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## In memory, help wanted, introductions and thanks to volunteers...

Greetings to all,

I was planning to change the title of this article this month but it was again so relevant, it took only minor modification.

Rocky Mountain Flycasters lost another member of the TU family and I would like to express our heartfelt condolences to the family of Robert Haberstroh. I hope his love of the outdoors is something you can hold close in memory and may that bond forever keep him in your thoughts. When we can, the next time we are on water, let's all tap a hat in memory of Robert and all who love our waters.

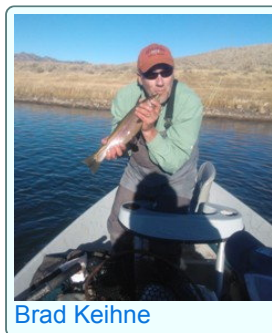
### HELP WANTED -

**Newspaper Editor** - The newspaper editor involves simply putting together the monthly newsletter using software already in operation with the chapter. It is a cut and paste operation and does involve minimal reporting on results generated by the software. Articles are contributed so there isn't a lot of writing involved but experience with layout and messaging would be a plus. We are always looking for creative people to share the mission and message of TU with our readership. This position requires about ten hours of time per month.

**Project Healing Waters Coordinator** - We have officially begun a collaboration with Project Healing Waters. This is a new endeavor for our chapter and we would like to find a coordinator willing to help develop our chapter program. This is a very special opportunity to be an integral part in giving back to the men and women who have honorably and voluntarily served and sacrificed for our country.

Click this link, [Project Healing Waters](#) for information about the organization. If you are interested in how the program can look on the water, check out this video, [The River Just Knows](#), for a sense of what the program brings to our veterans. (Tip - watch it in full screen because there is some great scenery as well.)

### INTRODUCTION



Brad Kiehne

I am very pleased to announce that Brad Kiehne is stepping in this next program year as our Programs Coordinator. Brad is a very knowledgeable fisherman and will bring a great deal of energy to the Coordinator role. I know he will do a great job and he would love to hear from anyone with program ideas. Email him at [Program Coordinator](#), Brad Kiehne.

### VOLUNTEERS

We are at the end of another program year and at the beginning of what is typically our busiest volunteer time. First I want to thank all of you that have volunteered in the past. Second, I want to ask you

to keep it up. We are doing some tremendous work in the Community and we are really beginning to be recognized as a leading conservation voice and action group in Northern Colorado. That is in no small part due to the tireless efforts you put forth as volunteers. Thank you so much and I look forward to seeing you on the trails, in the camps, at the burn areas and during all of the outstanding programming we are doing.

**Have a great spring and summer season, be safe and keep those lines tight.**

[Dick Jefferies](#), President  
Rocky Mountain Flycasters

*If you've got short, stubby fingers and wear reading glasses, any relaxation you would normally derive from fly fishing is completely eliminated when you try to tie on a fly.*  
~by Jack Ohman, Fear of Fly Fishing, 1988~

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## **PROGRAMS AND EVENTS**

[Program Director](#)

### **May Program**

**Steve Henderson**  
**Wednesday, May 15th**  
**6:30 pm**  
**Fishing the Yampa River**

This presentation is a fisherman's journey from the headwaters of the Yampa River in the Flat Tops Wilderness downstream through the high desert of Northwest Colorado. The Yampa River is a diverse river to fish and offers the fly fisherman the opportunity to catch both cold and warm water species. I will discuss fishing tips, fly choices and seasonal accesses to some of the best fishing in Colorado. There will be an emphasis on the public water sections near the town of Steamboat Springs and some wonderful private water sections available through the Rocky Mountain Angling Club and Henderson Fly Fishing.

Owner "Henderson Fly Fishing" guide service  
20 years guide experience in the Yampa Valley and beyond  
Federation of Fly Fishers Certified Casting Instructor  
Maui Jim Ambassador/Pro Staff  
Steve@hendersonflyfishing.com  
970-846-4719

### **Need An Excuse To Go Fishing ??? Fish Habitat Study Project with the USFS**

Matt Fairchild, Fisheries Biologist for the US Forest Service will join us at the meeting on the 17th to talk a little about the Sheep Creek Restoration Project coming up next fall and.... the USFS needs some help with fish habitat reclamation studies on the South Fork of the Poudre. Yes indeed, another "hook and line" sampling project, as we like to technically refer to it, is being offered for specific reaches on the South Fork. Hmmm! Helping one of our agency partners and contributing to science by fishing! Sounds like a pretty sweet deal. Don't miss this opportunity as Matt shares a way that RMF can help the USFS by putting our particular skill sets to use.

### **Guest Tyer - Fly Tying Q and A with Ben Zomer**

6:30pm Do you have questions about specific tying techniques? Are there materials that drive you nuts working with? Next month, our own Ben Zomer will be at the bench answering questions about materials, techniques and trends. If you have any questions you would like to ask and have Ben demonstrate, email him now so he can be prepared with the correct materials to answer questions and demonstrate solutions. Ben Zomer

Fort Collins Senior Center  
6:30 - 9:00 pm  
1200 Raintree Drive, 80526  
[Senior Center Map](#)

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### **Coming Attractions**

**Kerry Carahar - September 18th**  
Encampment River - Wade and Float Fishing

**Adam Omernick - October 16th**  
Owner of NOCO Fly Fishing.com presents an evening of Tenkara

## Upcoming Events

Fishing opportunities, volunteer work, education sessions and more!! We are approaching that time of year when the calendar really starts to get busy. Use the handy link below to go directly to the RMF calendar. There is a little something for everyone. Let us know if there something of interest you want more information about. We are just a click away.

[Rocky Mountain Flycasters Calendar](#)

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## RMF ANNUAL MEETING CHAPTER LEADERSHIP TEAM

### Board of Trustees Slate for June 2013 - May 2014 Program Year

Flycasters Bylaws Article V, Section 1. copied below:

*Article V. Nominations, Elections, Terms, Vacancy of Officers and Trustees*

*Section 1. Not later than 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting of the Chapter, the incumbent Board of Trustees shall nominate candidates for each officer position and for the two Trustees at Large. Said nominations shall be included in the Notice of Annual Meeting that shall be posted on the Chapter's Internet website not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the Annual Meeting. Said posting shall constitute the required notice to all Members. Nothing, however, will deny nominations from being made from the floor by Members during the Annual Meeting."*

### 2013 Nominations for Rocky Mountain Flycasters Board of Trustees

|                           |                                   |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| President:                | Dick Jefferies                    |
| Vice President:           | Sean Cronin                       |
| Treasurer:                | Tom Culbertson                    |
| Secretary:                | Bob Streeter                      |
| Trustee-at-Large:         | Bill Perrill                      |
| Trustee-at-Large:         | Gil Coleman                       |
| Immediate Past President: | Lee Evans (Automatic progression) |



RMF Board meeting in progress

### Additional Appointive Leadership Positions:

Volunteers are also invited to consider joining the RMF Leadership Council in one of the following positions.

- Communications (Newsletter & Website, etc.)
- Membership
- Financial Development
- Resource Management Projects
- Social & Fishing Activities

- Adult Education Coordinator
- Middle School Youth Education
- Trout in the Classroom Coordinator
- Project Healing Waters Coordinator

## ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

### Let's Go Fishing

[Mark Miller](#), Coordinator  
970-744-8229

### 2013 Fishing Trips

Sign up for trips at our monthly meetings, or by email or phone. How better to ensure you get in all those fishing days you want, than to start planning them now. And who better to fish with than RMF friends, both old and new. So take a look below and "get started"! We closed sign-ups for the Delaney Buttes trip as we have reached the max of 20 people. We don't really have a max number figured out for most trips, but you may want to sign up early to make sure you get on the trips of your choice. And if you do have to cancel, please send me an email to let me know.

#### 2013 RMF Fishing Trips

*Monthly trips for 2013 will be scheduled late March through early November.  
The following trips and hosts are well on their way.*

|                                 |  |                     |
|---------------------------------|--|---------------------|
| <a href="#">May 24-25-26</a>    | <b>South Platte "Dream Stream" and "11-Mile Canyon"</b><br><i>Fish, Fish, Fish</i> | Host: Dennis Cook   |
| <a href="#">June 8-10, 2013</a> | <b>Delaney Buttes Lake</b><br><i>Monster Trout</i>                                 | Host: Frank Cada    |
| <a href="#">June 30, 2013</a>   | <b>Gore Canyon "Salmonfly Hatch"</b>   | Host: Adam Omernick |
| <a href="#">July 13</a>         | <b>RMNP Colorado River Headwaters</b><br><i>Bravo Brookies</i>                     | Host: Dennis Cook   |
| <a href="#">August 17</a>       | <b>Poudre Upper Canyon</b><br><i>Wild Trout &amp; Whities</i>                      | Host: Dennis Cook   |
| <a href="#">September 7</a>     | <b>RMNP "Dream Lake"</b><br><i>Cutthroat Crazyies</i>                              | Host: Mark Miller   |
| <a href="#">September 28</a>    | <b>Poudre River—Big South</b><br><i>Grand Slam</i>                                 | Host: Stan Woodring |
| <a href="#">October 19</a>      | <b>Colorado River "Main Stem"</b><br><i>Trout Potpourri</i>                        | Host: Dennis Cook   |
| <a href="#">November 9</a>      | <b>Big Thompson Canyon</b><br><i>Bows-Brownies Bash</i>                            | Host: Dennis Cook   |

Here is a short description of the next few trips to help  
you know what to expect

**South Platte Dream Stream & Eleven Mile Reservoir:** true Colorado gems. Can be tough and technical fishing. Most of us have been skunked there at one time or another, but many have also caught the fish of a lifetime in the South Platte. Option also to hit the Eleven Mile Canyon, a world class tailwater.

**Delaney Buttes (3 sage brush, high plains lakes):** a unique (and sometimes windy) high plains experience in North Park, near Walden, CO. Fish chironomids, damsel nymphs, and streamers for large trout. Can wade fish, but it is much better from a boat or float tube/pontoon.

**Gore Canyon:** on the Colorado River not far downstream from Kremming. wading can be challenging sometimes with high waters. Haven't seen your backing in awhile? Then fish this stretch of the Colorado River with strong, fast bows and browns.

## RMNP MEADOWS STREAMS



Gil Coleman, Bruce Rosenthal, Duane Helton, Dennis Cook, Ed May, Fred Ebert, Paul Wehr

Friday morning, April 13th, the sun rose fairly bright and welcomed seven intrepid chapter anglers who gathered at the Loveland K-Mart parking lot. The weather looked really nice despite forecasts that a major front was to move in later that evening. We jumped into our cars and drove straight to the Fern Lake trailhead at the far end of RMNP's Moraine Park. Occasional charred grass spots were visible as we drove along the valley bottom, and when we reached the trailhead all of the familiar, dense willows were either completely burned off or remained only as sparse, black branches.



RMNP Meadows Brown

Before we were all waded up it had become apparent that the weather front's incoming route was directly through Forest Canyon and across Moraine Park. But we decided to hit the water despite what felt like 25-30 mph wind bursts. Though still somewhat thin, the water was a bit higher than some of us had expected, and pristine, allaying concerns of what damage the recent fires may have caused. Hopefully this spring's runoff won't siltify the meadow's channel.

The fish could be seen enjoying the warming sun and not a bit bothered by the winds, and of course most of us experienced our share of wind knots and brush hang-ups. But the fish were active and a few of them were agreeable to take our nymphs and even a few dries. Little guys, sure, but there's nothing prettier than an early spring brookie, 'bow or brownie.

Contact: Mark Miller at [fishing@rockymtnflycasters.org](mailto:fishing@rockymtnflycasters.org) or 970-744-8229 (cell). Or sign up at our monthly meeting, where we will circulate a clipboard for all to see.

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## CONSERVATION NEWS

[Dave Piske](#), Conservation Chair

Just as surely as there will be a Mothers' Day caddis hatch somewhere in Colorado, it seems like a safe bet that wildflowers will soon be blooming in the high country as the snow pack finally begins its meltdown. But that's not all that is about to bloom as the snow disappears.

There is also the blooming of a profusion of conservation projects beckoning Rocky Mountain Flycasters members to pitch in to preserve and improve our coldwater resources. Read here where those volunteer opportunities are blooming in the Poudre watershed.

[Wild Dots, Dots, Fly Fishing, and Conservation Activities](#)

## High Park Post-Fire Ecological Restoration Activities

The fire is out. But the environmental damage it caused to the Poudre River watershed remains a serious threat to both the Poudre fishery and to our drinking water supply. Rocky Mountain Flycasters, a founding member of the High Park Restoration Coalition, is one of the leaders in restoring the adverse impacts of the fire.

There are multiple ways for RMF volunteers to participate in the ecological restoration activities that are now blooming after a series of delays caused by the recent snowfalls.

The volunteer opportunities include:

- Assist with staging of restoration materials in preparation for restoration projects,
- Be a Crew Member on restoration projects,
- Be a Crew Leader on restoration projects,
- Train to be a Crew Leader on restoration projects,
- Volunteer to collect seeds for use in future restoration projects.

Details on all of these, except for the seed collections, are posted on the RMF web site. Details on all, including seed collections, are also posted on the Wildlands Restoration Volunteers web site, [www.wlrv.org](http://www.wlrv.org). Please consider how best you might participate. Then act on your decision by registering to participate in those activities at either the RMF or WRV web sites.

## Gateway Natural Area Activities

At the confluence of the Poudre's main stem and its North Fork is an early-season fishing spot favored by many RMF anglers. This setting is a unique gem in the City of Fort Collins' Natural Areas group of nature-based recreation and education areas. Rocky Mountain Flycasters is proud to assist the City in maintaining and improving the foot-trails in this area. And the City has publicly recognized RMF's efforts by appropriate signage in the Gateway Area.

Recruitment of volunteers for the June 29 reconstruction of rock steps on the Black Powder Trail is now underway. These rock steps, originally placed by the Civilian Conservation Corps during the 1930s, are pleading for your "gentle" touches during their rejuvenation. Believe it. Here's your chance to actually adopt a pet rock. To let them know that you will help those steps renew their usefulness, contact Dave Piske

## Waste Fishing Line Collection and Re-cycling

Rocky Mountain Flycasters, and more specifically, member Bruce Rosenthal, has been busy for the past several years collecting waste monofilament fishing line that anglers and other users of the Poudre River Trail through Fort Collins have deposited in special receptacles along the trail. Getting this waste out of the environment is the first step in its recycling for other more useful purposes. The primary beneficiaries are the birds that otherwise tend to become entangled and strangled in loose piles of monofilament.

Bruce also has stories about other findings of odd items in the receptacles, but those anecdotes are auxiliary to the main purpose. There are now 11 receptacles along the Poudre at locations from Gateway in the lower canyon downstream to Arapaho Bend Natural Area near I-25. They are being supplemented by four additional receptacles now being fabricated by the City of Fort Collins. Bruce welcomes any and all persons who might want to help by doing the collections along various in-town reaches of the Poudre. Anyone interested in helping Bruce should contact him at [brucewr410@comcast.net](mailto:brucewr410@comcast.net)

## Learn About How the Poudre River Lives

All interested persons are invited to a guided river walk during which they will learn about the hydrologic and geomorphologic processes that make the Poudre a living natural system. It's free and no pre-registration is required. Just show up at the starting point which is the lower parking lot at Lee Martinez Park, 600 North Sherwood St. The tour begins at 2 PM and lasts until 3:30 PM on Sunday, May 12. It is sponsored by the City of Fort Collins Natural Areas.

## Poudre River Improvements Through Fort Collins

A special update briefing by John Stokes, Fort Collins Natural Areas Director, took place Wednesday, May 8. The plans described include substantial river and riparian area improvements between Shields St. and Mulberry Ave. This briefing was targeted at the UniverCity Connections Poudre River Task Group, which includes three members of the RMF Leadership Council

A public announcement of the City's plans for river improvements will take place at the Lincoln Center on June 26. Mark that event on your calendars.

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## YOUTH NEWS

[Dennis Cook](#), Youth Outreach Chair

**Saturday, June 1st**  
**West Lake, Day-use Area...at Red Feather**  
**8:00am - 1:30pm**

**15 VOLUNTEERS**  
**are needed for this fun event!!**

Car pooling will be coordinated for those who request, and additional volunteers' details will be provided in late May. Last year we had a good time helping a bunch of excited youngsters spin cast, untangle lines and land fish. Members are encouraged to bring your kids and grandkids and make a memorable picnic day of it!

Email coordinator [Dennis Cook](#) or call him at 970-372-9229. (We can also make some plans to wet a line together afterward!)

Space is limited for between 50-60 kids, and each kid age 15 and younger will go home sporting a free, new spinning rod & reel. Youths must be accompanied by an adult and the whole family is invited. Those ages 16 or older require a fishing license.

Register ASAP by email to [christophercarroll@fs.fed.us](mailto:christophercarroll@fs.fed.us) with the number of participants, youths ages, and contact information. Based on last year, more registrants are expected this year.

Driving directions: West Lake Day-use Area is located just off Red Feather Lakes Road (CR 74E). Drive about 21 miles North from Fort Collins on U.S. Highway 287. Turn West onto Red Feather Lakes Road (CR 74E) and drive about 22 miles. Turn North onto Dowdy Lake Road and West Lake is immediately on your right, with the Day-Use Area along its North shore.

Check-in begins at 8:00am, and all the fishy facts activities and fun begin at 8:30 and continue through 1:30pm. Be sure to bring water, lunch, sun screen and bug spray. Adults and older youths who plan to fish also bring along fishing gear, and a cooler if you want to keep your catch.

## INTRODUCING JOSH ZACHMAN

Recently RMF Chapter received a request from Josh Zachman inquiring if our chapter had any projects he could work on. Josh needed to accumulate six hours of community service to satisfy a requirement for his Workforce Readiness class at Colorado Early College-Fort Collins where he is a freshman.



The CEC-FC program provides students in grades 9 -12 the opportunity to earn a combination of high school and college credits as they pursue a high school diploma and an Associate degree.

On April 21st Josh assisted Bruce Rosenthal, RMF's Coordinator for the Fort Collins Open Space Areas Monofilament Collection Project, for four hours emptying the eleven installed disposal units and replacing one vandalized unit. Next week Josh again will work with Bruce to fabricate four more disposal units that will be installed in other Open Space Areas, completing his remaining two hours of community service. Josh was surprised at all the refuse that is disposed in the units besides just monofilament - bottles, cans, trash, etc., which complicates the task, but he felt good about what he was helping

accomplish, responding that he had an "awesome, pretty fun time".

Josh officially joined Trout Unlimited in April, but he has attended quite a few RMF chapter meetings, and was thrilled when he won a new fly rod in the raffle at his very first meeting visit. He also has been accepted to attend the Colorado TU Youth Camp at High Lonesome Ranch this coming June. Josh is an enthusiastic fly angler who rides his bike to Horsetooth Reservoir, Dixon Lake and Troutman Park to fish; his favorite fish are smallmouth bass and brown trout because they fight the hardest. Nobody else in Josh's family fishes, so he has diligently taught himself angling skills, and also has taught himself to become an equally enthusiastic fly tier.

### **TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM** **CPW - Pathology tests health of TIC fish**



Josh repairs a damaged disposal unit



On April 21st Colorado Parks & Wildlife's Pathology Laboratory sent staff to Front Range Community College's TIC installation to check the health of the estimated 60 fish. The FRCC installation began in January and operates with a shorter 4 month fish life period, mid-January to mid-May, than does a typical installation that runs fish for about 8 months. As a result the FRCC fish are about half the size that typically are dissected. Assurance of clean health is necessary before the State can issue a license to release the fish into public waters.

The technicians euthanized 35 fish and dissected them to collect samples they will examine for multiple aquatic diseases back at their Brush, Colorado laboratory. Pathology test results are expected to be available in about a month. About 25 fish



of approximately 1¼ to 2 inches length remain. The FRCC installation has been a very successful TIC project, the most consistent of RMF's projects across three years. It has exhibited successful egg hatching, nitrogen cycle balancing with associated toxic spikes and mortality, sustained water temperature and quality parameters, typical fish behaviors and growth.

## NoCO FLY FISHING & CONSERVATION YOUTH DAY CAMP JULY 29th through AUG 3rd



2012 Day Camp Attendees Receive Completion Certificates

The applications are pouring in so if you know any kids between the ages 14-18, boy or girl, please encourage them to download the Application & Parents Information packet available at the following link.  
[Rocky Mountain FlyCasters Day Camp Application](#)

Download the application and mail it in as soon as possible. Camp runs from 8:00am to 6:00pm daily, Monday through Saturday, with activities taking place in Fort Collins, Loveland, and other surrounding areas.

Volunteers will begin to be contacted directly starting this month, and any interested new volunteers please contact Adam Omernick at [daycamp@rockymtnflycasters.org](mailto:daycamp@rockymtnflycasters.org).

### Give Us Your Best Shot

We're always looking for pictures germane to fly fishing, rivers, lakes, and watershed conservation, volunteers doing

that work, fly tying, sharing fishing with youngsters and others, so the options are varied. It would be nice if many of them were local to RMF members, but some destinations will be considered. Having permission to publish on our website will be implicit for submitted photos so make certain you have permission from anyone in your pictures.

Photographers will be acknowledged in a caption with the picture so rush those pictures in to [Webmaster@rockymtnflycasters.org](mailto:Webmaster@rockymtnflycasters.org)

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