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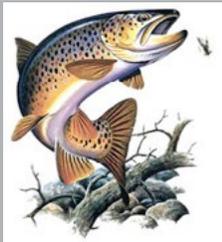
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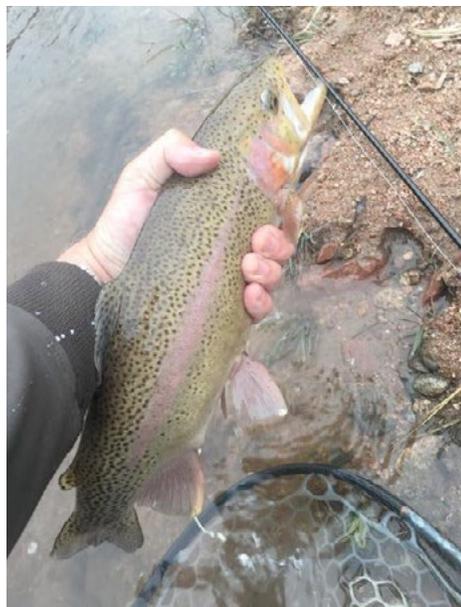
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From the President

Everything about it felt strange but still somewhat intuitive. The rod was light and ten feet long. The leader was long and off color. There was no indicator or bobber, just a two-foot piece of pink and chartreuse monofilament with a tiny tippet ring at the end. Attached to the ring was four feet of 5X fluorocarbon with a fly tied to the tag of a double surgeon's knot and a very heavy fly fourteen inches below that. There was no split-shot or weight of any kind except the flies.

At first the cast felt odd and was not nearly as accurate as my standard double or triple nymph rig. Yet after a little while I got the hang of it along with the quick strip to get the heavy flies down to the bottom as quickly as possible and then tight line them through a short drift in the deep hole.



Euro-Nymphed Resident of the Frying Pan River



Coy Wiley, 2016-2017 President Rocky Mountain Flycasters

Yes, I was euro-nymphing. I had seen Domingo and others find such success with this style, I had to experience it for myself. After watching lots of videos on-line, reading two books and asking lots of questions I had to go out and do it for myself.

I won't say it was easy. It wasn't. It took some time to get used to the feel of leading the flies through the drift with a tight line instead of diligently watching my thingamabobber. But it worked. I only had two hours to fish that cool, overcast evening and I landed exactly one fish. And I knew the exact moment he took the fly.

I've since fished this system several times and each time it got a little easier and it was more productive. The more I

do it, the more confident I feel and the more fish I catch. I haven't given up on traditional nymph fishing below an indicator. On the contrary, there are times it is absolutely the best choice. But it did feel good to try something new, to feel a bit awkward but learn there are many different ways to catch fish with a fly rod.

Maybe it would do you good shake things up this spring and try something new. It might be something as simple as trying some new water, a new river, stream or lake. Maybe try out some new fly patterns instead of the tried and true confidence flies that are always in your box. Maybe for you it is a new rod, a new reel, a new bag or some other piece of gear that has had your eye. It could be fishing with someone you've never fished with before. It could be booking a guide trip. Or maybe like me you are intrigued with an entirely new technique, a new way to fish.

Do it. Shake it up. Don't be afraid of failure. We learn by trying new things. In the end, it's not how many fish we catch but what we learn about ourselves. Try something new.

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](#)



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Rocky Mountain Flycasters Chapter of Trout Unlimited

May 17, 2017

Here is the slate of candidates for positions on the Rocky Mountain Flycasters Board from the nominating committee:

President	Coy Wylie
Vice president	Mickey McGuire
Secretary	Ruthie Ketola
Treasurer	Tom Culbertson
Trustee at large	Linda Jefferies
Trustee at large	Domingo Rodriguez
Past President	Wil Huett

As always, nominations will be taken from the floor at the general meeting on May 17. Please have verification that the nominee will accept the candidacy.

We currently have a few positions open on the leadership council. These positions are appointed by the board. All are welcome to attend our board meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at Mulligan's Pub.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Evans, Chair
RMF Nominating Committee

MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Techniques for Fishing Still Waters



Josh Graffam (and friend) of Umqua Feather Merchants

Josh Graffam, a graduate of the University of New Hampshire, began his professional angling career as a Guide at Jack Dennis Sports in Jackson Hole, Wyoming for six years. He then became Head Guide at The Ranch at Rock Creek, and spent 3 ½ years as the Activities Director of Brush Creek Ranch in Saratoga, Wyoming.

Josh is a current member of Fly Fishing Team USA and is the 2013 National Champion-ranking him number one in the nation among competitive fly anglers. Additionally, Josh finished 13th in the World Fly Fishing Championship this past year and will be representing the U.S. again in Czech Republic at the end of May. Josh brings his extensive angling experience to Umpqua where he will take the role of Key and

International Accounts.

Josh represents Umpqua Feather Merchants in the Colorado, Utah and New Mexico and has fished all over the US and the world. He has competed at the World Championships in Norway, The Czech Republic and soon to be Bosnia. He won the 2013 National Championships on the Roaring Fork Valley, and has spent extensive time fishing in New Zealand.

Note: The meetings are at the Fort Collins Senior Center, 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. The Program begins at 7:00 PM, but all are welcome to join us for a social half hour at 6:30 PM.



May Conservation Notes



Dave Piske, Conservation Chair

When I joined Rocky Mountain Flycasters, soon after moving here 12 years ago, the hottest conservation issue at that time was a plan to create a huge refuge for a meta-population of greenback cutthroat trout in the headwaters of the Cache La Poudre River. A meta-population is one large enough to self-recover from minor disruptions in the population. Much of the terrain involved was and is located in Rocky Mountain National Park. But it included National Forest lands adjacent to the Park, including Long Draw Reservoir.

RMF volunteers spent many days assisting Chris Kennedy in the Park collecting stream characteristics data necessary to establish a greenback population in both Park and National Forest waters. Then the legal issues involved delayed the implementation of the greenback recovery plan to an extent that some of those volunteers wondered if the plan would ever be realized.

The answer yesterday was a loud YES, it will. For more about this important decision read the news release from Colorado Trout Unlimited by clicking

here.

Video of the Month



The video selection(s) for the May Flypaper consists of five brief videos designed to help you review some elementals or to learn the basics of fly casting. All are available at Midcurrent (www.midcurrent.com) or by simply clicking the video you want below:

- 1) Casting expert Carl McNeil describes why eliminating slack line is so important in fly casting and how to remedy situations involving slack. <http://midcurrent.com/videos/casting-essentials-eliminate-slack/>
- 2) In this video McNeil describes why timing is so important in fly casting and how to identify problems with your cast. <http://midcurrent.com/videos/casting-essentials-timing/>
- 3) McNeil describes the difference between the casting stroke and the casting arc, and explains how to adjust the cast and arc to match casting length. <http://midcurrent.com/videos/casting-essentials-variable-casting-arc/>
- 4) The importance of proper power application in the casting stroke. “Power should be applied smoothly, throughout the stroke. That means that from the moment that you start, right through to the stop, power should be applied smoothly. And we call this constant acceleration. Lefty Kreh says the best way to think of this is to start slowly and finish fast, and that’s about the best explanation I’ve heard.” <http://midcurrent.com/videos/casting-essentials-power-application/>
- 5) In this final video McNeil explains why moving the rod tip in a straight line is essential to loop formation and effective cast control. This three minute lesson covers the three main loop shapes and the actions that create them. <http://midcurrent.com/videos/casting-essentials-straight-line-path/>



May Youth Outreach Notes

Upcoming Youth Volunteer Opportunities



Dennis Cook, Youth Outreach Coordinator

Hey everyone, its time to sign up for the Rocky Mountain Flycasters Youth Day Camp! The camp is from July 31 to August 5. We have made it much easier for you to sign up this year. Simply click here, review the days available, the activities for the day and select from the menu of activities for each day you would like to help out. That's it! You will receive a confirmation letter from me directly.



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.



Adopt-a-Trail

Our TU Chapter works with the Fort Collins Natural Areas Department to help maintain trails in some of the Natural Areas adjoining the Poudre River. We put in two work days a year.

Our first work project is Saturday, May 6th. We will be conducting a Trash Clean-up along the Poudre River from 8:30 to 12:30. Meet at Nix Farm, the Natural Areas Headquarters, 1745 Hoffman Mill Rd. in Fort Collins, to receive instructions. We hope to have at least a dozen



volunteers.

To get there, take Lemay Ave north from Riverside Ave. Cross the RR tracks and take the first right turn on Poudre River Drive. Proceed one block and take a right turn on Hoffman Mill Rd and follow it back to the Nix Farm. Park in the loop area at the end of the road, close to the barn area. Bring your fishing gear to fish after lunch. Lunch is provided by TU. Please let David Morse know if you can attend. Phone: 217-418-9386 or email: dgmorse45@gmail.com.

Our second work project will involve trail work at Gateway Natural Area in the Poudre Canyon on July 15th. Save the date!

Want a fishing buddy?

I created FindAFishingBuddy.com a couple of years ago. I recently launched FindAFishingClub.com, the largest directory of active fishing clubs in the US. Your club (RMF) is including on our roster. Thanks, Chuck Christopher.



Donate Your Gear

For the third month, RMF will be collecting donated fishing gear so we can equip needy veterans participating in our Healing Waters program. This can include serviceable waders, boots, nets, vests, rods and reels, etc. There will be a collection box at the May TU meeting, or call Dave Morse to arrange a pick-up. (217-418-9386). Thanks for your support!



Or, would you like to be the RMF Treasurer or Secretary?

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 Culbertson or 970-541-7029 or 970-685 1401 (cell). Secretarial applicants can contact Coy Wiley.



Let's Go Fishing



Mark Miller, Let's Go Fishing Coordinator

Please see our line-up of fishing destinations for 2017 below and Dennis Cook's description of the forthcoming Yampa River trip. Hopefully some of these trips will appeal to a lot of you!

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

If you haven't fished the "Buttes" before, it is a rewarding experience fishing 3 rather small lakes from a float tube or pontoon in the wilds of northwest Colorado, with camping right along the lake shore (at no charge). It can be windy, but the fish are worth it, especially this time of year!

Please call Mark Miller if you can offer to host this trip. Thanks much!

Here is our RMF 2017 line - up:

May 20-21 - Delaney Buttes - Host: Frank Cada. Join us on Sat or Sunday, or camp with us Fri pm and head home Sun afternoon.

June 24 - Lake Agnes (day) and Joe Wright Reservoir (late afternoon and evening for grayling)-Host: Dave Morse

July 15 - Upper Poudre River - Host: Cameren Shinabery

Aug 26 - RMNP Small Stream - Dry Fly Fishing - Hosts: Mark Miller and Bill Gillett

Sept 15-17 - Yampa River, Steamboat Springs - Host: Dennis Cook

Late Sep- Frying Pan - Dates to be determined - Host: Ben Zomer

Oct 7 - Poudre River - Host: Mark Miller

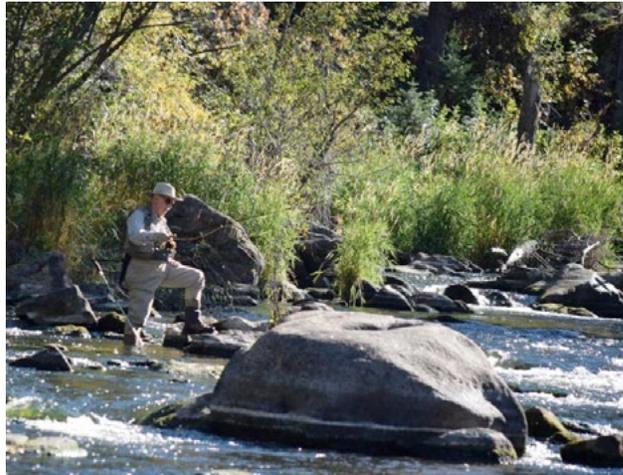
Oct 21 or 28 - Possible Kokanee Trip - S. Platte / Dream Stream - Host: Mark Miller (weather dependent)

Questions? Contact: **Mark Miller** or 970-744-8229 (cell).

Yampa River & Tailwaters - Steamboat Springs (September 15th-17th)

The Yampa River has become known for its large fish, both rainbows and browns! The river through the town of Steamboat Springs, just a few steps from the fly shop and restaurants, boasts many holding areas for these giant fish. The famous tailwater stretch is nearby below Stagecoach Reservoir - almost a mile of world class waters that rival the Frying Pan, Taylor River and South Platte Dream Stream. These tailwater is very technical, where fish demand tiny flies and good presentations, and fight like demons when they are hooked. Many get off, but those you land are truly prize specimens for great selfies! There also are two sizeable state wildlife areas, both first class fisheries, one near the tailwater and the other only about ten minutes from our lodging facility. Steamboat Springs rivals any other Colorado location as one of our state's best angling destinations.

Last year we had eight in our group, and imagine this year's group will be a similar size. Car pooling will be arranged as participants sign up, and lodging estimates range about \$50 to \$75 each per night. Meal arrangements will be ad hoc reflecting individuals' preferences.



Sign up ASAP and join us to fish each of these truly fun and exciting locations:

Register before September 1st with trip host Dennis Cook at 372-9229 or rkytmnangler@Q.com.



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