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From the President

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I am writing this on the third day of our youth camp. As usual, we have 15 very eager anglers ranging in age from 14-17 absorbing the massive amounts of information provided by our member volunteers. Bill Gedge, camp director is doing an outstanding job organizing everyone to ensure a successful outcome for campers and mentors.



Mickey McGuire, RMF President

This morning, we fished a couple of small ponds for bass and bluegills. I was helping one of the campers with a knot that developed in the wind and he asked me why the mentors weren't also fishing. I told him that we were there to help them. He excitedly replied: "This camp is awesome!" Tomorrow morning we will be helping Colorado Parks and Wildlife survey fish populations on the North Fork of the Poudre using electroshocking before we head up high on the Poudre River to fish with guides generously provided by St. Pete's fly shop in Fort Collins.

Starting August 5th, we will be rebuilding the path to the fishing pier located on Hwy 34 on the Big Thompson River. As you may remember Cargill donated \$10,000 to our chapter for conservation activities with the proviso they can help us out on a project. They will be there in force August 5th but we still need volunteers the rest of the week. If we can get 6-8 volunteers each day, we should be able to finish by Friday the 9th. Please be sure to visit our Volunteer Page by simply clicking the red sign up button above. Once logged in, go to "check your schedule" to view the calendar page where you will see help wanted ads. You will see the path rebuilding opportunity as well as several others. If you are available, please consider signing up and participating!

I see that the flows on both watersheds are starting to subside and fish should be more attainable. Please be aware that as stream temperatures rise, fish become more susceptible to stress. It is important for the future of our



fisheries to treat the fish you catch with care, keep them wet and return them to the water quickly.

Until next month,

Mickey McGuire
President

P.S. Check out the Brown (below) that I caught in the Poudre this past week.



See our Calendar of Events

Thomas Wurster's Fishing Forecast From St. Peters Fly Shop



Happy August Everyone.

Does anyone remember where we were at with conditions this point last year? I sure do. It was unbearably hot, the rivers were low, and the trout were gasping for oxygen. My, my have the tides turned. With the amount of water we have in our drainages this year, we are still seeing healthy flows and will continue to see them all the way into August.

Needless to say it is a great year to be a trout. These conditions present awesome opportunities to target fish in freestone rivers, incredible hatches, and some awesome time on the water. It really is a time to find any excuse that you can to make it out on the water because who knows what next year we have in store for us.

We have to get it in while the getting is good. On a local note, the Poudre is fishing better than it has in all my years if living here (7 years). We have just

seen flows drop below 500cfs and the amount of water to be fished has practically doubled since last week. I have been taking every chance I get to make it out. We should continue to see large hatches for Caddis and PMD's, but now is the time to start considering some of your smaller terrestrials like ant and beetles. These can be extremely productive throughout August and well into September.

If you have spent enough time on rivers and are looking to get your fix of the high alpine lakes, they too have started to pick up in regards to dry fly activity. Fish are looking up and finally ready to eat some bugs. They have had a long winter and are eager for a some meals. If you are completely undecided on what kind of fishing you would like to do, come pick our brains on where to get out to for the day, or full weekend. There is plenty to explore all right outside our front door. Now is the time. We hope to see you in the shop sometime soon.

Let's Go Fishing with Mark Miller

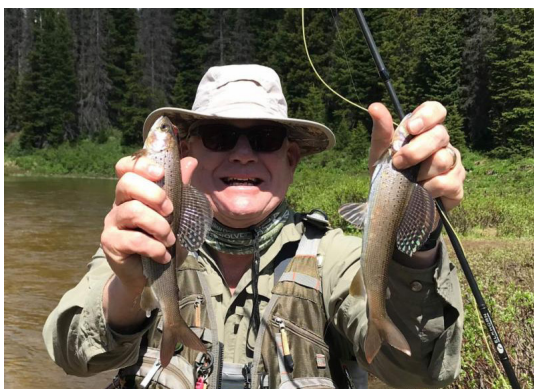
RMF 2019 Fishing Trip Listing

Here's wishing everyone some fly fishing fun for 2019.

If you are a new or beginner fly fisherman, we want you to join us for our trips – we love to help anyone get started in fly fishing, and to help people learn new skills or techniques.

Please contact **Mark Miller** by email to let him know if you are interested in any of these trips. Wherever you decide to fish this year, good luck and tight lines!

Date(s)	Location	Host
Aug 22	RMNP Small Stream Fishing (Thursday) To be moved to Sept due to high water.	Host: Bill Gillett & Art Campfield
Sep 9	Dream Lake in RMNP (Wednesday) A one mile hike for some exciting dry fly sight-fishing to rising cutts. Midweek trip to avoid crowd	Host: Mark Miller
Oct 2-6	Great Lakes Salmon Trip This trip is up in the air at this time – as it looks like Mr Bender may be travelling for work. We should know by mid to late August if this trip will go or not. For more info contact Richard at 970-219-2019.	Host: Richard Bender
Oct 8-10	Colorado River float – Tuesday-Thursday Fishing for browns in pre-spawn mode (hungry and aggressive mode) Camping on the river, or hotel in Kremmling – your choice.	Host: Mark Miller
Nov 1-3	Miracle Mile- weather permitting – Fri-Sun Browns in aggressive spawn mode, and rainbows after the eggs. Will most likely fish egg patterns and/or streamers. Fun trip if you like to swing streamers.	Host: Mark Miller



Ron Hauser with a double Grayling caught simultaneously at Joe Wright Reservoir.

Datelines from Near and Far



In growing up years I was particularly fascinated by the famous radio news reporters. I remember, “There’s Good News Tonight”, and “Around the world in 60 Seconds”. Many of those reports started with a phrase like, “Dateline: Istanbul” or “Dateline: London”. Here is my imitation of those voices from the past with the modern adaptation of ‘hot links’. (Wonder what Gabriel Heatter would have done with those?)

1. Dateline: Homer, Alaska

[deshka-river-measured-at-record-breaking-stream-temperature](#)

This article underscores why placing and retrieving stream temperature monitors in local rivers and streams has become a regular calendar entry of many RMF volunteers. If you are interested in participating in this project contact Volunteer Coordinator [Phil Wright](#).

2. Dateline: Point Lay, Alaska

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Anchorage received a report that several thousand walrus were gathered Tuesday on the barrier island off the Chukchi Sea village of Point Lay.

[Thousands of walrus show up early on Northwest Alaska coast as sea ice recedes](#)

3. Dateline: Bristol Bay, Alaska

Opponents of the Pebble copper and gold mine on Wednesday were planning next steps to stop the project, a day after the Environmental Protection Agency revoked its 2014 proposal that could have halted the mine.

[Pebble opponents vow to keep fighting after EPA changes course](#)

4. Dateline: River Bluffs Open Space - Larimer County

[Poudre River Bluffs Open Space](#)

5. Dateline: Pinewood Reservoir - Larimer County, June 8 and July 6th

Six RMF volunteers & one four-footed mascot presented campfire talks on fly fishing at Larimer County’s Pinewood Reservoir. 12-15 young people and adults got an introduction to the tools of the trade of fly fishers. It just might be the prime beneficiary was Robert, the campground host. He spent some one-on-one time with volunteer Scott Gould at the first session and by the time the second session rolled around he had outfitted himself with fly gear & was gleefully catching a trout or two before breakfast each day. Thanks to Scott, Bob Castner, Dennis Cook, Jane Vajgrt, CSU Intern Lindsey Roberts and Jake the Fishing Papillon for participating.

6. Dateline: Duluth, MN

Anyone who has ever chased muskie, or even their smaller cousins Northern Pike can imagine what a thrill it must have been to see this beast. [Minnesota uncertified world record muskie](#)

Women, Water & Wine the Final Cast by RMF member Jenna Merritt

After an intense bidding war at the 2019 Rocky Mountain Flycasters Fly Tying Expo, Ashley Young won two Yeti Wine Tumblers....and a full day float fishing trip for two women anglers guided by me in my boat. They had a choice of a trip on the Colorado, Arkansas, Eagle, Blue or Poudre Rivers. Ashley's final choice was a Colorado float trip.

I met up with Ashley and her guest, Nicki, Saturday, July 27th at State Bridge and we headed downstream and floated from Two Bridges to Catamount. We battled very heavy fishing traffic, high water, a drizzle, and a downpour, but we managed to catch fish and learn a few things. We made lunch and libations a big deal that day, I brought a bottle of wine while they brought their Yeti Wine Tumblers. Ashley is an incredible artist, so Nicki surprised her with etching some of Ashley's fly art on the tumblers; it turned out beautifully! (You can find Ashley's art on her Etsy store AshleyMYoungDesign or her Website.) Ashley and Nicki are pictured below with their fish.

What I loved about guiding these two women was, it wasn't just about catching fish. We laughed, learned, discussed deep topics in conversation, paid attention to wildlife, and of course hooked up with fish. Thank you Rocky Mountain Flycasters for connecting me with anglers like Ashley and Nicki and providing a welcoming environment.

Jenna Merr



Rocky Mountain Flycasters' Summer Day Camp



Those who completed the 2019 day camp last Saturday pose for a group picture. The camp was conducted at locations throughout Fort Collins and Larimer County. It was a tremendous success in terms of knowledge about fishing and conservation as well as fun! You can view photos below by going to the website. Congratulations campers!!

[See more photos from the 2019 River Conservation and Fly Fishing Day Camp](#)

[Click Here For Calendar Of All Upcoming Events](#)

The Online Fly Fishing Magazine Library

The active link (click) icons below represent a beginning attempt to put together a group of FREE resources available to fly anglers. *Trout Magazine* is published by Trout Unlimited-USA and *High Country Angler* is published by Trout Unlimited-Colorado. Both of these publications are limited to TU members. The others, however, are for everyone.

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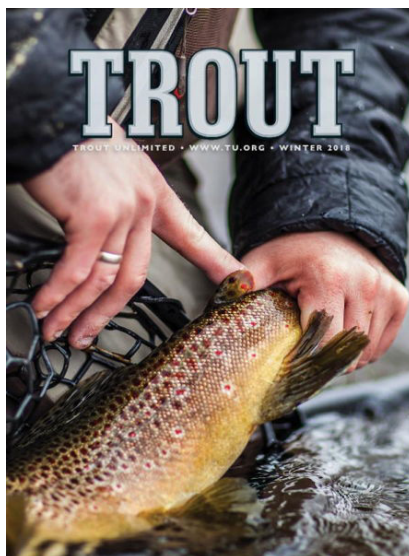
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