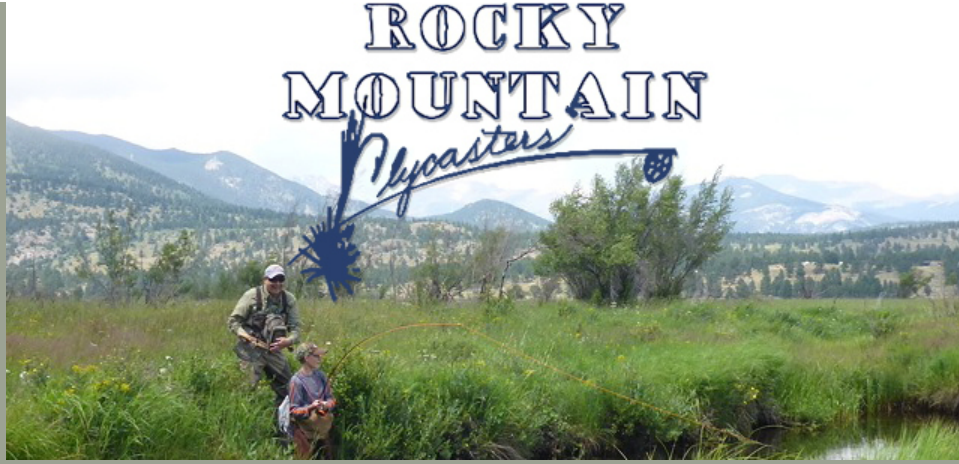


# ROCKY MOUNTAIN Flycasters



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## From the President

October 2020



As I write this, I see the forecast is predicting cooler temperatures for the coming couple of weeks. It sure would be nice to get a hard rain to help with the fires but there doesn't seem to be much in sight. As the fires will eventually burn out, our partners, especially the Coalition for the Poudre River Watershed are already planning to attack the burn areas to help preserve our cold-water fisheries.

Of course, these efforts require funding and, while grants will be written to fund the really big stuff, any financial donations you can make will be helpful and used wisely. In addition, there will be lots of opportunities to volunteer your time as projects begin. I, for one, am really anxious to see the impact of the fire on our Greenback Restoration sites.

If you missed last month's Chapter meeting, Jen Kovacs, Executive Director of CPRW, presented an overview of the fire and it appears (at least in mid-September) the fire has spared the area around Long Draw Reservoir. If you want to see her presentation, it can be accessed on [our YouTube Channel](#).

In Board news, the Leadership team approved the RMF Annual Fundraising Plan submitted by the Financial Development Committee led by Ron Hanser. Only \$5 of your dues comes to the Chapter and National TU keeps the rest to support the conservation mission. Therefore, part of the Plan includes a solicitation for donations from all members. Anything you feel comfortable donating helps and all of it stays within the Chapter. Even in times of Covid, when we are under onslaught for donations by other non profits, political cam-



paigns etc., I know our members will step up to support our mission which is so critical at this time. Please open your pocketbooks to help us out.

Be sure to see the article from Dennis Cook, Chair of the Leadership Development and Nominations Committee, with the slate of candidates who have agreed to serve as your Board of Directors for the coming year. While elections will not be held until November, we thought you would like to see who has been nominated and how we will conduct a virtual election.

Due to the successful raffle we had at last month's Chapter meeting, Jeannie Weaver our Games Manager will conduct another raffle for this month's meeting. Be looking for further information on our website, social media sites and a mid month blast announcing our meeting and our raffle prizes!

Until next month,

**Mickey McGuire,**  
President

## From Dennis Cook, our Leadership and Development Coordinator



Leadership development & recruitment, board nominations, and recognition for outstanding member volunteers are primary responsibilities of this committee.

### Election: Incoming Chapter Board of Directors

At our November 18th Chapter Annual Business Meeting the election of the new Board of Directors will be held. Considering Covid circumstances, the monthly meeting will again be conducted using the ZOOM virtual software. All members will be informed of the exact meeting time and program details plenty of time in advance.

### The Board proposed slate for the 2021 Chapter Board of Directors follows:

President:	Mark Miller	3 consecutive years max term, re-electable annually
Vice President:	Dave Beede	1 year term, re-electable annually
Treasurer:	Ryan Hogan	3 consecutive years max term, re-electable annually
Secretary:	Jeannie Weaver	1 year term, re-electable annually
Director at Large A:	Ron Hanser	2 year term, re-electable annually
Director at Large B:	Colin Glover	2 year term, re-electable annually
Director at Large C:	Ruth Ketola	1 year term, re-electable annually



ZOOM virtual software provides a polling feature that enables every attending member with the opportunity to electronically either "accept" or "reject" a nomination. This feature will be used to conduct voting on any floor nominated alternative to the Board proposed slate, and after that also again for voting on the final slate.

There will be an opportunity, as always, for floor nominations to be presented, by attending members to competitively replace any proposed candidate. This is a simple process in a face-to-face group meeting, but the virtual meeting format requires some process mechanics clarifications.

- Each floor nominator's name, and also the name of the nominee, is required to appear on the November 18th chapter roster as a dues paid active member. A roster will be available to confirm names and active status.
- Each floor nomination must specify the Board position that the nominee is being nominated for.
- Each nominee must be present to verbally confirm s/he will be available to attend monthly leadership meetings (2nd Wednesdays 6:00 to 8:00pm), has the required technical skills necessary if nominated for Treasurer or Secretary, and is agreeable to accept the position if elected. In such case, the Board proposed Treasurer or Secretary nominee will be asked to do likewise.
- Each qualified floor nominee will be voted upon for resolution using a vote runoff with the proposed Board slate nominee.
- Voting for incoming Board Members will take place after any floor nominations have been resolved.

## Recognition Awards - RMF Member Volunteers

There is still time for members to recommend other members for consideration to receive a Chapter Recognition Award. Outstanding 2019-2020 member volunteers will be recognized at our November 18th Chapter Annual Business Meeting.

Award categories are:

- Exemplary Conservation Volunteer
- Exemplary Function, Project or Activity
- Exemplary Youth Outreach
- Exemplary Youth Member
- Outstanding Chapter Volunteer

The recommendations deadline has been extended through October 11th and all recommendations will be considered by the Awards Committee. The committee may select more than one member to receive some of the awards. Don't miss this opportunity to give credit where it's deserved – to another member who you know has been active and especially deserves to be recognized for his/her commitment and performance for any one or several of the categories. Email your recommendation(s) with explanations about their contributions to [ldrdevnom@rockymtnflycasters.org](mailto:ldrdevnom@rockymtnflycasters.org)

Definitions of each Award Category. Go to [RMFTU.org](http://RMFTU.org) Awards information is located under "ABOUT US". Then scroll to "More on the Rocky Mountain Flycasters Chapter and Mission"...and select the green icon titled "Rocky Mountain Flycasters Awards". (This is also a good opportunity for you to visit our new website and 'just root' around if you haven't yet done so.)

**Contact:** [Leadership & Development](#).

## Online Program Meeting for October 21

Fishing conditions are constantly changing and so should the reports you use. The FlyCast Team will bring us information about how they keep fishing reports up-to-date. Flycast and will details the methodology they use to create the Flycasts for rivers across the state. They will then provide us with some insights for fall fishing in our local watersheds as well as some farther afield locations. For a preview of their October presentation, see their [FlyCast River Forecast site](#).

"At FlyCast, we use our on-water experience and our dynamic forecasting model to provide up-to-date and forward-looking fly fishing and river conditions for fishermen of all skill sets. While traditional fishing reports give us a sense of how the river fished a week, or even a month ago, FlyCast's weekly reports and daily forecasts provides in-depth analyses on Colorado rivers and creeks. Uncertainty torments every fisherman, but with the right tools, we can put more fish in the net. FlyCast equips you with the information you need to be prepared in any situation. Rain, snow, or shine, there's never a wrong time to fish".

Our General meetings are taking place via Zoom at 7:00 pm. Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87632058736> Meeting ID: 876 3205 8736

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## Coming Events In October



### **Board Meeting**

**When:** Wednesday, Oct. 9  
**Time:** 6:00 PM  
**Where:** Online via Zoom.  
Contact **Jeannie Weaver** 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.

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## Covid-19 Cancellations

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 September.

# Vince Herrera's St. Peter's Fly Fishing

Report for October 2020



Fall is among us! Days are getting shorter; weather is getting cooler and the brown trout are riotous. A month ago, we were already at the hottest part of our day by 10am, terrestrials were thriving, water was hot, and we had to be more aware of stressing the fish. It is now back down to brisk morning temperatures that gradually climb their way up into the afternoon, peak for an hour or two and as the sun starts to set, the temperatures drop right back down. My theory is that the fish got a little kick start to their metabolisms from the cold snap back in the second week of September. The water temperatures dropped a bit, new bugs started emerging, and the brown trout are now ready to feed and mate before winter finally arrives.

Touching back on changing of the seasons, this is the time of the year that brown trout begin to spawn. Fish have evolved to rest, eat, reproduce, and survive. When weather makes a shift into the colder directions brown trout know that it's time to prepare for harsh, long, frigid winters so they begin to reproduce and stock up on protein and calories to give them energy for a cold season. For them to pass on their great genetics they must become extremely aggressive and territorial in order to have the best chance at survival. This is the pre-spawn mode that you've heard about several times before. If a brown trout has found an adequate spot to mate, it will hunker down and eat. They aren't eating out of hunger but out of aggression. If there is not a mate to reproduce, the trout will attack and then devour anything within its territory.

That is why fishing streamers from now until winter is so productive.

Typically, a big streamer might scare a large fish if it is presented at the wrong time of the year but during Autumn, it's a free meal just from their aggressive instinct to attack. It's a win-win for a brown trout. The first time I had a 22 inch fish engulf my streamer, my life was changed forever and using flies that mimic other fish will forever be my favorite method. I highly encourage you to try some streamer fishing this season. Your life will be changed. Davis Murane at the fly shop is hosting an On the Water Streamer Tactics Class on October 17th from 3 to 6pm. For \$85 you can learn some of the most useful tactics to catch some of the biggest fish from one of the most avid anglers I know.

We have several classes coming up right before the off season. Take advantage to get into some of the last "On the Water" classes of the year! On October 10th, I personally will be running another On the Water Euro Nymphing class. This is again, one of the more useful classes to attend as we dive into fall. Water levels drop, water becomes crystal clear and the fish become picky and reluctant to eating. Euro Nymphing targets those fish in low, clear, water using thin diameter tippet and smaller, weighted nymphs. It's an extremely effective method during cold months because fish often resort to eating nymphs since air temperatures are too cold to support big hatches. We have also made it to the point in the year where we start to break our two handed Spey rods. A Spey rod is used to make a long distance presentation without the risks of making a long false cast. It works great in conditions where back casts may not be possible and having a Skagit Line helps turn over large flies like streamers with great ease. This is perfect for fall brown trout fishing because the fish will be on the look out for bigger meals and we will be looking to cover water in order to catch as much fish as possible. On October 1st from 4-6pm, Join Grant Houx as he shows you the ropes to fishing with a Spey Rod. After I took this class, I was immediately hooked but it also proves itself as a method to use when we want a mix of fun, distance, big flies, and big brown trout. Feel free to call us at St.Petes to get more details and sign up. I hope you are finding some time out on the water and or getting ready for the fall season of wonderful brown trout fishing. I know I sure am.

I have enclosed a couple of pictures. The one on the left is a few flies I've tied and the one on the right is a picture of what these flies imitate.



## Video of the Month: Five Flies for October



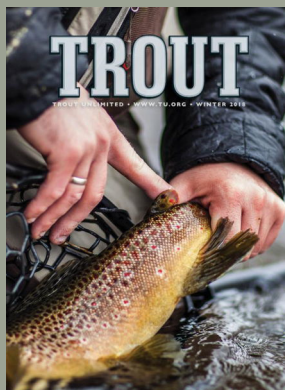
The video of the month is titled Flies for October. It expands upon the flies suggested by Vince above.

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