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From the President

July 2020



Greetings to all who receive and read our Newsletter. Let me say I appreciate your interest in being a member of one of the best, all volunteer conservation organizations in Northern Colorado. You should be proud of the TU Chapter you belong to as we continue to strive to improve our cold water fisheries. Despite some of our restrictions, there will still be opportunities to volunteer for activities as we go through July. We are looking for some able bodied folks to help with some Greenback work in higher elevations and there may be a planting opportunity on the Big Thompson River by the fishing pier. All Covid 19 restrictions will be in place to keep our volunteers safe. Stay tuned as these opportunities arise.

As runoff has worn down, I am getting reports of excellent fishing on both the Poudre and Big Thompson Rivers. I hope you are getting out and taking advantage of our tremendous resources on the front range.

One change we have had in our leadership team: Bryan Hoag, who was our first Chair of the Financial Development Committee has asked to step down from that position yet remains on the committee. His family has grown with the birth of their first child and for those of you who have experienced a first child, you know what that means! Congratulations Bryan and thank you for standing up this new and important committee. I am very pleased to announce that I have appointed Ron Hanser to take over as Chair. Ron brings a wealth of experience with fund raising and financial development in both the public and private sectors. Thank you Ron for accepting this important volunteer opportunity! There are other opportunities to volunteer in the Newsletter so please give serious consideration to sparing some time to help out. As you know, the Chapter would not exist without volunteers.



As Covid 19 continues to rear its ugly head across the country, I hope you are all doing well with the continued reduction of social opportunities. My wife and I ventured out to a restaurant or two over the past month and I must say, the places we went seem to be bending over backwards to ensure safety and security of their customers. I hope that can continue in Colorado as we are seeing large increases in infections in most of our neighboring states. Please follow our state and local guidelines so we can get through these challenging times. Until scientists develop and test thoroughly a vaccine or develop a cure of infected individuals, it is unlikely we will see large gatherings including those that occur in our Chapter meetings. For now, we will continue with our virtual meetings that will start again in September.

Until next month,

Mickey McGuire,
President

From Dennis Cook, our Leadership and Development Coordinator



Eight Satisfying and Exciting Chapter Leadership Opportunities

Chapter members recently by email responses approved updating of Chapter Bylaws to conform with the updated National TU Bylaws. The Board also approved a one-time Chapter Officers' six month term extension that moves elections from May to November...with new Board officials taking office on January 1st.

The Bylaws changes, among other details, provide updated structure of our functional committees and the Chapter Leadership Council. Six Chapter Committee Chairpersons now make up RMF's Leadership Council reporting directly to the Board of Directors.

Communications

Member Services

Education (Youth & Adult)

Conservation

Financial Development

Leadership Development & Nominations

Each Chairperson provides guidance and oversees planning by multiple Coordinators who are each responsible for management of related programs and activities. The Chairperson provides the Board with a monthly report, and attends the monthly meeting of the combined Board & Chapter Leadership Council.

Following are several leadership positions that need to be filled. If any look interesting to you click the link at the end of each to ask questions you may have, to provide some description of your background or just to let us know of your interest. Just click on the "Contact: rmfvolnews@rockymtnflycasters.org link following the position or positions that interest you, and you will be contacted by a committee representative who can explain and also answer your questions.

VOLUNTEER OPENINGS

Member Services Chairperson: This position includes oversight of membership rosters and programs and activities to retain and increase membership. A group of Coordinators manage scheduling monthly programs and organizing monthly membership meetings, and also picnics, social events and family gatherings, community events participation, recording chapter history, and sales of RMF hats and clothing.

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Social Media Outreach: Communications Committee Chair, Mark Miller, needs several additional members with high quality experience with social media reaching new audiences. The chapter needs to develop more effective volunteer recruitment access with our membership, and also with the general public younger age demographic to attract younger volunteers for some of our conservation activities that require more demanding physical fitness. Under oversight of the Communications Chairperson these would develop approaches to reach 'media publics of interest' using Facebook, Instagram, etc. with content to promote RMF Chapter's image and also specific programs and activities. Social Media volunteers would confer with Youth Education, Conservation, Member Services committees and the Webmaster, etc. to prepare and publish subject content that will create readership growth, interest and prospective interaction with RMF Chapter.

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Fly Fishing & Fun Photographers: Communications Committee Chair, Mark Miller, also plans to create a photographic/video staff to support all forms of chapter communications. Imagine supporting chapter social media with colorful pix and videos, traditional media news placements and activity/event announcements with colorful photos, colorful chapter brochures, creative video vignettes of youth or other chapter activities and pix of devoted conservation volunteers restoring Mother Nature's beauties for placement to 'liven up' all chapter communications.

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Conservation Committee: New Committee Chair, Dick Jefferies, is requesting chapter members who are interested in and enthusiastic about conservation, either as a committee member or as an energetic project volunteer, to please respond to this announcement and he will contact you to discuss how your interests may best fit with upcoming committee opportunities and/or project workdays.

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Financial Development Committee: New Committee Chair, Ron Hanser, would like to talk with members who have skills or experience with fundraising activities. The committee will engage in Corporate Development and Programmed Giving programs, and needs members who want to explore committee membership and who also want to participate with digital outreach, letters, or event planning.

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Coordinator, Youth Day Camp: Education Chair, Dave Haeusler, has an excellent opportunity to leisurely transition into this exciting position. The 2020 Camp was cancelled out of Covid-19 caution, and the 2018 & 2019 Camp Coordinator relocated back to New England, so we have an opening. This presents a relaxed opportunity to prepare everything for the 2021 Day Camp. We're seeking a member to lead the camp for at least several years who enjoys high school age youths, loves fly fishing, and who will coordinate with and perhaps enlarge the core team. Routine involves creating publicity and managing applicants, administering schedule, and recruiting volunteer mentors and guest presenters. All this has been done before and good records exist, so much is repetition, update and refinement, plus there is a previous Day Camp Coordinator and also numerous members and leaders who are familiar and will be supportive and very willing to help the selected person.

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Coordinator, Adult Education: Education Committee Chair, Dave Haeusler, plans to develop a series of adult fly fishing education modules. He is requesting member volunteers to step forward who are interested for either the Coordinator position or for other positions performing design and development and/or presentation of various module topics.

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Coordinator, Trout in the Classroom: Education Committee Chair, Dave Haeusler, also has another excellent, low pressure opportunity for a new TIC Coordinator to take over. We expect to have only one TIC classroom tank when this upcoming 2020-2021 fall academic year begins, and that middle school host teacher already has two successful TIC years under his belt. For the 2021-2022 academic year There are two more schools that have indicated serious interest to host TIC. Also, the outgoing TIC Coordinator is present and will offer guidance and support, and there is a comprehensive TIC Manual online offering step by step detailed instructions.

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Fishing Pier Sign



The Fishing Pier Sign has been Installed!

Frank Bub, developer and Mickey McGuire, Chapter President pose next to the recently installed educational sign funded by a grant from the TU Embrace a Stream program. Conceived by Member Dave Piske, Frank herded the development and approval process through many reviews by the Forest Service, CDOT, the Big Thompson Watershed Coalition and, yes, Rocky Mountain Flycasters. Be sure to stop by the pull off at mile marker 72 on Hwy 34 to see the pier and some of the restoration work that is still ongoing at the site. While you are there, you might enjoy casting a fly into the reach that has produced some nice fish.

Coming Events In July



Board Meeting

When: Wednesday, July 8

Time: 6:00 PM

Where: Online via Zoom.

Contact **Mickey McGuire** to get instructions for joining.



Social Fly Tying

When: First Wednesday each month, (when COVID-19 is over).

Time: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Where: Gilded Goat Brewing Company, 3500 South College, Fort Collins, CO (next to Trader Joe's). We tie in the mezzanine.

Covid-19 Cancellations

The Northern Colorado Fishing Day Camp for this year has also been cancelled.

Social Fly Tying will resume when advisable.

Membership meetings will resume in September either by Zoom or in person.

From Mark Miller, Our Let's Go Fishing Coordinator



RMF 2020 Fishing Trip Listing – July to October

As you will read below, we have cancelled our multi-day trips through August. Our one day trips are still going, with some precautions, like driving alone, wearing masks when we are closer together than 6 feet, etc. We can do these one day trips safely and still have a ton of fun.

One note re the trips in RMNP – you need to reserve a timed entry for the day you want to fish. On the 1st of the month, you can go on-line for the following month to make a reservation. The cost is just \$2. Of course, you will still need to buy a Park Pass upon arrival, or use your annual pass for entry. It is a good idea to make your reservation at least 30 days ahead of time. Here is

the link you will need to make a reservation:

www.recreation.gov

Please contact **Mark Miller** 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!

July 11	Colorado River Headwaters	Host: Dennis Cook
July 18	RMNP- Hike 4 miles to Sky Pond Big Brookies	Host: Ben Zomer
July 18	Long Draw Reservoir – TRIP IS FULL Float tubes for nice sized cutthroats	Host: Dave Morse
Aug TBD	RMNP Small Stream Fishing (weekday trip)	Host: Bill Gillett/Art C.
Sep TBD	Colo River wade trip, 2-3 days	Host: Bobby Bottles
Oct 28-30	Colorado River – 3 day float trip	Host: Mark Miller

Community Outreach from Mark Miller

Have you seen our RMF Facebook page yet?

Some people consider social media a great waste of time. Even if you might think this, take a moment and check out our RMF FB page at <https://www.facebook.com/Rocky-Mountain-Flycasters-247468203770/?ref=bookmarks>.

You might find it interesting and enjoyable – at least we sure hope you do. We make every effort to keep it up to date as new information or events become available. For example, in the last couple of weeks we have posted photos and information on a wide variety of subjects such as:

- A call for volunteers to help with Greenback Cutthroat stocking on the East Fork of Roaring Creek, in mid to late July (date to be determined).
- Coalition for the Poudre River Watershed and Odell Brewing for the annual Poudre River Clean Up Day, July 12th.
- Five different posts explaining how TU executes its mission. By Protecting, Reconnecting, Restoring and Sustaining our coldwater resources, specifically Trout and Salmon and the streams and rivers where they live.
- A post advertising a free TU membership for Mother's Day and Father's Day, for first time members.

And yes, we also post fishing photos of our members. If you have a nice fish photo, please send them via email to **Mark Miller** so it can be posted to our FB page, and Instagram page and/or to **Bob Green** our Flypaper Editor and tell us what fly you used (and you don't have to give away your secret spot either).

Even with Covid-19, hopefully all of you can spend some time outdoors and have a chance to make that drag on your reel scream a few times this summer. Get out there!

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



As we segway into the month of July we have seen our local waters go through their annual stages of run off. Water is beginning to fall back down to desirable wading levels and clarity has cleared up from the chocolate milk we were all seeing a while back.

Due to the rules and regulations put in place, the river is your new favorite hangout spot. Although water is still high we have been seeing great success among the staff and customers here at St.Petes. Now is our time to say bye-bye to our indicators and hello to our favorite dry-dropper rigs.

The different amount of bugs we also get to fish during this time is a delicacy and only comes 4 out of the 12 months a year. In order to get dialed in with those bugs, we highly suggest checking out one of our signature Entomology classes on the water. It's an awesome way to get familiar with bugs in the Poudre river and Big Thompson but a lot of what is in those two systems will be spread out along the Rockies.

We saw the Salmon Flies come and go but now we will be seeing our Golden Stones and Yellow Sallies, Pale Morning Duns, Terrestrials, Cad-dis and the great Western Green Drakes. Our entomology class offers an introduction to these and much more in our local waters. The next session will be held on the water on Sunday, July 12. Just call us to sign up(970-498-8968.

Runoff/Highwater season is also when we tend to catch some of those bigger fish. They are out looking for other smaller fish to munch on. The way to imitate those is with big, ugly, heavy streamers. Because water is pushed up to the banks and it's a little harder to get a decent back cast, we will often turn to our trusty spey rods. Not only do they help turn over those big flies but most of the time we use this rod to make a forward cast without having to make a back cast first. It's a great tool to cover lots of water and overall, it's just fun.

Grant Houx will be hosting our Spey School on Saturday, July 11th. Here you will learn the ins and outs of spey casting with one the easiest going guys on the planet. Keep an eye out for some of our Euro Nymphing classes that we will have going on too! Euro Nymphing has been around for years but has recently exploded in the west due to it's easy learning curve and ability to round up fish.

Our next class for Euro Nymphing will be on July 18th and we have opened that up to reservations as well. Between classes, in store shopping, and asking questions we'll have just about everything you need to get out on the water. Take advantage of the time you get to do some of the best fishing we'll have for 2020.

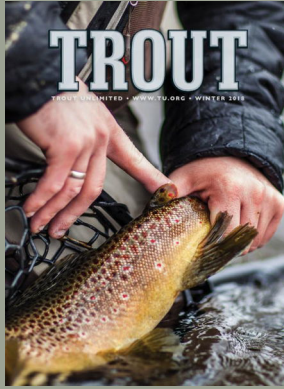
We sure do miss seeing everyone's faces so please, stop by and chat with us. Don't be strangers, we are all in this together as a community. Times are tough but with enough perseverance we will all get through on the other side. We look forward to seeing you!

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