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From the President



I Knew Him for Years One Weekend:

I think only a small handful of RMF members knew Duane Cook, who was Co-Founder of Platte Rivers Veterans Fly Fishing (PRVFF). Duane, a Vietnam War veteran, passed away last December.

I met Duane while volunteering for the Honor Float over July 4th, 2019, on the San Juan River, NM. I had been introduced to Duane the day prior, but later had the chance to interview him for about 30 min, recording the interview for the movie that was created a couple months later. After the interview, I had a strange sensation. I felt as if I had known him for many years.

Duane was a good example of veterans who had a really rough time returning to civilian life after all that had transpired during their time in Vietnam. He found solace when fly fishing, and thought that maybe he could help other veterans who were also struggling. And boy did he ever. He truly made a difference in many veteran's lives, introducing them to the joy and healing power of fly fishing. Duane will be sorely missed! By many, many people. Even by people like myself, who only spent two days with him, floating and fishing the calming waters of the San Juan River. Here is the link to the entire article, written by Toner Mitchell for TU – definitely worth reading:

[Read Duane Cook Article Here](#)

“Duane Cook embodied the best of humankind, the loyalty and courage to carry his fellows off the battlefield, and the hope it takes to bring them back to life. And so much more.” (Toner Mitchell)

I am so glad that RMF continues to support PRVFF – with volunteers to help on fishing trips, to fly tying, to rod building. Our very own Dave Morse is our Veterans Services Program leader, and he does an outstanding job. A sincere thanks goes to Dave and our members who volunteer to support PRVFF.

RMF Events – We Need Volunteers:

In the past we have supported various events as they pop up, spontaneously asking for volunteers – sometimes at the last minute - to help set up our booth, staff it, and take care of other items as needed. We’d like to have a better organized approach in the future, so now we are hoping to find 4-5 people that would enjoy doing this type of work – people who enjoy interacting with the public and telling them who we are and what we do – to serve as a core Events team. This Events team would have more time to plan for each event, and once established, would support RMF’s presence at future events, making it run much smoother. So, if you would enjoy doing this, please contact **Dennis Cook** for more info. It’s easy to contact Dennis – just go to the RMF website – click “Leadership” at the top, then locate Dennis’ photo – and click on it to send him an email. You can also contact any board member in this manner. We will keep advertising our need for an “Events team” – in our Newsletter, website, etc. And if you know of someone who might be a good fit – tell them about it, and please let Dennis know.

Cameron Peak Fire:

RMF hopes to help mitigate the Cameron Peak fire’s impact to the Poudre in any way we can. Dick Jeffries, our Conservation Committee lead, recently spent numerous hours writing a grant application for the Colorado Rivers Fund, requesting \$10,000 toward this effort. Unfortunately, we were not selected for this grant, which was very disappointing, but we will continue to press ahead to assist the USFS in any way we can. So, more information to come at a later date.

Youth Camp Cancelled for 2021:

There are just too many obstacles to be able to ensure a safe camp for youth and for our volunteers. I would like to thank Dave Haeusler for all his efforts – he spent many hours researching information, digging into TU Covid guidance, and on Zoom meetings with CTU and National TU to try to figure out a safe way to run the camp. Thank you Dave, I know you gave it your all ! And now we look forward to Youth Camp 2022.

Can I Volunteer one day each year:

When I was working full time, and had three young ones at home, time was precious. In fact, there seemed to never be enough time in a day to do what needed to be done. I was lucky if I got to go fishing one day a month in the warmer months. When the kids were 7-10 years old, I started dragging them with me everywhere. They got to have fun with me chasing fish and catching frogs, and mom got one day of peace and quiet (and boy did she deserve it, in spades)! When the kids were a little older, I managed to volunteer once or twice a summer, usually to help staff our booth at some outdoor function, for 3-4 hours. It was nice to meet some chapter members, and I had fun talking to folks about trout and fishing and some of the great things TU does to keep our rivers healthy. Hence, my reason for writing this paragraph – as hard as it is sometimes, even if you can only come up with four hours once a year to help your chapter, it really does make a difference, and your volunteer time will be greatly appreciated. You’ll meet other chapter members, and maybe help raise awareness of the TU mission when you talk to people about the things we do, and the great programs that TU supports. And what could be more fun than spending 3-4 hours at our chapter’s booth, talking about trout and fishing? Or more meaningful than planting willows along a streambank to prevent erosion. Or electro-fishing a stream to help the USFS and NPS collect data for better decision making. And yes, in my humble opinion, electro-fishing is something everyone should get to do at least once. It is hard, physical work, but it’s also a hoot!

I’ve always liked the following quote that goes something like this: **“The little difference you make, makes all the difference”!!** I believe that’s true! With all of us pulling in the same direction, we can do some pretty great things!!

That’s all I have for now. Have a good month, and please stay safe. And if you have a good fish story or photos, please let me know. We are always looking for a good story for our Newsletter.



Consider Joining the RMF Chapter Board

Chapter Treasurer

The term for Chapter Treasurer is limited to three years and my term will end this coming December. I'm assisting RMF to select a replacement who can begin this summer or early fall to phase in with a transitional overlap.

The Treasurer serves as a Chapter Officer and Board Director, and an incumbent can only serve for a maximum of three consecutive years. I invite any member who may have a question to contact me at treas@rockymtflycasters.org. I have created a file documenting how I perform Treasurer activities for reference by our bookkeeper and future Treasurer, but I'm happy to answer any questions and explain any duties or activities that may be helpful for your consideration. It is important to note that ***Bookkeeping expertise is not required, since a professional manages the bookkeeping for the Chapter.***



Desired experience background consideration **could** include:

- formal financial management function control, **or**
- corporate business or operational department management control, **or**
- substantial entrepreneurial management control including financial performance accountability and reporting.

Responsibilities include:

- Supervise a contracted bookkeeper who administers an accounting system using QuickBooks to record data,
- Lead preparation of the annual budget, note approval for unbudgeted items throughout the year,
- Report the chapter's financial results at the Board of Trustees monthly Leadership Team meetings,
- Safeguard financial resources of the chapter,
- Ensure that annual reports are filed timely to National TU, government agencies, etc., and that activities prohibited by National TU are observed,
- Make payment for chapter obligations (checks or debit card).

The Treasurer's complete responsibilities appear in "Article V. Officers and Duties" of our Chapter Bylaws and can be viewed on the chapter website at <https://rmftu.org/leadership> under the tab "Read Our Bylaws".

Thanks for the consideration,
Ryan Hogan
RMF Treasurer





Monitoring Team Will Kick Off 2021 Field Season

Beginning in May 2021, volunteers from Rocky Mountain Flycasters' Stream Temperature Monitoring Project will begin visiting temperature sensor installations located in tributaries of the Poudre River. The volunteers will be downloading data from the sensors. Since more than half of the sensors are located within the Cameron Peak Fire burn area, volunteers will also be assessing the condition of temperature sensor installations. If you are interested in volunteering with the

RMF stream temperature monitoring team please contact me at philwright@ieee.org. Volunteers will be provided with training, tools and materials to allow them to complete their tasks. During May, we plan to hold a virtual field season kickoff meeting to provide an update to volunteers and answer their questions.

Owing to the 2020 Cameron Peak Fire, RMF volunteers were not able to retrieve temperature sensor data last fall from sensors located in the fire closure area. Volunteers did retrieve data from several temperature sensors outside the closure area. Data retrieval during the spring 2021 period will continue until runoff makes sensor access difficult. When runoff flows subside this summer, volunteers will again be needed to visit sensor sites to retrieve data and assess the condition of the sensor installations. Based on sensor installation conditions, we may have to make plans to repair or reinstall sensors that were damaged or lost. We anticipate that annual sensor data retrieval will be completed by fall 2021. However, as last year's fires made clear, we may have to adjust our plan as conditions dictate.

The RMF Stream Temperature Monitoring project was initiated by Rocky Mountain Flycasters (RMF) in 2018 in cooperation with the US Forest Service, Colorado Trout Unlimited (CTU) and the Western Native Trout Initiative (WNTI). The goal of the project is to maintain and extend an ongoing project of stream temperature monitoring in tributaries of the Poudre River in support of the reintroduction of native greenback cutthroat trout.

The identification of suitable habitat areas in which to establish additional sustainable populations of greenback cutthroat trout on the specie's historic range is a longstanding priority for Rocky Mountain Flycasters, Colorado Trout Unlimited and our partners. These partners include the US Forest Service, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, the US Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Park Service, and the Western Native Trout Initiative. A key requirement for selecting suitable habitat for greenback reintroduction is to assess the water temperature regime in potential reintroduction streams.

If you are interested in participating in the stream temperature monitoring project or would like additional information please contact me by email at philwright@ieee.org. I thank the temperature logger team for your interest and participation in RMF's stream monitoring efforts. I look forward to building our capabilities and establishing a substantial database of stream data going forward. See you on the stream.

Phil Wright



Conservation News

Lone Pine Project Successfully Completed



In late April, 14 volunteers from Rocky Mountain Flycasters (RMF) teamed up with local Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) employees to complete the RMF Conservation Committee's first project of the year. The project was funded in part by a \$1,500 Gomo Grant awarded in early April by Colorado Trout Unlimited. RMF covered the remainder of the project expenses.

Over a two day period the team built approximately one-half mile of wildlife-friendly fencing designed to protect riparian habitat along Lone Pine Creek, a naturally reproducing brown trout fishery on the Lone Pine Unit of Cherokee State Wildlife Area. The new fence will encourage plant growth near the creek and reduce bank erosion by excluding cattle from specific reaches of the creek, some of which include beaver ponds. Seeing new areas to fish is a benefit of volunteering for RMF projects!

The fence design specified smooth wire on the top and bottom and two strands of barbed wire in the middle. Wildlife has a much easier time crossing such a fence when either jumping over or crawling beneath it. Over 100 metal T-posts were manually pounded into the ground during the effort, some of which were placed on a steep and very rocky hillside. Several wooden H-braces were built on the ends, corners and mid-span locations to provide strength and integrity to the fence. CPW was able to arrange a skid steer on site, eliminating a lot of manual digging with post hole diggers. It was truly impressive to watch expert operators use this equipment to drive 5" diameter posts about 4 feet into the ground with no digging required. CPW provided skilled employees to lead the effort and to operate the equipment. They also shuttled the volunteers about 2 miles from the parking lot to the work site, which was very much appreciated, especially at the end of a long day!

RMF Conservation Committee members Scott Baily and Tony Popp coordinated the project. Committee chair Dick Jefferies designed and built two stiles to facilitate easy angler access to the fenced-in areas of the creek. These will provide sure and steady passage over the fence for many years to come.

The volunteers on this project were really outstanding. It was a most rewarding experience to watch a massive pile of materials transform into a long (and impressively straight!) span of fence that will protect a beautiful stretch of Lone Pine Creek for decades.

Since the fencing project has been completed, the May 15-16 work days have been canceled. Thank you to those that had volunteered for that weekend. Please consider donating your time to the Stream Monitoring Project (read above) or the other volunteer opportunities. Visit RMF website for complete volunteering information.

Our sincere appreciation goes out to everyone involved with this project. RMF and CPW regard it as being a huge success!

RMF Conservation Committee



Member Profile



Meet Billy Draper RMF Webmaster

Hey there. I'm Billy. Personally, I'm a husband, a father, a snowboarder, a mountain biker, an Alabama football fan (University of Alabama is my alma mater), a reader, a writer, a musician and, yes, you guessed it, a fly fishing enthusiast. Professionally, I'm a solutions engineer at Salesforce where I spend my days consulting nonprofits on their digital engagement strategy. For more than 25 years I have worked in the marketing or advertising industry and have consulted with just about any brand or organization in just about industry you can imagine.

That said, let's get into the fun facts. I started my first business when I was 11 and sold my last

one (which brought me to Colorado in 2009) when I was in my early 30s. I've been on two different record labels and toured internationally. I was in the movie Talladega Nights (ask me about breakfast experience with Will Ferrell). I've shot bottle rockets with Dave Grohl, bar hopped with Lenny Kravitz, hung out with Billy Gibbs, and had a number of other celebrity encounters (my friends say I'm celebrity adjacent). I've performed stand up and improv comedy. And I once was a "coaster boy" for New Belgium. There's more fun stuff to share, but I think you get the point.

Shifting gears to the important stuff, fishing. I grew up in Alabama fishing Lake Tuscaloosa and the Black Warrior River with my dad, who by the way is a rather impressive angler. From trolling for strippers and shad fishing for catfish, to bluegill, crappie and bass fishing, I've done my fair share of warm water fishing. It was about eight or nine years ago when after landing a rather meaty bow spin casting on a pond in Utah that I decided to start fly fishing. And, (pun alert) I've been hooked ever since. I love all types of fly fishing. You can't beat a good hopper-dropper in the summer and, perhaps my favorite, is streamer fishing for browns late in fall. I primarily fish Sage (my 3wt is my favorite), but I did get a Douglas SkyG last year and so far it's been a rather nice outfit.

That's all for now. If you see me out and about, please say hello. Until next time, take care.

Billy Draper
RMF Webmaster



Let's Go Fishing



"It's time!" I love it when Bruce Buffer goes into his rant right before a big UFC fight. I can only imagine what it would sound like if he was on the shore and introducing an angler ready to start the day fly fishing – "and standing in the far riffles, weighing in at 195 lbs, wearing Orvis wading boots and Simms breathable waders, and flinging a 9' 5 weight Sage rod, hailing from Ft Collins, Coloraaaaddooooo, (insert your name).

For those of you who are interested in fishing, it is indeed time!

The following is a list of the fishing trips the RMFC chapter has put together for members and any person interested in finding out what the chapter is all about. If you are interested, contact the trip host(s) and receive all the details about the trip or email Paul Bunker, Chapter Fishing Trip coordinator at pnsbunker@comcast.net.

Date – Trip – Host and contact info – Type Water – Details

June 2 – Red Feather Lakes – **TRIP IS FULL** contact Bob Green via email bobgreen250@gmail.com or phone 252-255 8204

July 10 – Rocky Mountain NP/Colorado River Headwaters – Dennis Cook rkymtnangler@gmail.com – Small creeks. Article published in the April 2021 Flypaper. Check [newsletter archives](#) for more information.

July 22-25/26 South Park/Dream stream/11 Mile Canyon - Dennis Cook kymtnangler@gmail.com – Tailwaters, medium rivers, easy to moderately difficult wading. **See article below for more information.**

August 11 – (DATE CHANGE) Long Draw Reservoir – Dave Morse dgmorse45@gmail.com. – Stillwater and small creeks/streams. Bears, moose and, and of course cutthroats - oh my! More details to follow.

August 22-28 – Yellowstone National Park – Paul Bunker pnsbunker@comcast.net – Large to small rivers, creeks and stillwaters. We will carpool from Ft Collins on Sunday Aug 22 to Canyon Camping area (about 9 hours, buffalo/idiot jams dependent). Three tent sites are available, each with a 10x10 tent and with up to 2 people per site. Waters to fish will be determined by host depending on flows and water conditions. Hopefully, there will be 2 trips to the NE corner (Lamar River, Slough and Soda Butte Creeks, Trout Lake). We will also hopefully fish the Firehole, Madison, Gibbon and Yellowstone Rivers, and hike into Goose and Grebe Lakes, and discover Carl's Pond. One free day to fish and explore on your own. More details to follow.

September 16 – Rocky Mountain National Park – Art Campfield, Bill Gillett art.campfield@yahoo.com billgillett920@gmail.com – Small streams. **See article below for more details.**

That's it for now and I invite anyone and everyone to host a trip this season for chapter members. It's pretty simple. Let me know and I'll help you out any way I can.

Thanks

[Paul Bunker](#)

RMF Trip Coordinator



Let's Go Fishing - South Park

No! unfortunately that's not me in the picture, but if you like either lots of or big fish, or both..you might want to consider joining our **July 23-25(26)** trip. Our destination is Colorado's South Park region to fish the Gold Metal and technical tailwaters of the celebrated Dream Stream and Eleven Mile Canyon. We may also hit one or two of the South Platte River's State Wildlife Areas, interest and time permitting.

The Dream Stream is an approximately four mile stretch below Spinney Reservoir, meandering through scenic grasslands and into ElevenMile Reservoir...and ElevenMile Canyon is another four mile tailwater below the dam within a stunning granite walled and heavily bouldered canyon.



Location-specific fishing G2 will be provided. Lodging and driving arrangements will be determined that meet each person's needs - all honoring individual preferences and prevailing Covid protocols. Lodging reservations will be initiated as soon as signed up names are

confirmed.

May 30th Registration Confirmation: Early commitments are necessary.
To register, email **Dennis Cook** at kymtnangler@Q.com.



Let's Go Fishing - RMNP Small Stream

We are planning to be fishing on one of the small streams in Rocky Mountain National Park on **Thursday, September 16**. Four destinations are possible: North St Vrain in the Wild Basin area, Big Thompson along the Fern Lake Trail above Moraine Park, Glacier Creek along the Bear Lake Road, and Fall River.

As hosts, we will be able to point out some good spots. We may break into two groups initially. Plan to hike one mile or less on good, generally flat, easy trails. Water depth should be three feet or less so wading is easy. We fish 2-3 wt short (6.5 -8.5 ft) rods and fiberglass is a lot of fun.

Our destination and the final date will depend on water levels and flow, and fishing conditions. It will also be influenced by several other factors: the coronavirus, vaccination rate, and whether, or not, we can safely carpool.

Art Campfield
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RMNP Timed Entry

Rocky Mountain National Park will be implementing a new pilot temporary timed entry permit reservation system beginning on **May 28, 2021**. Park staff are managing for significant increases in visitation to public lands in Colorado, including Rocky Mountain National Park, along with continued Covid-19 concerns, ongoing park seasonal staff shared housing challenges, reduced shuttle bus capacity and residual fire impacts in some areas of the park from historic fires in 2020.

There will be two types of reservations available. One permit will be for the Bear Lake Road Corridor, which will include the entire corridor and access to the rest of the park. This reservation period will be from 5 am to 6 pm. The second permit will be for the rest of Rocky Mountain National Park, excluding the Bear Lake Road corridor. This reservation period will be from 9 am to 3 pm. Permits issued using the reservation system will allow park visitors to enter the park within two-hour windows of availability. The reservation system will apply to all areas of the park.

This year's pilot reservation system allows for a greater number of reservations per day. Reservations will be based on approximately 75 percent to 85 percent of the park's total parking capacity. Last year's system was based on approximately 60 percent of the park's total parking capacity. This system spreads use throughout the park to better utilize all parking/trailhead areas. This system will be adaptable to changes in visitation trends and public health concerns.

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RMNP Timed Entry Information



Illegal Stocking Creates Problems!



MACK MESA DRAINED TO REMOVE NORTHERN PIKE

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. - In response to the discovery of northern pike in Mack Mesa Reservoir at Highline Lake State Park, Colorado Parks and Wildlife is draining Mack Mesa Reservoir. Work to drain Mack Mesa has begun and will continue for several weeks. The lake will be slowly drained to protect infrastructure and to effectively remove other species of fish for transfer to Highline Lake. Mack Mesa Reservoir is a small lake just north

of the larger Highline Lake. Highline Lake will not be impacted by the project and will remain open to boaters, anglers, and other recreationists.

"Northern pike are a voracious predator that cannot be managed in Mack Mesa," explained Ben Felt, CPW's aquatic biologist for the Grand Junction area. "Pike will quickly decimate other fish in the lake, including trout, black crappie, largemouth bass, bluegill, and channel catfish reared and stocked through CPW's hatchery system."

Anglers first reported catching a northern pike last fall and CPW immediately sampled the lake to get an understanding of the situation. Adult pike were removed through fish sampling in the fall. Biologists and park managers were hopeful that these sampling efforts would remove all pike, however additional fish were found during ice off - the time of year when northern pike typically spawn. It is unknown how pike got into Mack Mesa Lake but staff suspects that they were illegally transported and released by someone trying to selfishly create a place to catch their own favorite fish.

"Movement and stocking of fish into Colorado waters by private individuals without CPW approval is against the law," said Area Wildlife Manager Kirk Oldham. "In addition, CPW does not stock northern pike in western Colorado waters because the species is a significant threat to native fish that are found only in the Colorado River basin."

A federal program works to recover four species of endangered fish while continuing to allow the development of Colorado water for agriculture, drinking water, and other uses in western Colorado. The Upper Colorado River Recovery Program oversees work to recover humpback chub, razorback sucker, bonytail and Colorado pikeminnow.

"As the lake is drained, efforts will be made to capture the allowable fish that remain in Mack Mesa and transfer those fish to neighboring Highline Lake for the benefit of anglers," added Felt. "Any northern pike will be removed."

Once all fish are removed, Mack Mesa Lake will be refilled and restocked with trout, largemouth bass, black crappie, bluegill, and channel catfish.

"We hope to get ahold of some large brood fish to make sure that Mack Mesa will be immediately fishable by anglers in May," said Highline Lake State Park Manager Alan Martinez. "This disruption for anglers is unfortunate and we hope anyone who loves Mack Mesa will help us keep an eye out for anyone who might illegally move fish here or anywhere else."

Park staff and wildlife managers discussed the possibility of closing Mack Mesa Lake to public access and considered alternative fish removal techniques but those measures were discounted for multiple reasons, including being too punitive to the many responsible anglers that enjoy the lake. Future incidents could result in closure of the lake to fishing or the suspension of stocking of any fish in Mack Mesa.

"This is an unfortunate situation, and one that CPW would prefer not to be in," said Northwest Region Senior Aquatic Biologist Lori Martin. Martin also expressed frustration that these efforts take away staff time and resources from other important projects that could benefit all anglers on the Western Slope.

Anyone with information about illegal fish stocking is encouraged to contact Colorado Parks and Wildlife's Grand Junction office at 970-255-6100. Park visitors are asked to take note of any suspicious activity, including descriptions of people and vehicle license numbers. Tipsters who wish to remain anonymous can provide information through the Operation Gamethief program by calling 877-265-6648 or by emailing game.thief@state.co.us.

Randy Hampton

Northwest Region Public Information Officer
Colorado Parks and Wildlife

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Vince Herrera's St. Peter's Fly Fishing Report for May



We have made it to May finally but dang, it still feels more like March. This cool weather may seem like a bit of an inconvenience but fortunately we have a lot of snow up in the hills. Not to mention the plentiful amounts of moisture we have been receiving. While some of these days may keep us inside wishing for fish, our days on the water will be able to last a lot longer into the year. The Poudre and The Big Thompson have been fishing great along with some of our local ponds and stillwaters. Day time temperatures

should begin to stabilize and become more consistent as we approach the summer and the fish are going to be chowing down.

Thankfully fishing has been outstanding lately. We have been seeing some beautiful fish coming out of The Big Thompson and The Poudre River. With a combo of runoff on the way very soon and aftermath of the Cameron Peak Fire no one is really too sure what to expect once June is here. Start to make a game plan for when you can get out and enjoy some of the water just in case these rivers get a little muddy from the silt and debris. On the upside, the rain that had fallen last week was enough to bump flows up an additional 200 cfs. This is going to be a great week for big flies such as Stoneflies, Big Mayflies, Streamers, and the classic ol' San Juan Worms. This big influx in water pushes out lots of meal options from rocks, submerged vegetation, and mixes up the dirt, leaves, and any other loose ends that settled on the riverbed. Water may look off color and fast but the fish take it as an opportunity to feed closer to the bank where the slower water is. Dry dropper rigs and streamers are great methods to use in order to target the fish that have moved out to the edges of the river. This week I have had several takes on Articulated Goldies and Sparkle Minnows on quick retrieves and plenty of other fish eat Rainbow Warriors, Pheasant Tails, Small Golden Stonefly Nymphs, and even a Morrish Hopper. Even on the cloudy days, having a dry fly as your indicator will have fish coming up to eat, it's unbelievable. Stock up on your bigger flies because from here on out we will be throwing the bigger stuff until runoff really hits.

Warmwater fishing is also beginning to ramp up. Just days ago there was snow falling but this is the time of the year when bass, carp, bluegill, and crappie begin to move around a lot you will catch them feeding vigorously on the warm days before a cold front rolls in. Until the 80 degree days settle in you should go poke at some of the ponds in the area and you'll see several fish sunning themselves and feeding. If this is maybe a method that needs more light shed on it for you then we would be happy to point you in the right direction. It's a fun fight linking up with a bass and carp will really put a bend in the rod. St.Petes has even started to do Guided Trips on Horsetooth Reservoir for the early morning popper fishing that lasts just a few months. Starting at

6:00am each trip will be 6 hours of popper fishing off of a boat with one of our professional guides. For rates and more information just give us a ring and we'd love to get you setup.

A diverse angler is an effective angler and that is a line that has stuck with me more than anything else I have heard during my fly fishing journey. It's very true and the only way to encounter as many fish as possible is to be able to cater to their needs when the time calls. Now that Summer is right around the corner we will be hosting several classes to walk everyone through these specific techniques because we want you to have as much fun on the water with the short amount of time we have in our busy lives. Intro to Fly Fishing and Fly Fishing school will be running almost every weekend. This is a great class to introduce any new comers to the art. Fly Fishing School is a full eight hour day where four hours are spent learning fundamentals and technique in the classroom. There is lunch included and after lunch you will head up to the canyon where you can work on casting technique and much more. We now have some streamer classes on the docket as well. St.Peter's very own Ryan Barrick will be hosting On the Water Streamer Tactics on Saturday, May 15th from 9-12pm. This class teaches the methods that we use in order to entice bigger trout to eat bigger flies and it is dangerously fun. Catching fish on a streamer means that a fish was tapping into its predator instinct and chasing a fly to get it out of their territory. It's a great technique to use for runoff.

Since runoff is on the way think about learning some spey casts in our Spey School on Saturday May 8th. This is a different style of fishing that utilizes two hands in order to cast and there's no one else better to learn from than Grant Houx. Grant is a certified casting instructor who has spent countless hours traveling to different destinations to fish with specific technique. He will teach you everything from what a roll cast is all the way to presenting a fly to a fish in a run and he does it all in such a relaxed manner. You'll have fun but there is very little availability so call The Old Town Store to get signed up. We will have our classes updated just about daily on our website if you would like to check out any of the other classes and events coming up. Feel free to always stop by and ask questions at the fly shop. We love visiting and talking with everyone. Thank you all for the ongoing support too! Our doors are always open. Have fun out there!

Vince Herrera



Video of the Month



CBS "This Morning" Video about Fly Fishing

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Upcoming Events

**MAY 12
Board Meeting**

**MAY 19
General Membership Meeting**

The Rocky Mountain Flycasters Leadership Board Meeting. If you would like to attend please contact the board secretary Jeannie Weaver at jweaver1917@icloud.com.

Join the General Meeting via Zoom on **Wednesday, MAY 19 at 7 PM.**

<https://zoom.us/j/98041306130?pwd=ZGFleKVmZ09uSENIL1U2a3M0MkJVUT09>

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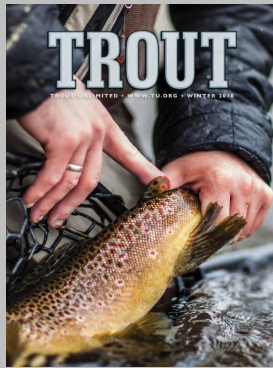
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