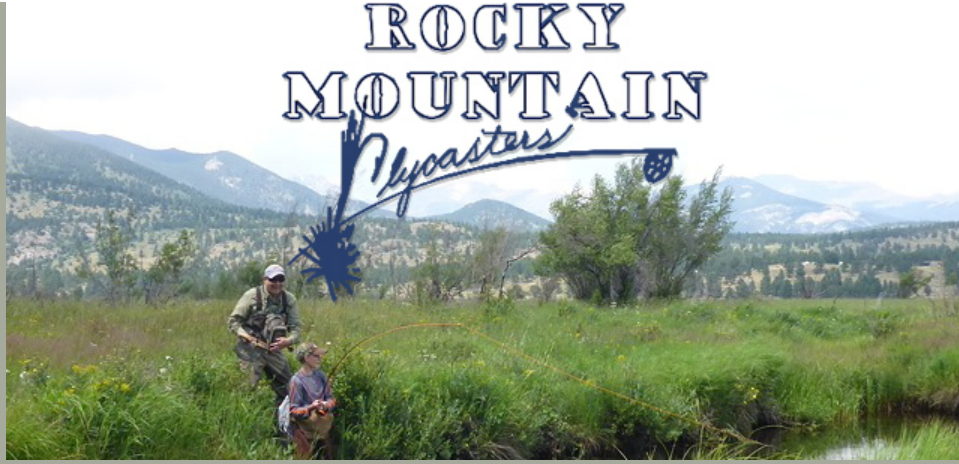


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From the President

December 2020

I hope you all had a safe and Happy Thanksgiving – Covid-19 Style. I saw posts from friends on Facebook that ranged from eating alone to alone plus a few children and grandchildren to large gatherings outside. Whatever you chose to do, may you all remain healthy as our epidemiologists are predicting another wave of infections. As many have said, fishing is the ultimate physical distancing activity, so I hope you are able to get out and enjoy the warm days as they occur.

We had a well-attended Chapter meeting in November. I presented the State of the Chapter address and Ryan Hogan, our Treasurer presented the state of the Chapter Financials. As I was preparing the State of the Chapter report, I tried to focus on our accomplishments over the past 19 months since my last report in May of 2019. Despite the challenges presented by Covid-19 in 2020, I was quite impressed by the number of volunteer hours as well as the amazing things we did over this time period. If you would

like to review these presentations the prerecorded Power Point presentation is posted on our [YouTube channel](#).

Finally, since this is my last column as president of the Chapter, I would like to say a personal word or two about my experiences over the past 2 and a half years plus two years as Vice President. I would not have accepted this position unless I knew the rest of the Chapter and especially the Leadership Team was supportive of our efforts. To be part of something that is bigger than any one of us and whose mission is critical to healthy fisheries has, indeed been



an honor. I have been very proud to represent you in front of our partner organizations and extoll the virtues of our mission and accomplishments. The Board and Leadership Team have been terrific to work with and I thank them for their support. They are all passionate about our mission and aren't afraid to debate important issues. The last thing we want is a board who all think the same way and I truly believe there is strength in diversity however you want to define that. While we accomplished a lot over the past many months, there is still a lot to do and the incoming Board and Leadership Council will need your support to fulfill these goals. As I have said in this space before, many hands make for light work so please volunteer when you can and help support our mission to preserve, restore, reconnect, and sustain the great cold water fisheries we have on the front range of Northern Colorado.

With gratitude,

Mickey McGuire,
President

Congratulations to Our Incoming Leadership Team for 2021!

At our annual business meeting last month, Dennis Cook presented the slate of candidates for our Board of Directors for your consideration. Doing an online election while following our bylaws was a challenge but Dennis did an excellent job. The slate was approved unanimously, and I would like you to please welcome our new Board of Directors:

President:	Mark Miller
Vice President:	David Beede
Secretary:	Jeannie Weaver
Treasurer:	Ryan Hogan
Directors at Large:	Ron Hanser, Colin Glover and Ruthie Ketola

Our Leadership Council which is comprised of the Chairs of our seven Committees and appointed by the President is:

Conservation:	Dick Jefferies
Youth and Adult Education:	Dave Haeusler
Veterans Service Program:	Dave Morse
Communications:	Zach Jory
Financial Development:	Ron Hanser
Leadership Development & Nominations:	Dennis Cook
Membership:	Vacant

Please support these folks who contribute so much of their time to help us meet the mission of the Chapter. And, if you are interested in joining this team, perhaps as Membership chair, or any one of many opportunities, please email **Dennis Cook** who will meet with you and discuss our needs. Thank you to all the leaders who have stepped up to lead our great Chapter!

Colorado Gives Day

Colorado Gives Day ends December 7

More than ever, there's need to conserve, protect, and restore our local coldwater fisheries in Northern Colorado's Front Range. Rocky Mountain Flycasters, a chapter of Colorado Trout Unlimited and TU remains dedicated to this mission.

In 2020, our Colorado Gives goal is \$2,000. Help us fulfill our mission by scheduling your Colorado Gives Donation at [ColoradoGives.org](https://coloradogives.org).

Scheduled donations are available through December 7 for Colorado Gives Day 2020. Donors should follow these fast and easy steps:

1. Log onto [ColoradoGives.org](https://coloradogives.org)
2. Click the "DONATE" button and follow the instructions, including scheduling your gift by December 7;
3. Among the Colorado-based nonprofits listed there, search Colorado Trout Unlimited;
4. In the field asking for "Special instructions or comments for nonprofit", you may type "Rocky Mountain Flycasters should receive my gift." (CTU will forward your donation to RMF.)

Thank you!

Holiday Party and Donor Recognition

Please join us for our HOLIDAY & DONOR RECOGNITION PARTY
Live via Zoom Videoconference — Free Event

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2020
Pre-Show: 6:45 P.M. Main Event: 7 P.M. to 8 P.M.

Join Zoom Meeting at <https://zoom.us/j/97976215385?pwd=KzllUzZobmVaV0x2ZTZYM0YycGI0UT09>
Meeting ID: 979 7621 5385 Passcode: 262014

Join us to celebrate our Donors and Volunteers, meet our new Board, and have some fun!
Special Guest, CTU Executive Director David Nickum will give an overview of native trout restoration efforts in 2020.

Be sure to purchase [Raffle tickets](#) for amazing PRIZES and be there for the announcement of the winners.

Let's Party Together!

Thank You Wil!!

Wil Huett, a long-time volunteer for just about every activity within the Chapter, including President, has opted to step out of a leadership role of the Chapter. Wil was a mentor to me while I was Vice President and then President of the Chapter. His depth of experience gained from many years as a Chapter volunteer as well as with his leadership experience with the Red Cross always brought wisdom and insight to our discussions. He fought hard to keep overhead expenses down so funds that were raised could be used for programs to meet our mission and, due to his radio host experience, served as our conduit for many years with the public at large. He was always willing to step in to help with volunteer-intensive activities and would greet people in the warmest way possible at community events. We all owe a great deal of gratitude for Wil's guidance and I have no doubt the Chapter is in a much better place due to his contributions. I am sure Wil will continue to be involved with projects, youth camp and whatever comes up that needs his unique skills and abilities and I, for one, look forward to working with him on these projects.

Help! We Still Need a Newsletter Editor



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 **email Bob Green**, or phone 252-255-8204. I will be glad to introduce you to our newsletter 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.

We Also Need an 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!



Coming Events In December



Leadership Meeting

When: Wednesday, Dec. 9
Time: 6:00 PM
Where: Online via Zoom.
Contact [Jeannie Weaver](#) to get instructions for joining.



Holiday & Donor Recognition Party

When: Dec 16, 2020
Pre-meeting: 6:45 PM
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 December 2020



Here we are, finally, in the month of December. The last month to wrap up a year that seemed to drag on forever yet flew by in a blink of an eye. I look back at some of my first outings at the beginning of 2020 and we are very fortunate to still be here today with fish and water in our backyards. We hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and made the most of their holiday with some good food and an even better time on the water.

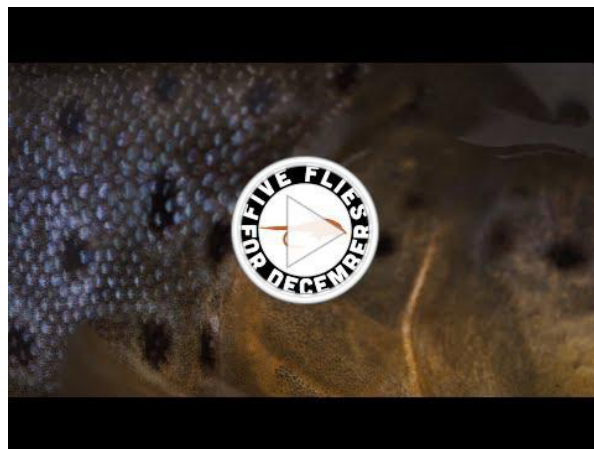
The Poudre River and Big Thompson Canyon are now back open to recreation. Please keep in mind that there are still several areas owned by the Forestry Department that are closed for the season. The Poudre River is open for recreation up to Kelly Flats Campground which still gives us plenty of juicy water to fish and room to spread out. Not only are Blue Wing Olives hatching on our home waters but on mostly every other river system along the eastern and western slopes. It's going to pay off to be prepared with multiple sizes, shapes, colors and life stages of your bugs. I usually keep my Blue Wings in sizes 18-24 which also mimic the natural insect better during the fall. Nymphing will

be the most productive method of fishing until we see a hatch start to come off. It is usually when the water starts to warm up from the sun during the morning. We'll see smaller hatches periodically throughout the day. We can't neglect streamer season either. This is the time of year where fish eat other fish out of defense. An aggressive attack on a big streamer is a feeling that cannot be achieved with a dry fly or nymph rig. It's also a different approach to fishing. It requires you to be more active and think more like a predator. Think about changing it up and trying a streamer on your next adventure.

With cold weather approaching quicker every day, the rivers will soon start to form edge ice overnight so shift your attention over to tailwaters like The Arkansas in Pueblo, Deckers, Cheesman Canyon, The Dream Stream, below Lake Estes and many more. These fisheries will hold fish year round and oftentimes bring out the skill in every angler. Start thinking about taking a trip to a tailwater where fishing can be fantastic on a cold, cloudy, quiet day.

On December 12th, Davis at St. Petes will be hosting a Technical Tailwaters zoom class where he will talk about the intricacies of fishing tailwaters and how to hook up on more fish in technical water. A fish in this consistent type of environment can become very smart and it's not uncommon for them to outsmart the angler. I will be covering this behavior and several other topics that same day in Trout Behavior. Both of these classes are \$35 dollars and you will learn so much more to help you on the water. For any inquiries or to sign up contact St. Peter's to get more details. Lastly and probably one of my favorite things about fly fishing is the time of the year when we approach tying season. For some this is year round but for others winter is the time of the year to buckle down and replenish our boxes. Consider checking out the Hareline App (<http://www.hareline.com>) where you can view their entire catalog, email us a list of what you need and we will order it for you. We place tying orders once a week so with a good heads up we can get your product. With Covid-19 numbers on the rise we don't want you to forget about our Curbside Pickup and Delivery options. These are available at your convenience, to keep you safe. Utilize these options. We want our community to remain strong and healthy. We sure do appreciate the continued support from everyone. Your contributions help us stay open and serve the community which is what we love to do. On behalf of St. Peter's, thank you so much! We hope you had a great Thanksgiving.

Video of the Month: Five Flies for December

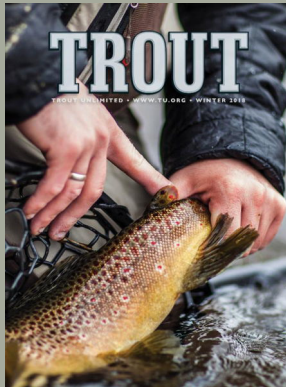


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