamed Tributary 3" UT3 Revegetation

Project Descriptions

Saturday April 6 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Viestenz-Smith Mountain Park on the Big Thompson. RMF is supporting the City of Loveland and the Big Thompson Watershed Coalition with the planting of willow stakes at the Viestenz-Smith Mountain Park on the Big Thompson River.

Saturday April 13 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Cedar Cove on the Big Thompson. RMF is supporting the Big Thompson Watershed Coalition with the planting of willow stakes at Cedar Cove on the Big Thompson River.

Saturday April 27 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM on the Big Thompson. RMF will join with our sister Trout Unlimited Chapter, Alpine Anglers, in day of cleanup along the Big Thompson River. RMF volunteers will start at the new river access pier above Drake and work up river. Alpine Anglers will start at the top of the Big Thompson Canyon and work down.

Tuesday April 30 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM on the Poudre. RMF is supporting the Coalition for the Poudre River Watershed with a re-vegetation effort on a tributary of the Poudre affectionately known as "Unnamed Tributary #3."

Volunteer tasks

For revegetation projects volunteers are needed to help plant willow stakes and other container plants as needed.

For river cleanup projects volunteers are needed to walk along the riparian area and gather debris and unnatural materials that are present next to and in the river. Wading gear will be helpful for some tasks.

What to bring?

- Clothing for all weather conditions (it'll be early spring in CO so think layers: raincoat, long sleeves, jackets, & short sleeve shirts etc.) Good idea to wear pants instead of shorts.

- Sturdy hiking boots or shoes with good traction. Work gloves. Wading gear optional.
- Sunscreen/sun protection.
- Water bottle, snacks.



All materials and tools to do the work & protective gear (gloves etc.) will be provided to the volunteers.

Volunteer sign up

To sign up to volunteer using the Rocky Mountain Flycasters volunteer management system use the following links: <https://rockymtnflycasters.org/volunteer.php>

This will greatly facilitate sending on all the project details to you and providing you with updated project details as field conditions and plans can change.

If you have not created a profile on the Rocky Mountain Flycasters volunteer management system, set up your profile by using this link. <https://www.volgistics.com/ex/portal.dll/ap?ap=763710236>

Once you have created a profile, log in to volunteer at: <https://www.volgistics.com/ex2/vicnet.dll/?-from=298024>, and select the day(s) of the project when you would like to volunteer. You are welcome to email Phil Wright at volunteercoordinator@rockymtnflycasters.org(or philwright@ieee.org) with your questions and to register your interest in participating. – Phil Wright

From Wil Huett, Our Community Outreach Coordinator

A Spring Flood of Updates Yellowstone

A few months ago when Paul Bunker put out a call for volunteers to fish Yellowstone as part of park scientific studies, many of us started salivating like Pavlov's dogs. Sorry, scratch that item. Logistics problems were not solvable in time for this season.

Paul, a recent transfer into RMF membership, said, "Hopefully, you will still make plans to come to the park and be part of the conservation efforts already in place. I encourage all of you to utilize the angler reporting card provided by the park when you purchase your park license. This reporting system is utilized by the park to monitor the health of the fisheries. Remember, it was an angler's report card in 1994 which alerted the park that there were lake trout in Yellowstone Lake."

Here is a link Paul posted on the TU forum. It draws a vivid picture of what happened when someone took it on themselves to plant lakers up there:

Researchers find broad impacts from lake trout invasion in Yellowstone

Pebble Mine again: This thing is scarier than Chucky and has more lives than a clowder of cats.

Another investor abandons the Pebble Mine, yet it advances

Poudre Flowing South?

Thornton mayor: Running water through Poudre instead of pipeline is 'unacceptable'

Watson Lake Fish Ladder ribbon cutting ceremony - April 12, I I am. I'll be there. Will you join me and help give the folks responsible for this step toward a healthier river a big TUTY (Trout Unlimited Thank You). This is the kind of event which will probably escape broad public notice so I think we who love our rivers should turn out as many as possible.

Trekking for Trout with Will Lennon. He's still at it over there in Spain.

From this photo Will, I think you might need to be nearer some water. Maybe you should read more Hemingway? (see photo at right).



May I brag a little? Good visit last month to south Florida where three grand-kids - and big fish - live. Had the pleasure of catching 6 different species in the salt - and not catching a shark which took a hooked ladyfish and headed for the wide open ocean before breaking off. Luckily I got back all but a few inches of leader. Gained a new confidence in my knot tying ability when I hooked up on something in the Everglades and broke my fly line. Not my tippet, not my leader, but the line itself, about two feet above my shock tippet. Got the terminal rig back with a little judicious dredging and all my newly tied knots had held. Unfortunately my 8 wt didn't survive another trip into the Glades.

Maybe the best part was watching two of the grans catch fish. Here's hoping they stay hooked.

Don't Leave Home Without It: your 2019 fishing license that is. Renewed yet?

Thomas Wurster's St. Peter's Fishing

Forecast for April

April can be one of the most exciting times of the year here in the great state of Colorado. It's a time the fish wake up from the winter and SPRING into action. Midges, BWOs, and Caddis all come off in abundance and there is plenty of time to get out on the water with the difference in time. This is also typically the time where the stillwater lakes in our area shed their winter coats and open for us to wet a line. It's a time for us to get after it and explore some old and new waters. With all that being said, there are some awesome

opportunities coming up in the next month at St. Peter's Fly Shop including a Landon Mayer Spring Kick Off Event and a variety of free presentations. Not to mention our 13th Annual Scott Day where we will be having specials on all Scott Fly Rods and a variety of other companies such as Airflow, Abel, Echo and plenty more! It's a day not to miss!

Stop in the shop to pick some of our employees brains about current opportunities and don't be shy to ask any questions you might have. Happy Springs Folks. We look forward to seeing you at either shop.

—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.

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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 will also have a couple trips scheduled for weekdays, since we have many retired chapter members who prefer to fish during the week to avoid the weekend crowds.

Also new this year is a trip over the Memorial Day weekend to 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. This destination is 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!). Note: we already have 6 people and two boats for float fishing, so additional people will need to plan on wade fishing, which could be difficult due to high water being released from the dam.

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.

Please contact Mark Miller (flytyer.miller@gmail.com) to let him know if you are interested in any of these trips.

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

Date(s)	Location	Host
April 12	Poudre River (Gateway Area) - Friday Pre-run-off fun for Poudre rainbows and browns	Host: Mark Miller
May 23-27	Green River/Seedskafee Camping is the name of the game on the Seedskafee National Wildlife Refuge in Southwestern WY. We'll float this tailwater, (all 6 seats are full). 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.	Host: Mark Miller
June 5th	Red Feather Lakes	Host: Bob Green
June 29	Lake Agnes and Joe Wright Reservoir	Host: David Morse
July 27	Colorado Headwaters Fun dry fly fishing on the west side of RMNP.	Host: Dennis Cook
Aug 21	RMNP Small Stream Fishing	Host: Bill Gillett
Sep 9	Dream Lake in RMNP -Wednesday A one mile hike for some exciting dry fly sight-fishing to rising cutts. Midweek trip to avoid crowd	Host: Mark Miller
Oct 2-6	Great Lakes Salmon Trip Trips dates subject to change - will likely be Wed through Sunday in early Oct. through the first week of Oct based on prior history.	Host: 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. Will stay in hotel near downtown Milwaukee just minutes from the river. For more info contact Richard at 970-219-2019.

- Oct 8-10 Colorado River float – Tuesday-Thursday Host: Mark Miller
Fishing for browns in pre-spawn mode (hungry and aggressive mode)
Camping on the river, or hotel in Kremmling – your choice.
- Nov 1-3 Miracle Mile- weather permitting – Fri-Sun Host: 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
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Questions: Contact (203) 444-6276 or

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