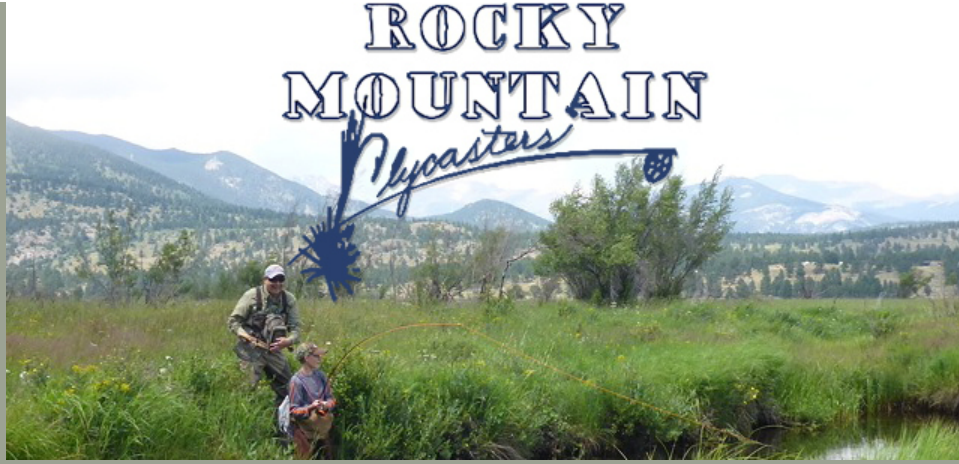


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From the President

August 2020



Well, I went fishing with friend Bill last week at an area close to my home in Loveland. It was a warm but not hot day so I took my thermometer with me. Sure enough, about 2:30, the water temperature increased to 70 deg at which time we ended our fishing. Unfortunately for us, we didn't catch anything but the good news is we didn't stress the fish. I think higher elevation might be the ticket for the next few weeks.

One of the major issues that occurred last week was the agency reviewing the permit application for the massive proposed Pebble Mine in Bristol Bay, Alaska recently moved the mega-project one step closer to reality. Without our help, the project is currently on track to begin digging a massive hole at the headwaters of Bristol Bay. It is now time to act again to try and stop this mine from being built. Please go to: tu.org/save-bristol-bay/ for information on what TU is doing and how they can use your help.

I want to point you to an article below in which I describe our volunteer hours over the past five years. Each year, TU National asks all chapters to file a financial report. Part of that report records hours spent by volunteers to Protect, Restore and Reconnect our cold water fisheries and Sustain our ability to do so. I hope after reading this review, you will be as proud of your Chapter as I am!

Lastly, we started a project to revamp our website last fall. Your Leadership Team working with Webmaster Paul Wehr and Member Zach Jory have created a new site that will be an amazing upgrade to what we now have. We are close to launching so stay tuned to your email and social media feeds for updated information.



We Are Only as Good as our Volunteers and We are Great!

I thought you might like some good news in these virus infested times and, since we just filed our TU Annual Financial Report that records not only our financial position but also our volunteer hours and events, I took the opportunity to go back through some past years to see how we are doing. First of all, my thanks go out to Treasurer Ryan Hogan and Secretary Jeannie Weaver for their brilliant efforts this year. Due to the change in the start of the TU Fiscal Year from October 1 to April 1, we reported finances and hours over an 18 month period. This report requires people to send in their hours by category and then Ryan and Jeannie sorted them out and filled in the correct boxes. I understand much needed changes are in the works at TU to make reporting easier in future years.

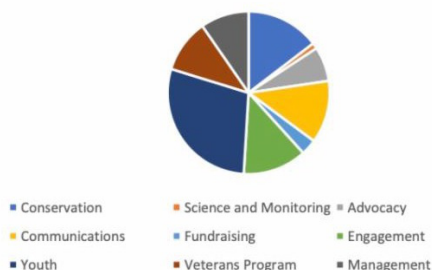
Overall, our Chapter is in excellent shape, though we could always do better. You will see below that for a Chapter of approximately 1000 members, we average 5-6 hours per member. In reality these numbers accumulate from the efforts of about 200 volunteers, give or take a few. To those 200 volunteers, I want to give a great big THANK YOU from Rocky Mountain Flycasters! For those of you who have not participated, there is still a lot we need to do and whether you can give a few hours a year or many hours a year, we would welcome your efforts.

The charts below indicate where we are spending our volunteer time. Over the years, the youth program logs the most hours with almost double the other individual categories. Conservation, is second with an average of almost a thousand hours/year with an uptick in the 2020 report as the Poudre Headwaters Project gets under way. I expect to see these numbers rise in future years, especially when we get back to pre-virus normality.

As I have said often, many hands make light work so please, if you haven't volunteered, I hope these numbers encourage you to step out of your comfort zone to find the time to contribute to something that is important to our environment and to the future of cold water fisheries.

Mickey McGuire,
President

October 1, 2015 - April 1, 2020
34,437 Volunteer Hours



Reporting Category	2015	2016	2017	2018	2020*
Conservation	1136	1634	633	251	1390
Science and Monitoring		0	0	8	380
Advocacy	1597	170	194	118	288
Communications	823	642	561	916	1351
Fundraising	151	254	319	120	238
Engagement	313	1263	1062	841	898
Youth	1254	1833	1780	2138	2901
Management	430	776	435	421	1270
Veterans Program	252	867	441	421	1191
Total Hours	5956	7439	5425	5710	9907

*All years report 12 months except for 2020 which reports 18 months

From Dennis Cook, our Leadership and Development Coordinator

2020 Member Recognition Awards



Every year on July 4th, over breakfast coffee, my wife Terry throws me her annual Gotcha! “Well, summer’s over!!!” she merrily exclaims...and my day’s ruined...because she’s euphemistically right, and knows how I detest hearing it every year.

Well, here it is, early August already, and as I look at the calendar we somehow are heading on the downward side of summer. Of course, we still have nice weather ahead, and fall season on the river is my favorite. But for planning we have to heed the calendar and begin thinking of events we need to consider.

Acknowledging our chapter peers’ volunteer contributions is one of those things. Volunteer work happens indoors all winter when much planning is done, and implementation begins during Spring days to coordinate logistics for projects. Early summer we await runoff to slow so we can kick off numerous projects and begin workdays that are happening now and will continue for another six weeks at elevation, and probably eight weeks down here. Yep! ...then suddenly it’s October!!!

I hope you will start making notes about all your co-members who have been devoting such loyal and productive effort to help our chapter operate more effectively, and also those contributing to fulfill our cold waters ‘on the ground’ conservation mission.

I’d like to ask all of our members to draw a breath NOW and plan to make special use of August and September! Look around and make notes about all the good things you’ve seen Tom, Betty, Charlie, Judith and others doing to help improve riparian habitat and streams so the trout have a better life. Because September 30th is the deadline for you to have completed and submitted your nominations for one or more of them to receive a Chapter Recognition Award at our November Annual Meeting.

- Exemplary Chapter Function, Project or Activity Leadership Award
- Exemplary Youth Education Award
- Exemplary Youth member Award
- Exemplary Conservation Voluntary Award
- Outstanding Chapter Volunteer Award

The Member Recognition Awards procedure is available now for download on the chapter website at <http://nocotu.org/S/awards>. (This is a transitional weblink, that will connect you to the procedure on both the current and the new website that is going to be released in about a week.)

Be sure to watch for the new website announcement and have a look at it asap. I know you’ll be impressed!

Elective Positions: Chapter Board of Directors

Your Rocky Mountain Flycasters Chapter Board of Directors is accepting candidates for the following chapter leadership elective positions for the upcoming 2021 calendar year.

- President - 1 year term; maximum of three consecutively
- Vice President - 1 year term; unlimited number of consecutive terms
- Treasurer - 1 year term; maximum of three consecutively
- Secretary - 1 year term; unlimited number of consecutive terms
- Director At Large(A) - 2 year term (staggered); unlimited number of consecutive terms
- Director At Large(B) - 2 year term (staggered); unlimited number of consecutive terms
- Director At Large(C) - 1 year term (staggered); unlimited number of consecutive terms

- **Our current President's term maximum will have ended, and we must elect a new President.
- **The Vice President has had to decline moving into the Presidency at this time because of job related obligations, and this position is open for nominees or the incumbent can be re-nominated.
- **The Treasurer position is open for nominees or the incumbent can be re-nominated.
- **The Secretary position is open for nominees or the incumbent can be re-nominated.
- **All Director At Large positions are open for nominees, or the incumbents can be re-nominated.

Chapter members who want more information about any of the positions, or who may be interested to be considered for or who want to recommend the name of a prospect any of the positions, please contact one of the Nominations Committee members listed below. All conversations will be handled with confidentiality.

Dennis Cook 970-372-9229 [Email](#)
 Wil Huett 970-222-5336 [Email](#)

Schedule for leadership succession:

- Nominations slate will be approved by the Board of Directors and published on the chapter website about November 1st.
- New Chapter Board Members will be elected at our Annual Business Meeting November 18th.
- Elected officials will participate in an orientation and transitional overlap with current incumbents, and officially take office effective January 1, 2021.

Bookkeeper: RMF Volunteer Opportunity

Our RMF Chapter has a volunteer opportunity for a Bookkeeper position to assist the Treasurer with processing of receipts, invoices, record keeping of chapter income, expenses and accounts, and maintenance of monthly and year-end reporting using the Quick Books for NonProfit 2018 software. The position requires at least 3 years bookkeeping experience, including significant 501(c)(3) not-for-profit experience and regulations familiarity. Must have his/her own home-based computer, printer, internet service capability and cloud-based software to electronically exchange files with the Treasurer, as well as ability to occasionally meet to discuss and review data. Approximately 2-4 hours per month are estimated. May occasionally advise on near future issues that might affect cash flow or invoice payments. Interested applicants please email your resume and a descriptive cover letter to [Leadership & Development](#).

Coming Events In July



Board Meeting

When: Wednesday, August 19
 Time: 6:00 PM
 Where: Online via Zoom.
 Contact [Mickey McGuire](#) to get instructions for joining.



Social Fly Tying

When: First Wednesday each month, (when COVID-19 is over).
 Time: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
 Where: Gilded Goat Brewing Company, 3500 South College, Fort Collins, CO (next to Trader Joe's). We tie in the mezzanine.

Covid-19 Cancellations

The Northern Colorado Fishing Day Camp for this year has also been cancelled.

Social Fly Tying will resume when advisable.

Membership meetings will resume in September either by Zoom or in person.

"Lets Go Fishing" multiple day trips cancelled through August

From Phil Wright, Our Volunteer Coordinator



RMF Stream Temperature Monitoring Team Reaches New Milestone

In July 2020 the Rocky Mountain Flycasters stream temperature logger team reached a new milestone for the project that began in 2018. With the assistance of the Forest Service and RMF volunteers, the team has now installed and is visiting 26 temperature monitoring sites in tributaries of the Cache la Poudre River.

In 2020, four additional sensors have been installed on Poverty Gulch, Boston Gulch, Sawmill Creek and Fall Creek. Thanks go to RMF volunteers Dennis Cook, Scott Baily and Roger Slocomb for completing the sensor installs on Sawmill and Fall Creeks.

The RMF Stream Temperature Monitoring project was initiated by Rocky Mountain Flycasters (RMF) in 2018 in cooperation with the US Forest Service, Colorado Trout Unlimited (CTU) and the Western Native Trout Initiative (WNTI). The goal of the project is to maintain and extend an ongoing project of stream temperature monitoring in tributaries of the Poudre River in support of the reintroduction of native greenback cutthroat trout.

The identification of suitable habitat areas in which to establish additional sustainable populations of greenback cutthroat trout on the specie's historic range is a longstanding priority for Rocky Mountain Flycasters and Colorado Trout Unlimited and our partners. These partners include the US Forest Service, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, the US Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Park Service, and the Western Native Trout Initiative. A key requirement for selecting suitable habitat for greenback reintroduction is to assess the water temperature regime in potential reintroduction streams.

Another key milestone in native trout restoration in our region was also reached in July 2020. On July 28, Colorado Trout Unlimited (CTU), working with Colorado Parks and Wildlife and Arapahoe Roosevelt Nation Forest Service personnel, organized volunteers to backpack greenback cutthroat trout up the Roaring Creek watershed to stock Roaring Creek and the East Fork of Roaring Creek. This effort required strenuous roundtrip hikes of 6-9 miles with substantial elevation gains as well as bushwhacking in some areas. The reintroduction of greenback cutthroat trout in the Roaring Creek watershed was informed by the temperature sensor data that was supplied using the temperature sensors installed and maintained by Rocky Mountain Flycasters stream monitoring team volunteers in Roaring Creek and the East Fork of Roaring Creek.

Now that temperature sensors have been installed and visited at 26 sites in the Poudre watershed, we look forward to our Fall 2020 campaign to retrieve temperature data from the sites. Owing to the relatively large number of sites to be visited, the stream monitoring team will need to organize efficiently so as to reach the sites in the narrow time window. We are looking to both new volunteers and experienced stream monitoring team volunteers to step up to achieve this goal. We plan to organize several teams of volunteers to address geographical groups of sensors that are located relatively close together. These groups will allow us to retrieve data from multiple sites in a single day's effort. With a good deal of everyone's effort, we should be able to retrieve a great deal of data during the period from mid-September until late October. Access to sites in Novem-

ber is usually hindered by ice up. The data retrieval effort will of course be conducted consistent with Covid-19 guidelines.

If you are interested in participating in the stream temperature monitoring project or would like additional information please contact me by email at philwright@ieee.org. I thank the temperature logger team for your interest and participation in RMF's stream monitoring efforts. I look forward to building our capabilities and establishing a substantial database of stream data going forward. See you on the stream – Phil Wright

Brookies Bash, From Dennis Cook



(Left to Right): Ron Hanser, Dave Haeusler, Wil Huett, Jane Vajgt, Paul Wehr, Dennis Cook

Miraculously, despite the National Parks Entrance Time advance reservations requirements, we somehow managed to all arrive at about the same time. We quickly geared up and Paul took the compulsory group photo, and we headed for the water. It was a perfectly beautiful day, and in about as pretty a setting as fly anglers can find. We had the river all to ourselves and the flow was very good, our sumptuous stream bank lunch was relaxing as always, and all succeeded staying upright and dry. Everybody caught fish, and Ron was the piscatorial champion - bringing 46 squirming beauties to hand.

We'll be doing the Bash again next year, late June or early July. It'll be (about) our 10th Anniversary! Come one! Come all! ...and join us



From Mark Miller, Our Let's Go Fishing Coordinator



RMF 2020 Fishing Trip Listing – August to October

As you will read below, we have cancelled our multi-day trips through August. Our one day trips are still going, with some precautions, like driving alone, wearing masks when we are closer together than 6 feet, etc. We can do these one day trips safely and still have a ton of fun.

One note referring to the trips in RMNP – you need to reserve a timed entry for the day you want to fish. On the 1st of the month, you can go on-line for the following month to make a reservation. The cost is just \$2. Of course, you will still need to buy a Park Pass upon arrival, or use your annual pass for entry. It is a good idea to make your reservation at least 30 days ahead of time. Here is the link you will need to make a reservation:

www.recreation.gov

Please contact **Mark Miller** 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!

Sep TBD	Colo River wade trip, 2-3 days Not sure if this trip will go or not due to virus	Host: Bobby Bottles
Oct 28-30	Colorado River – 3 day float trip Not sure if this trip will go or not due to virus	Host: Mark Miller

Community Outreach from Mark Miller



Understanding Trout Riseforms (Hatch Magazine)

“On more than one occasion, I’ve futilely thrown one good drift after another to a river boiling with trout, only to have my dry fly completely ignored.”

Ya, really hate it when that happens, don’t you?

So, read this [great article from Hatch Magazine](#).

And put more fish in your net next time you’re on the water. Tight lines!

Vince Herrera's St. Peter's Fly Fishing Report for August



Water levels have dropped, the outside temperatures have been toasty, and the trout are looking up! Dry fly fishing is one of the many great treasures that we look forward to as anglers and during the months of July and August we will see the best dry fly action through out the whole year.

Caddis, Pale Morning Duns, Tricos, Yellow Sallies, Terrestrials, and other small fish will be readily available and at the top of the menu for the fish. You will see caddis and PMD's coming off in the mornings as cool temperatures transition to warm and then again as things ramp back down during the evening. You'll see Terrestrials come out when the sun is hot and overhead, and they'll stick around for the day and the Tricos and Yellow Sallies will come off during humid, warm parts of the day in huge numbers.

Things have been INSANE on the water and productive but imitating these bugs at each stage of their life cycle is just about more crucial now than any other point of the year. If you need help getting dialed on bugs, check out our On the Water Entomology class on August 15th. Here you will find bugs, learn their life cycles, locations, and even how to fish them during their multiple stages of life. Make sure you have all your bugs in nymphs, emergers, and their adult stages ready for when the time comes. We

also have water levels dropping and combined with 90-degree weather the fish can shut down quick. Please take a thermometer to temp the water before you fish so you reduce the mortality rate caused by over exhausting fish in a fight.

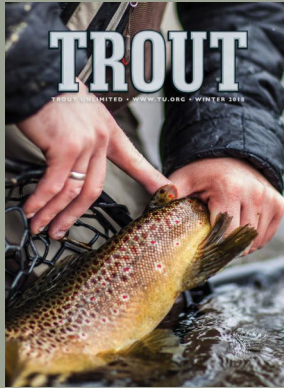
Other than that, be ready to get out during the cool early mornings and late evenings for those awesome hatches. Our classes and Guided Trips are still open to newcomers, professionals, and everyone in between. Intro to Fly Fishing and Fly Fishing school will be operating every other weekend. We usually flip flop between classes so specific dates can be found online and by calling the shop but on here, there is too many dates it would take up the page. Please stop by and say hello as well. We talk about fishing all day and we live vicariously through people that come and share experiences with us so feel free to pop in, ask questions, try some new water and techniques. You will be surprised at the results the summer will yield.

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