



**October 2016**

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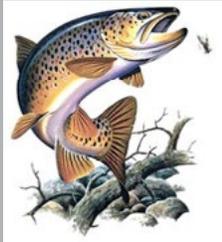
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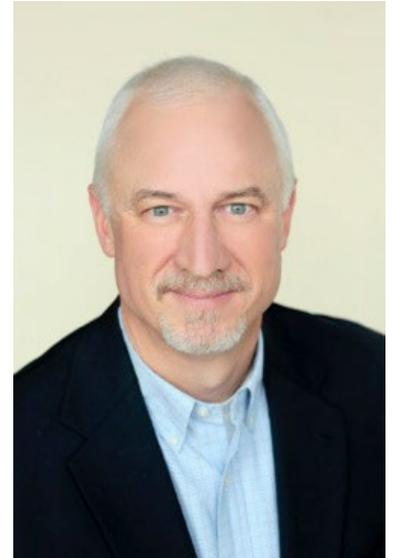
## **From the President**

Many of you know that I am a real estate broker. I recently got a call from a gentleman from the East Coast who wanted to buy a home in Northern Colorado. We had a long chat about his needs and lifestyle. I emailed him details on several properties that seemed to meet his criteria. After pairing the list down and determining plans for a visit and tour he said, "Do you know why I selected you as my Realtor? It's because I read on your website that you are a fly fisherman. In my experience fly fishermen are good people."

I like that. I believe it's true. As a general rule fly fishers are good people. I can't count how many times I've encountered a total stranger on a stream and found good conversation, helpful information and even effective fly sharing. Sure we guard the precise location of our "honey holes," but for the most part fly fishers know they live in community. It takes all of us to keep our rivers clean and pass on generational knowledge of how to both catch and care for our finned quarry.

So I encourage you to actively seek out that community. Share your knowledge. Learn from others. Give a day or several days each year to a conservation project. Buy from our local fly shops. Hire a guide. Attend fly typing expos. Read. Ask questions. Get involved.

Coy Wylie, President  
Rocky Mountain Flycasters



Coy Wylie, 2016-2017 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



## October Program Notes

Our speaker for the October Membership Meeting is Duane Redford, a professional fly fishing guide who spends the majority of his days guiding on the South Platte River below Deckers, Colorado and on the Eagle River near Minturn, Colorado. He began his fly fishing career fishing the Rocky Mountain West, and has been toting a fly rod for better than four decades. As a retired teacher and coach, Duane has a unique, systematic approach to the river that he has used as the basis of his guiding for the last ten years.



Duane Redford

This systematic approach, derived from guiding countless days on highly pressured, technical waters, has been refined over time, and is easily understood. When he's not guiding, Duane spends his time teaching fly fishing classes, blogging, speaking, and writing. When he's not teaching, writing or guiding, you'll find him on the river. His latest presentation: "The Eagle River: Fly Fishing Unfamiliar Waters" delves into breaking down waters never fished or waters that give you fits every time out".

This presentation digs into combining historical, seasonal, and conditional data with strategies and tactics designed to assist you in putting more fish into the net. It covers everything from reading water, reading fish and insects, to rigging, drift mechanics and subtle tactics designed for success. Duane will have his latest book, [The Fly Fisher's](#)

[Playbook 2nd Edition](#), with him at the presentation. Check out his video below:



As always, social hour begins at 6:30 pm at the Fort Collins Senior Center, and the program follows at 7:00 pm. Admission is free and the public is welcome. The Fort Collins Senior Center is located at 1200 Raintree Drive off Shields Avenue between Prospect and Drake.



# Coming In October On The Poudre

## Fly Fishing Team USA

### Friday October 7th:

Competitor and Controller Meeting 7 p.m., location TBA (in Fort Collins)

### Saturday October 8th:

Competition Sessions 1 and 2: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

### Sunday October 9th:

Competition Sessions 3 and 4: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Awards and Raffle - 7 p.m., location TBA (in Fort Collins)

Volunteers are needed to serve as controllers. Basically they will be combination referees and scorekeepers. They will ensure that all fish are not foul-hooked, competitors are following all established equipment rules (more info to come), keep track of session time, as well as measure and record every fish caught. Each controller will be in charge of a given 'beat' (section of bank) for each session.

Competitors will be divided into 4 groups of 6 anglers each. Each group will travel together and fish each venue. Example: Group A may fish Poudre 1, Poudre 2, Horsetooth, Barnes Meadow, and Group B may fish Horsetooth, Poudre 2, Barnes Meadow, Poudre 1.

### Venues:

Cache la Poudre River near Mountain Park Campground (wade)

Cache la Poudre River near Indian Meadows (wade)

Barnes Meadow Reservoir (wade)

Horsetooth Reservoir (boat)

For information, or to register, email us at:

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## Conservation Notes

Although the shrinking number of daylight hours is a reminder that remaining conservation projects are near the end of this year's projects, there remain a number of projects in need of volunteers. Two of those are stream cleanups, not to be confused with streambank re-vegetation projects that are also on this year's schedule

## Stream Cleanups

Stream cleanups include the North Fork of the Big Thompson, on Saturday, October 15 (see Phil Wright's an-



Dave Piske, Conservation Chair

nouncement nearby), and the City of Loveland Annual Waterways Cleanup on Saturday, October 8. Information about the Loveland event, which runs from 9:00 AM until noon, can be obtained from Tracy at [tracy.wendt@bigthompson.co](mailto:tracy.wendt@bigthompson.co)

Tracy is a new member of Rocky Mountain Flycasters, recently transferred her T U membership from Wyoming, and is the new Assistant Watershed Coordinator of the Big Thompson Watershed Coalition.

### **Streambank Revegetation Projects**

Having completed a series of revegetation projects on the lower portion of the North Fork of the Big Thompson, the remaining North Fork projects are a bit upstream in the Middle section of the North Fork. As in the already completed Lower North Fork Projects, Luke McNally will be the Project Leader. Volunteers for these projects should enroll on the Wildlands Restoration Volunteers web site, [www.wlrv.org](http://www.wlrv.org). And, during the registration process, please click on the Group name RMFTU.

The scheduled days are: October 22, 2016, October 29, 2016, and November 9, 2016, all being subject to weather conditions on each of those days.

### **Status of George Creek vicinity obliteration of unauthorized roads**

This two-day project took place as scheduled on September 24 & 25 despite the weather demon's attempts to disrupt it by ordering minor snowfalls during the evenings before each of the two scheduled work days. Although the number of volunteers was diminished from expectations, the ever-optimistic resolution of project manager Nate Boschman managed to accomplish most of the planned road obliterations.

The remaining road segments are short in length, and will likely be accomplished during a one-day work session or two. So please remain alert for opportunities to progress with the reconditioning of George and Cornelius Creeks for greenback cutthroat introductions

### **River Clean-up on the North Fork of the Big Thompson River**



Before



After

Source: Lukas McNally, Wildland Restoration Volunteers

Join us for a River Cleanup on the North Fork of the Big Thompson River. Members of Rocky Mountain Flycasters (RMF) have contributed many hours to the cleanup and restoration of the North Fork of the Big

Thompson River after the floods of 2013. As the before and after photos above show, river restoration and revegetation efforts on the North Fork of the Big Thompson have made significant progress over the last two field seasons. However, there is still work to to be done.

I would like to invite your participation in a river cleanup day on the North Fork of the Big Thompson on Saturday, October 15, 2016. Rocky Mountain Flycasters has not held a river cleanup day for the past several years since the flood as there have been many other pressing projects to carry out. However, this year it's time for a good ol' river cleanup day! As in past river cleanups we will remove debris from the stream and stream banks. Also, if you are comfortable wading the river you can help with instream and far bank cleanup as water levels should be low.

If you would like to take part in this year's Rocky Mountain Flycasters river cleanup day, contact me by email at philwright@ieee.org. I will be providing volunteers with further details concerning the day's activities as the river cleanup date approaches. Let me know by email if you have further questions or would like to receive additional information. I look forward to joining with you on the North Fork of the Big Thompson River on Saturday, October 15. - Phil Wright



### **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).



### **Are you looking to buy a fishing vehicle?**

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## How about a canoe?

I have a canoe for sale. It is getting to be a bit much for me to get on and off my car and has seen little use in the past couple of years. It is an L L Bean, Old Town Discovery Sport which I believe is 16' 9" in length. It is a square end canoe with a wooden motor mount which is rated for up to a 5 hp motor. It has oar locks and oars, two paddles, can comfortably seat four people and is rated for 850lbs (people, motor and gear).



There is also a 3.5hp Tohatsu outboard motor (canoe is rated for up to 5 hp), and an electric trolling motor that has been used with the canoe also for sale. Located in Fort Collins. Contact **Guy Turenne**, phone **970-377-2814**



## Let's Go Fishing 2016

Hope everyone has had a great summer. Hard to believe Fall is already here!

We had quite a mix of fishing destinations for 2016, small streams, larger rivers like Gray Reef, grayling at Joe Wright Reservoir, and high country lakes with beautiful cutthroat trout feeding on the surface. Special thanks to those that hosted these 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!

We will have an interesting line-up of trips for 2017 at our Feb meeting. We hope you will join us for all the fun! It's a great way to learn some new waters and make new fishing friends.

I'm open to suggestions if anyone has a special fishing hole they would like to share next summer. We are also thinking about a trip in 2017 to the Bighorn again. We had a great time on the Bighorn in Sep 2015 with an amazing Trico hatch each morning.



Mark Miller, Let's Go Fishing Coordinator

**Trip hosts:** I am always looking for additional volunteers to host a trip, so please give this some thought. The only requirement to be a host is to be familiar with the water you choose to fish. It's actually quite fun and rewarding. Contact Mark Miller if you are interested.

Other possibilities for 2017 could include:

- San Juan River in New Mexico
- South Fork of the Snake River in Idaho
- Madison River & Henry's Fork
- Green River in Utah

Let me hear from you! And get out there this Fall and catch some fish before the snow flies! Questions? Contact: Email **Mark Miller** at or call 970-744-8229 (cell).

**P.S. check out these 2016 photos on the next page.**



Close-up of Beautiful Rainbow



San Juan River Brown

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