



The Flypaper

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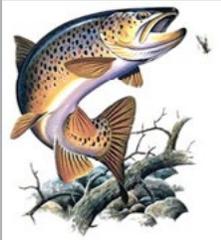
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From the President

I don't know about you, but I'm itching for spring. The other day a friend sent me a link to a beautiful video about a couple of buddies who spent several days in New Mexico's Pecos Wilderness last summer fishing small creeks for the rare Rio Grande Cutthroat (<http://livingwaters-flyfishing.com/unspoken/>). The sun was shining brightly. Long grass grew on the banks and they were wet wading among aspen groves in full bloom. Those small but gorgeous cuttys were taking dry flies. On a cold winter day it seemed like a slice of heaven.



Coy Wiley, 2016-2017 President
Rocky Mountain Flycasters

I have visited the lower Poudre a couple of times this month and found fish with nymphs in the deep runs but mostly I am working on re-filling my boxes in anticipation of warmer weather and new angling adventures.

While we may not have the best fishing weather this time of year, it's tying season and this month's chapter meeting will be our annual Fly-Tying Expo. More information is below but you don't want to miss this evening of good food, fellowship, excellent tying demonstrations and our big fund-raising silent auction!

Did you attend our meeting in January? Our very own trip coordinator, Mark Miller, gave us our first "RMF Home Movie Night" with an entertaining and enjoyable 30-minute video of some recent chapter fishing trips. It's not on YouTube yet but look for Mark's channel and enjoy his fishing/videography creativity.

Speaking of trips, Ben Zomer is organizing our annual chapter trip to the Grey Reef in late March-early April. It's always a great time to catch some fat tail-water trout, make some new friends and tell some tall tales in the evenings. For more information see the OPPORTUNITIES section below.

Lastly, please note that CTU's magazine, High Country Angler is going completely digital. It won't be mailed out in print format to your home anymore but

you can access it at <http://hcamagazine.com>.

Coy Wylie, President
Rocky Mountain Flycasters

Chapter Event Calendar on our web site



Filling up the Calendar

Our calendar pages are some of the most frequently visited on our web site. Wouldn't it be great to see your own pictures displayed there? There are many opportunities for months into the future. Pictures that are well-lit, in focus, on TU topic, and a minimum of 530 pixels wide and 400 pixel in height. Send a copy of fishing or conservation-related pictures to:

Paul Wehr, Webmaster



February Conservation Notes



Dave Piske, Conservation Chair

Open House on City's Approach to Northern Integrated Supply Project

The public, and especially this newsletter's readers, are invited to learn about, and provide your inputs regarding the Northern Integrated Supply Project (NISP) at an Open House, Monday, February 13, 5-7 p.m. at the Lincoln Center's Columbine Room, 417 West Magnolia, Fort Collins. The open house will provide information about a proposal by City staff that would allow staff to explore the potential for negotiated outcomes with Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District. Northern is the NISP project proponent. At its February 21 meeting, Fort Collins City Council will be considering staff's recommendation. You might also want to attend the City Council meeting, but the open house will be personally inter-active and responsive to your questions.

The proposed NISP project has a long and contentious history. Its basic purpose is to divert infrequent high flows from the Poudre during Springtime months, and store the diverted water in a new reservoir to be constructed near Ted's Place on route 287. Later, the stored water would be distributed via new pipelines, to 15 water suppliers in northern Colorado communities, as their water users continue to grow in population. This diversion of water before the river's in-stream flows reach downtown Fort Collins, would destroy the natural beauty and highly valued recreation resource that now exists along the urban reach of the Poudre.

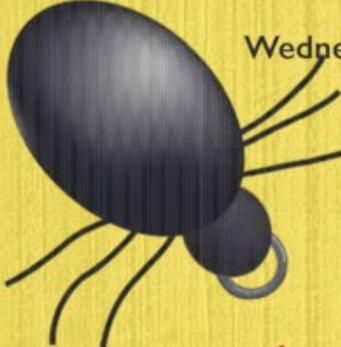
Recently, Northern Water has proposed a different flow management pattern that, over a 12-mile long river channel from near Ted's place downstream to approximately Timnath, would keep substantial flows in-river during run-off months and also during other months maintain low flows somewhat greater than currently occur.

If this sounds complicated (it is) that's the reason to attend the open house at Lincoln Center on February 13, 5 PM to 7 PM.

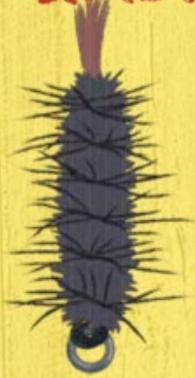
February Meeting

Note: The Senior Center is located on Raintree off Shields Avenue between Prospect and Drake. Please enter from the main entrance. The north entrance is now routinely locked for security reasons.

**Rocky Mountain Flycasters' 2017 Annual Fund-Raising
Fly Tying Expo**
Wednesday, February 15 from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m.



**Beetles,
Buggers,
Blue Duns, and
Bloody Butchers**



Nearly two dozen professional and experienced tiers from our region will converge in Fort Collins for this annual event to demonstrate their fly tying skills and share tips on tying and fishing with their signature flies.

- Local tiers will share their skills and tying tips
- Food provided by Canino's
- Beginner's table to learn tying your own flies
- Random drawings for each tier's flies and a fly rod drawing
- Silent auction with many quality equipment items, supplies, books, art, etc.

Learn from tiers such as:
Jason Haddix, Chris Krueger, Rob Stout, Dave Coulson, Phil Iwane, Marty Staab, Caleb VanWagner, Steve Schweitzer, Dick Shinton, Mark McMillan, Judson Knowles, Al Ritt, Rick Takahashi, Eric Pettine, Jerry Lehtinen, Tim England, Thadd Strom, Steve Craig, and others.

Admission: \$20 per person (\$10 for students with ID, under 12-free). With the price of admission, you get a plate of food and a beverage, ten (10) raffle tickets (five (5) for students, none for under 12) for the fly and rod drawings, and a wealth of tying and fishing information.

Don't miss this once-a-year opportunity.
When: Wed, February 15, 2016, 5:30-9:00 p.m.
Where: Fort Collins Senior Center
1200 Raintree Drive
Fort Collins, CO

<http://nocotu.org/S/0>



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Attend and Volunteer

Our annual fundraiser, the Rocky Mountain Flycasters' Fly Fishing Expo, will be held on Wednesday, February 15 from 5:30 to 9:00 at the Fort Collins Senior Center.

We have about a dozen of Northern Colorado's best fly tiers signed up to share the newest patterns with you. As always, we'll raffle off a rod and a bunch of flies.

We will also have our silent auction table with a variety of goods and services awaiting your bid. Food will be served and stories shared while socializing with fellow anglers.



CANYOU HELP? We are in need of good, nearly new items for our auction. If you have items that you are willing to donate, please contact President Coy Wylie president@rockymtnflycasters.org or Secretary Lance Asherin secretary@rockymtnflycasters.org.

Watch

In case you didn't read Coy's comments at the beginning of the newsletter, check out the beautifully filmed story of a trip to catch Rio Grande cutthroats in Texas. It won't be long before we can slip up to Rocky Mountain National Park to catch our own species of cutthroats!

<http://livingwatersflyfishing.com/unspoken/>

Attend, Read, Watch

Dr. Kurt D. Fausch, Professor, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Conservation Biology has recently published a book for a popular audience, *For the Love of Rivers: A Scientist's Journey*, and has been speaking about it around the country since it appeared in 2015. Dr. Fausch will be speaking at Fort Collins Audubon Society on Thursday February 9th at 7:30 pm and has invited us to attend (at the Fort Collins Senior Center). Check out the video to your right.

For The Love of Rivers Book Trailer

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Go Fishing

Make sure you check out Mark Miller's schedule of fishing trips below. In particular note that there are only 8 spots left for the Ben Zomer hosted North Platte trip from March 31-April 2. You will be staying at cottages within walking distance of Gray Reef where large hungry rainbows abound. Day trips to Fremont Canyon and/or Miracle mile are likely as well. Contact Mark Miller flytyer.miller@gmail.com or Ben Zomer benmz@comcast.com



Tell us your favorite fishing stories.

Every time I fish or socialize with RMF members and friends, I hear wonderful captivating stories about fishing adventures. We all have them—you're not an angler if you don't. Why not have one or more published in The Flypaper? If you are interested or have questions contact Bob Green, The Flypaper Editor bobgreen250@gmail.com.



Or, would you like to be the RMF Treasurer?

Tom Culbertson, our current treasurer, has agreed to serve until we can recruit someone to take his place. The treasurer job requires some fundamental accounting skills. If you are a practicing accountant or a CPA, this will be an excellent place for you to make a contribution. If you are interested in the position or merely want more information, please contact Tom at srrealty45@gmail.com or 970-541-7029 or 970-685 1401 (cell).

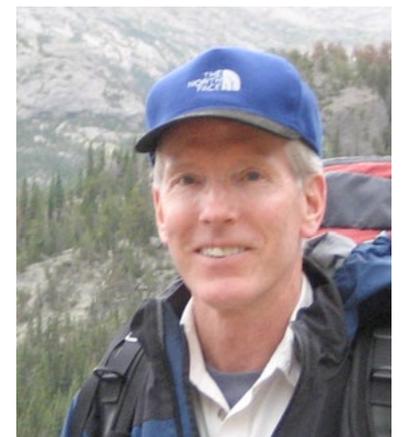


Let's Go Fishing

Hope everyone had some great fishing in 2016! Hard to believe 2017 is already here!

We had quite a mix of fishing destinations for 2016, and hope to do more of the same in 2017. Special thanks to those that hosted trips: Dennis Cook, Dave Morse, Frank Cada, and Ben Zomer. Thanks a lot guys, I sincerely appreciate your time and effort to make these trips happen!

I'm always open to suggestions if anyone has a special fishing hole they would like to share next summer. If you do, please give me a call and I can help make it happen.



Mark Miller, Let's Go Fishing Coordinator

Please note that we still need a host for two trips: the Bighorn in May, and the Poudre in July. In regards to the Bighorn trip, anyone who has been there once before could act as host, mainly to ensure we don't get lost on the way there. Please call Mark Miller if you can offer to host this trip. Thanks much!

Here is our RMF 2017 line - up:

Mar 18	Poudre River (Gateway area)- Host: Mark Miller
Mar 31- Apr 2	Gray Reef - Host: Ben Zomer (wade trip)
May	Bighorn River. Dates to be determined - Host needed. Float trip if desired (rent boats)
Jun 24	Lake Agnes and Joe Wright Reservoir - Host: Dave Morse
Jul 15	Upper Poudre River - Host needed
Aug	Yampa River - Dates to be determined - Host: Dennis Cook
Sep	Frying Pan - Dates to be determined - Host: Ben Zomer
Oct 7	Poudre River - Host: Mark Miller

Questions? Contact: Mark Miller at flytyer.miller@gmail.com or 970-744-8229 (cell).

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