



*Chapter Gathering - January 17; 6 to 8 PM - SweetWater Brewing, Fort Collins*

## President's Message

Happy New Year! It's been a pleasure working with everyone in 2023. With numerous stocking, sampling, restoration, and outreach efforts accomplished over the past year, we stood true to our mission of restoring, protecting, and conserving fisheries. None of this would have been possible without your many volunteer hours and contributions, so thank you for making this Chapter into the thriving and dedicated community that it is today. I'm looking forward to a big (and fishy) 2024!

*-Dave Hausler (President)*

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## 2023 RMFTU Highlights



2023 was a year to remember for our Chapter! We put a large sampling and outreach effort into the Poudre Headwater's Project, hosted a very successful Trout Expo, and held many community-building events. Click below to see a full recap of the best RMFTU moments from 2023:

RMFTU 2023 Highlights





# RMFTU Trout Fishing Expo – March 23

This coming March our Expo will be at The Ranch Event Complex, FNBO Exhibition Building, South Hall, on Saturday, March 23 from 10 am – 4 pm. The Ranch will be a great venue for our Expo, and Pat Dorsey will be one of our speakers! The owners of She's Fly and Uncharted Outdoorswomen will also speak. It's going to be an awesome event! We have invited many well-known fly tyers and are in the process of inviting exhibitors also.

Everyone is invited to this all-inclusive fishing show! If you're interested in fishing, sustaining, and conserving our fisheries and mountain streams, this is the event of the year for northern Colorado! All anglers are welcome and we will have fun for kids! Make sure to tell all your friends about this!

You can buy your Expo tickets online in early January and we will send an email blast to give you the link for purchasing them. Be sure to buy online to save money – the online ticket cost is \$15, but buying at the door the day of the Expo will be \$25.

RMFTU 2024 Trout Fishing Expo, sponsored by:

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## Expo - We Need Your Help

**We have a list of 150 small local businesses we'd like to contact to ask if they will support our Expo raffles and silent auction. We need at least 25 volunteers to do this.** Rod Smith will be leading this effort and plans to hold two Zoom training sessions (same training but held on 2 different days/times) sometime in January. The training sessions will give you all the info you need to know to confidently help with this effort. In all, this will take only 5 hours of your time.

If you can volunteer, please sign up between January 3rd and January 14th on the RMFTU

iVolunteer site and then contact Rod by email at [rodncin@gmail.com](mailto:rodncin@gmail.com) to let him know you are volunteering.

[iVolunteer](#)

[Email Rod](#)



## **Tie-A-Thon: Fun Fly Tying Event this Winter**

**Let's get together on Saturday February 17th, from 9 am to 4 pm, at the Northside Aztlan Community Center in Fort Collins to tie flies for Reel Recovery and Casting for Recovery.** These two non-profits take men and women who are fighting cancer fishing. The trips allow them to have a few fun days on the water while giving them a break from the constant stress, worry, and medical procedures they face.

You can pick a pattern from a list that will be provided and then bring your own materials for it. You can tie all day, or just drop in for a couple hours. Our chapter will provide pizza. If you're interested, email Mark Miller using the link below.

[RSVP to Mark](#)

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## January Gathering Fly Swap

We're swapping **Winter Midge Flies** at the January TU General meeting on January 17<sup>th</sup>. Let Dave Morse know if you want to participate. He will tally the number of participants and let you know how many flies to make. Each fly will need an attached small toe tag with a copy of the recipe. Bring your flies in a box or bag with your name on it. Typically, we have about half a dozen participants. This is a great chance to help fill your fly box or to learn an effective new pattern.

[RSVP to Dave](#)

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## Veterans Fly Rod Making Classes

Platte Rivers Veterans Fly Fishing (PRVFF), which is supported by RMFTU, will be starting their annual fly rod building classes in January. These are for military veterans who want to make a fly rod. To participate, the veteran should register on the Platte Rivers Website and then contact Dave Morse. Rod kits in #4 thru #7 weight, materials, and instruction are free for veterans who are making their first rod with PRVFF.

Classes will be held on Saturday mornings from January through April in Fort Collins, Loveland, and Greeley, and at two Wyoming locations. The Fort Collins classes will be held from 9-noon at the Peace with Christ Lutheran Church, 1412 W Swallow St. in Ft Collins, which is just west of Rocky Mountain Highschool. It takes about 8 classes to complete a rod. Dave Morse can put you in touch with area leads. Civilian and veteran mentors who have built a rod in the past are needed and welcome.

[Class Sign-Up](#)

[Email Dave](#)

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## Video of the Month

### *Colorado Ice Fishing*

Hard water season is upon us in Colorado. Watch this short clip of a real toad being brought through the ice to get you pumped for your next winter fishing adventure.





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## Flypaper Running Line

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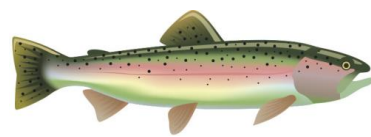
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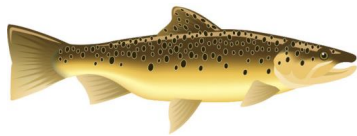
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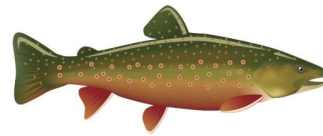
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