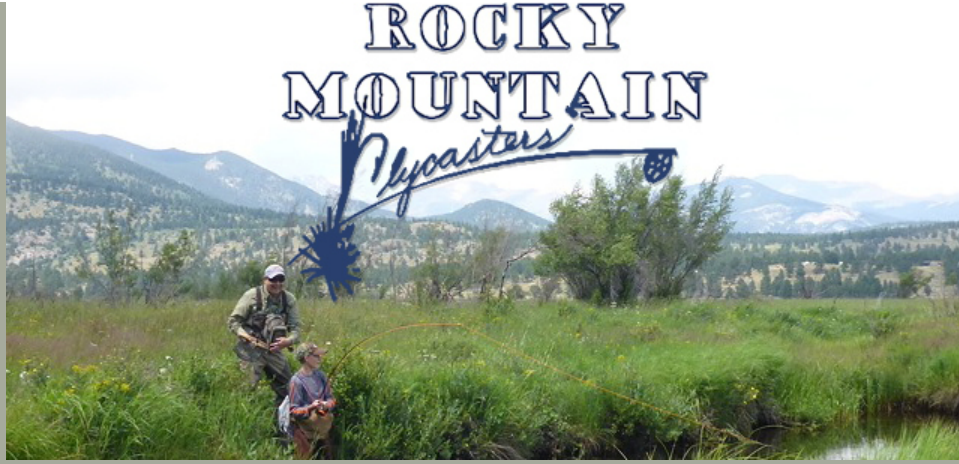


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From the President

November 2020

It was sure a nice relief to get that snow storm last month! I know it did not put the fires out, but it slowed them down for the time being. Let's hope this warmer and drier weather in the forecast does not lead to the fires blowing up as they did towards late October. As I wrote last month, there will be lots to do starting after runoff in 2021.

Speaking of volunteer activities, we have two opportunities for Friday, November 6 and Saturday, November 7 to work with the Big Thompson Watershed Coalition to do some landscaping near the fishing pier. If you can spare a few hours on either day, please go to our volunteer page on our website rmftu.org to sign up.

During our **November 18 Chapter meeting**, we will be holding our Annual Business Meeting (see agenda below). The agenda will include my State of the Chapter Address (I promise to keep it short!), a financial update from Ryan Hogan and our Chapter elections. Following that we will

have a really interesting speaker Colin lined up for us (see below). Jeannie will also have another raffle with great prizes!

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. Included in his message is a way for someone to make a nomination from the floor if you so desire.



Like all of us, Colorado Trout Unlimited has had to change the way they conduct business. Typically, they sponsor a leadership meeting called Rendezvous each spring in Glenwood Springs. Of course, COVID prevented a face to face meeting and, instead, they did a virtual Rendezvous over a several day period. If you are interested in what happens at these meetings, you can see the recorded sessions on [YouTube](#).

Until next month,

Mickey McGuire,
President

Chapter Annual Business Meeting

Election: Incoming Chapter Board of Directors

November 18th will be our Chapter Annual Business Meeting. Election of the new Board of Directors will be also be held during this meeting. The monthly meeting will again be conducted using the ZOOM virtual software for precautions in consideration of COVID-19.

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

Officer - President:	Mark Miller	(3 consecutive years max term, re-electable annually)
Officer - Vice President:	Dave Beede	(1 year term, re-electable annually)
Officer - Treasurer:	Ryan Hogan	(3 consecutive years max term, re-electable annually)
Officer - 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

Chapter Recognition Awards for outstanding 2019 & 2020 member volunteers will also be recognized at our November 18th Chapter Annual Business Meeting.

Award categories are:

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

From Dennis Cook, our Leadership and Development Coordinator



RMF has several vacant leadership positions that need to be filled. Some positions can be modified to accommodate individual needs. Since these recent forest fires more of our membership will be needed to help with the greatly increased needs that lie ahead - immediately now with leadership openings, and gradually to staff more restoration and conservation on-the-ground projects. Please take a few minutes to look at the Leadership Volunteer Opportunities on the RMF website at rmftu.org. Our chapter needs more members to pitch in and become more involved. If a position is interesting to you but seems like it's maybe not quite a fit, contact us and we can discuss modifications to enable you to contribute and enjoy.



Editor of the Newsletter

I have been the Newsletter Editor for the Rocky Mountain Flycasters for the last seven years. This role involved receiving submissions, editing and electronically sending more than 100 newsletters (The Flypaper) and email blasts; conducting and analyzing two membership and several smaller surveys, and, completing a myriad of other ever emerging tasks.

All this summarizing is to say I am “retiring” from active duty but actively welcoming the next editor. I will continue in this role until someone steps up.

I am now nearly 77 years old, having been a fly fisherman (and Fort Collins resident) for the same 7-year period. As the young people say, it has truly been a blast and far more satisfying than I could have imagined! The Flycasters are a great group. They are encouraging and people-oriented organization and they genuinely care for one another. It has been a pleasure to get to know them, many of whom will be friends for life.

I volunteered in the spring of 2013 to edit the newsletter for two reasons: In retirement I wanted to learn how to fly fish and to affiliate with a “critters” and conservation oriented organization. Previously I had spent a career at a large research university (Professor of Social Work and Director of Ph.D Program) and devoted myself to non-profit affiliations targeted to improving the human condition. I wanted to learn about conservation and trout fishing. Trout Unlimited and the Flycasters seemed like a place where I could learn as well as share my expertise.

Over my tenure as editor we began to reach more people. The Newsletter circulation has grown by two-thirds over my time (from 800 subscribers to 1200), the number of people who open the newsletters we send has increased, and Constant Contact (our vendor) keeps giving us awards for performance. Constant Contact is also a people friendly organization. They are always willing to help on the phone and have the skills to do that. In fact, they are neighbors with an office in Loveland and many of the consultants live in Fort Collins. They make it easy for a person to begin an editorship.

So, if you are interested in becoming our Editor, please contact **Dennis Cook**. I will be glad to introduce you to our vendor (Constant Contact), to stay by your side while you learn, and to answer any questions you may have. The job requires about 10 hours each month.

Assistant to Fishing Trip Coordinator



Mark Miller has been scheduling and coordinating our chapter fishing trips for about 6 years, and would like to invite a volunteer who would be interested in assisting him. This new person would take over the program in the near future.

"It's been a lot of fun to get folks together to fish local waters as well as new waters on multi-day trips like the Bighorn, the Green, the North Platte, etc. If you enjoy fishing and helping others have fun fishing, this is a great little part-time gig. If interested, please email **Mark Miller**. Thanks so much!

Program Meeting for November

Our November presenter will be Jim Greuel with **The Citizens' Climate Lobby**. He will be speaking about TU's endorsement of the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act. This is a bi-partisan piece of legislation that aims to tackle climate change through a variety of tools.



President Receives State-Wide Outstanding Volunteer Award

During the Business meeting on the last day of the Colorado Trout Unlimited Rendezvous, our President, **Mickey McGuire** received one of four awards for Outstanding Volunteer within the state. From David Nickum's remarks: "Mickey has brought leadership and strategic management to a chapter that is in the forefront of addressing both challenges—notably the past and present fires that have swept across the Poudre watershed—and opportunities, notably the Poudre Headwaters greenback restoration. As a model for promoting chapter development, he has strongly emphasized building his chapter's "bench" with real attention to succession planning, leadership development, and organizational health".

Coming Events In November



Leadership Meeting

When: Wednesday, Nov. 11
Time: 6:00 PM
Where: Online via Zoom.
Contact **Jeannie Weaver** to get instructions for joining.



Annual Member Meeting

When: Nov. 18, 2020.
Time: 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Where: ZOOM meeting. Join us with **this link**.

Vince Herrera's St. Peter's Fly Fishing

Report for November 2020

November has arrived and so has the cold weather, cold water, and snow already. Fishing is still at the top of our priorities and will be until the water freezes over. Brown trout began to spawn last month and hopefully everyone has been enjoying the streamer fishing as much as I have. It is now at the time of the year where we begin to focus on changing up our approach and tactics to fly fishing.



Right now, due to high fire activity and low moisture The Forrest Department has restricted most of the fishable water and recreational land in the foothill's region. This is great because now there is an opportunity to focus more on putting out fires and less focus on potential threats to the dry area. This gives us an excellent excuse to get away from the water we are so comfortable fishing and go somewhere to really test our angling skills and capabilities. Try new tactics, fish new flies, and try new water. Your numbers and sizes will go way up with the fish when you cover water quick and effectively. We have also arrived at Tying Season which is when some of us pack away our gear and bring out the vice and materials.

We have started hosting our Intro to Fly Tying classes for any newcomers. Here you will learn the skillset needed to tie flies on your own free time without instruction. Our next available class is November 14th from 2-5pm at our South Shop so get on the list because the first two classes filled quick. If you can't make a tying class tune in to our Zoom tying presentations where we will be twisting up some of our fa-

favorite patterns from the staff. These will be every other Thursday. Email us at shop@stpetes.com to request the zoom link to follow along. We are also going to switch gears into our classroom where we will be doing Anglers Entomology on November 21st. This is a great way to spend the off time getting familiar with some of the bugs fish will be eating come springtime. You will check out samples and learn about life cycles for just thirty five dollars. Everyone walks away with a ton of knowledge and come back reporting more time catching fish. Lastly, as we all know Covid-19 really did a number on the angling industry. Due to such high demand this year, a lot of the product available now will be what is left potentially until 2021. We just wanted to get your gears turning on Christmas shopping in order to really plan out and get what you are needing before it's out for a few months. If needed, we are more than happy to put in any special orders so you can receive your product in a timely manner.

Blue Wing Olives have been the name of the dry fly game lately. Cool mornings offer the perfect temperature climate to support a hatch that can last up to an hour, multiple times a day. Blue Wings are smaller than what we are used to fishing so have some size 18-22's and a pack of biostrike to help you find the tiny flies on the water. Nymphing has also proven its place during this time of year but another phase of life that gets overlooked is the emerging phase. Mimicking this phase is as simple as swinging a couple soft hackles below the surface or letting your nymphs drift downstream for a few extra seconds. This is a very vulnerable phase for an insect because they are stuck in time waiting to dry off. They can't get away from predators like fish, so it becomes a free meal. Don't forget about the big streamers this time of year. By big I mean 2's and 4's which is quite large for the region. But fish have a large appetite and an instinct to be predators when needed. You'll be surprised when you see juvenile fish go after your streamer too and again this is just their genetics overpowering their age. It is programmed into a fish's biology to be a hunter. If you have any questions on tip-toeing around the fish during low water season please, come in say what's up and be inquisitive. That's why we are here.

Video of the Month: Five Flies for November



Holiday and Donor Recognition Event

Save the Date

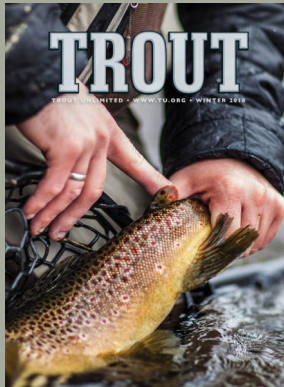
Our regular meeting date, December 16 from 7 to 8 pm, will be for our first ever virtual, Holiday & Donor Recognition Party! Invites will be sent soon with Zoom link and sign up. Mark your calendars and don't miss out on the raffle and winner announcement.

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