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PRESIDENT'S PIECE

Allyn Kratz

A Potpourri of thoughts and loose ends.

By all reports, this has been a GREAT summer for fishing, that is, if you can believe the people telling the stories. I hope you have had as great a summer of fishing as the stories!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



I realized that many times we, the board of directors, tell you a great deal about what events or activities are upcoming, but we seldom tell you about the results. This year the results have been nothing short of phenomenal and I want to thank all the many volunteers who have made this happen. It has been both fun and very satisfying.

Parent/child fly fishing day was a very exciting and wonderful success. We were at capacity for the participants and we even had a waiting list of about 35 more people who wanted to join us that day. We also had lots of volunteers to help. The reports we received from both the parents and the kids was that they had great fun and learned a lot. The board is considering doing this twice next year to accommodate all the need. Please give us your thoughts.

Trees for Trout - Camp Alexander was also a great success. On this project we worked with our partners, Coalition for the Upper South Platte, Boy Scouts of America, Colorado DOW, US Forest Service and Angler's Covey. The original plan was to get this project finished earlier but the CDOW requested that we delay it until after the Rainbows spawned. Our long time friend Pete Gallagher of Fin -UP headed up the design

and heavy equipment work for us and once that was complete we had about 40 volunteers to repair the bank damage caused by the machines and trucks and then planted 3500 willow trees and spread native grass seed.

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

CMCTU is happy to welcome Sandy Roberts. Sandy, a champion fly caster in casting competitions, will be demonstrating how to practice casting for distance and accuracy. Sandi has been competing for four years and is a member of the Scott Fly Rod Pro Staff Team. She has won women casting competitions such as Best of West at the ISE show in Denver and multiple American Casting Association events. She has also successfully competed against men in competitions such as the TEVA games in Vail and just recently in Granby. Sandi typically casts over 95 feet using a 5 weight rod.

WHEN:

Tuesday, May 22nd, 2007

6:30 Social

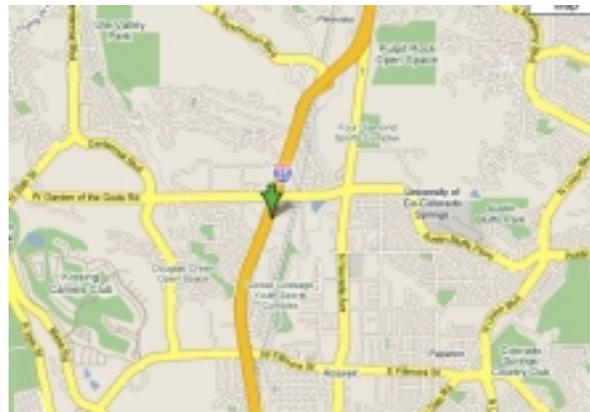
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Colorado Springs, CO



The North Platte

by Jack Hunter

The North Platte River, and in particular the section below the Gray Reef Reservoir just west of Casper, Wyoming is one of those places that can bring mixed feelings to a persons heart. At least for me this is the case. On one hand, I've landed some of the largest, hardest fighting and most beautiful Rainbow Trout of my life on the stretch of river. I've had 40+ fish days with the average trout being around 18 or 20 inches. I've fished this river well into the late evening never having to curse the wind or weather which is just this side of a miracle in Wyoming. On the other hand I've had some of my most miserable fishing experiences here. I've spent days on this river with few or no fish, in winds that make a hurricane seem calm and weather variations that might make you think you've entered some kind of wrinkle in the very fabric of space and time. I've frozen half to death and felt as if I'd die of heat stroke here more times than I care to count. One day from a few years back comes to mind in particular. The day began with my son Chris, a few of our buddies and me launching our boats on a beautiful sunny day with temperatures in the 70's. By noon the wind was so strong I was rowing down stream in 1500 CFS flows looking at the same rock on the bank for longer than seemed possible. At 2:00 in the afternoon it was 30 degrees and we were in blizzard conditions. At 4:00 that very same afternoon it was sunny and 70 degrees again. Having said all that, I always try to get to this place at least once, and most of the time, twice each year. Maybe I'm just a little masochistic or maybe the draw of large fish and lots of them is too much for this angler to stay away from for too long.

This part of the North Platte River is broken up into several sections. This includes generally Gray Reef to Lusby, Government Bridge to Sechrist and Sechrist to Bessemer Bend if you break it into large chunks. I normally only fish the top two sections but frankly, this river is floatable from the Grey Reef dam all the way through downtown Casper and beyond. I've actually landed a 24 inch Rainbow Trout near the Holiday Inn parking lot just off I-25 in the middle of Casper. My son regularly fishes at the small park off of Six Hats Road, east of town with great success. Most of my knowledge is limited to the upper two sections so I'll focus on those for the purposes of this article. If you want to

know more about the fishing in this area I recommend that you stop in at the North Platte River Fly Shop and talk to Mark Boname or one of his guys. He and his crew know the river better than anyone in the area and they are great guys all. They are busy this time of year so please check their website <http://www.wyomingflyfishing.com> for fishing reports and other information rather than calling the shop. Mark and his team do a great job of keeping the fishing reports on their site up to date and accurate. The Ugly Bug fly shop in downtown Casper is another great shop. They are Orvis endorsed which means you can count on a quality experience and I have found them friendly and very knowledgeable of the area as well.

This year I made the trek to "Gray Reef" with a couple of buddies from work. We packed up our pontoon boats and our gear on a Thursday afternoon in early June and headed to Casper, Wyoming where we stocked up on food and beer for the couple of days we'd be spending floating the North Platte. After that we headed west on Hwy 220 towards the little town of Alcova, Wyoming, our ultimate destination for this trip. I prefer to stay at the Inn at Alcova, or as some may know it, Sloane's Store. This fine establishment includes a small grocery store, a very limited "tackle shop", a gas station, 5 nice duplex cabins and some RV storage. It's run by Ron and Yolanda Sloane, some of the nicest folks you'll ever meet. The rooms are clean, sleep 4 if you're close, have satellite TV, a fully stocked kitchen and a gas grill outside for your culinary pleasure. The rooms go for about \$100.00 per night depending on how many people you have. You can also get a shuttle at Sloane's to move your vehicle from your put it site to the take out areas. This service runs about \$20.00. Check out their website at <http://www.sloanesatalcova.com>

We arrived in Alcova around 5:00 in the evening, checked in, unpacked and made our way to the section directly below the Gray Reef dam for some evening wade fishing. The flows were high and scheduled to get higher everyday as calls for irrigation water were made downstream in Colorado and Nebraska. If memory serves me the flows were about 1200 CFS that first evening, the water was turbid and there were a lot of weeds being kicked up by the rising flows. I rigged up with an orange scud and a PMD Foam Split Back, a local pattern invented by Mark

Boname. The flows dictated a lot of weight so as Jack Duerson, one of my good friends and fellow guides says; "I tied on a railroad spike and got to it". I decided that since the flows were coming up that I'd fish a small piece of slower water on the edge of the faster current on the near bank. I find that in higher flows on this river as with many others, the fish push into the areas between fast and slow more than they normally might. It wasn't long before I'd hooked a few fish including a couple of nice ones in the 18" range. The other guys were not as fortunate but there was always tomorrow. We headed back to Sloane's as dusk settled in and the Wyoming sky put on a beautiful evening show with a brilliant sunset of orange, yellow, blue and purple. We had some cold fried chicken and a few beers for dinner and spent the rest of the evening watching the Rockies game, tying flies and planning the next days float.

Friday morning found us taking our boats to the Grey Reef put in just below the dam. We planned to float the upper section from Grey Reef to the Lusby take out. This is about an 8 mile float and takes the better part of a day depending on how long you stop at the limited public access along this upper stretch. While I'm on the topic of limited public access, the section from Grey Reef to Lusby has very few stretches where you can pull off the water or even anchor your boat. Wyoming access laws are similar to those in Colorado in that you cannot touch the bottom or land a boat in sections of the river where it flows through private land. The land owners along this section are very serious about their property rights and I advise that you respect those rights as you find your way through the private stretches. I've seen a few \$250.00 trespassing tickets written to unsuspecting folks that didn't follow the law. Oh, to be Montana where they have enlightened access laws. At any rate, the boundaries between public and private land are clearly marked with Red signs indicating private lands and blue signs indicating public lands. Additionally, you can pick up an excellent map of the river from either of the fly shops I mentioned above or from Sloane's store. This map clearly delineates public and private sections of the river from Gray Reef dam down past the Bessemer Bend access area.

Back to the fishing stories; the first days float was less than stellar. The water was very dirty and thick with floating weeds which

made it a challenge just to get a decent float with our nymph rigs. Very few fish were caught and some in our group of three wondered out loud if there were fish in the river at all. As anyone that has fished this area knows, nymphing is the main tactic on the Gray Reef and Government Bridge sections most of the time. As for specific flies for these areas, there are lots of local patterns to choose from at the shops I've mentioned. The North Platte River Fly Shop web site has recipes for most of the good ones for those of you that tie your own. The standard small mayfly and midge patterns work well too including John Barr's Emerger, Rim Chung's RS2 and Jack Duerson's Prozac and Grateful Red patterns. There are a host of other fly's that you'd use to imitate baetis or midge larva and emergers on the South Platte that would be effective at Gray Reef as well including Black Beauties, WD 40's, Mercury Midges and the like. Other effective patterns are Scuds, San Juan Worms, and small stone fly patterns to name a few. The day was not a total loss as we did manage an enjoyable float, had great weather and got to see some of the local wildlife ranging from American Bald Eagles, Red Tailed Hawks, Osprey, King Fishers, Night Hawks, Western Tanagers and King Birds to Antelope and Mule Deer. We finished the day with some good eats, a few beers and a strategy session on how we would attack the river the next day.

Speaking of beer, my friend Ed Engle mentioned to me in the grocery store the other day that my stories seem to be overly focused on having a few beers. Ed's written a number of great books on fishing the South Platte and techniques for tying and fishing small flies. I recommend them all as good reads that will teach you a thing or two about fishing your local waters and using small flies successfully. Ed's books are available at most Fly Shops in Colorado Springs, online or at your favorite bookstore. Needless to say after the encounter with Ed I found myself walking around the grocery store pondering his sage words and thinking about my relationship with beer and fly fishing. In the end, there was no great epiphany that resulted from that conversation. However, I did reach the conclusion that I have equal passion for both beer and fly fishing. I guess that might be important some day, thanks Ed.

Day two found us thinking about heading to the Miracle Mile which is just a short ways up the road from Sloane's store. However, we even-

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tually agreed that we'd dragged our boats all the way up to the river so we might as well use them. There was talk about floating the Government Bridge to Sechrist section but in the end we decided to repeat the past days folly if for no other reason than sheer stubbornness and a desire to avenge the prior days beating given us by the river.

Before I finish this story, I want to share a few things about the Government Bridge to Sechrist float and wade fishing access to this area. As I mentioned, the upper section from Gray Reef to Lusby has very limited access. This includes wading access which is limited to a small section near the dam, another area I call the Outhouse Hole and a relatively large section at the Lusby take out. The Government Bridge to Sechrist section in contrast has excellent public access through BLM lands and state leases. You can anchor and land boats almost at will. Additionally, there is the Trappers access point which is on your right as you're heading west on Hwy 220. You'll see the brown sign just past Government Bridge. This area provides excellent access for folks that prefer to wade. Please be careful particularly in higher flows as the North Platte is not nearly as forgiving as its smaller cousin which we fish here in Colorado. Also, be sure to consult your map to make sure you're on public property. It is my opinion that the fish aren't quite as large in this section but they are still very plentiful and the access and smaller crowds more than make up for the slightly smaller size of the trout.

I'm happy to say that day two turned out to be a much better day of catching than the previous day's adventure. The fish were again on the feed after settling into the ever rising flows. The water cleared significantly and the weeds seemed to have abated some as well. The weather was perfect as it had been the previous day with the exception of a fast moving front that kicked up some wind and showed a bit of lightening for about 30 minutes in the late afternoon. We caught and released some really nice fish over the course of our float and it will suffice to say that my arm was tired from landing fish by days end. My two friends avenged their skunking from the prior two days and I think it is safe to say that we'll all be back at some point in the near future to catch

some fish, be humbled by the Wyoming weather and enjoy the great fishery that this part of the North Platte River has become.



Grey Reef Rainbow

CMCTU won the Second Annual SPORTSMAN WAREHOUSE chili cook-off for the second year in a row earning a \$200 gift card and trophy. CMCTU also earned \$800s worth of gift cards for assisting with car show, sold \$100 worth of raffle tickets for a guide trip to RMNP and got one new member to join at the show. Net to CMCTU totals \$1,117.50 for one day's work.



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It all began at the Fly Fishing Show in Denver January 2007..... I was walking past a booth for the National Fly Fishing Championships when I heard a voice call out "Would you like to volunteer?" For a moment I flashed back to my Navy days....**Never Again Volunteer Yourself.** Actually, my nature is to be a helpful person. So, I had to inquire "Volunteer for what?" I asked. "Help with the National Fly Fishing Championships. It's the Olympics' of fly fishing. The members for the 2008 Fly Fishing Team USA will be chosen from this event and we need numerous volunteers to help make it a success," he said. This piqued my interest. "Well, I have volunteered for several fly fishing related events in the past. To be honest with you I would rather try out for the team and fish. How do you become a member of Fly Fishing TEAM USA?"

That's how it all started. The process went like this. I filled out an application on the National Fly Fishing Championship website. <http://www.nationalflyfishingchampionship.com/> They are holding 4 regional competitions across the United States: Western, Rocky Mountain, Mid-West and South/Eastern. They select 40 anglers from each region for a total of 160 anglers from across America. I signed up for the Rocky Mountain Regional Trials held in Cody, WY. Only the top ten from each regional make it and move on to the National Finals.

The competitions are fished using international rules. The rule book is fourteen pages long, but a few of the basics are: no indicators, no split shot, but weighted flies are accepted, and no dropping flies off the bend of the hook. This is a little different than the way most Americans are used to fly fishing. The scoring system is rather elaborate to explain here but basically competitors get points for each fish caught as well as points for the size of the fish.

During the competition in Cody, we fished two river sessions and two lake sessions. The sessions are 3 hours each. Fishing conditions were very tough. The weather had

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warmed to record highs and the snow pack in Yellowstone Park cut loose. The river was blown out and visibility was 2 inches. The water looked like chocolate milk. The lake fishing was also a tough venue and many anglers did not catch any fish. (They "blanked" as it's called. The worst thing that can happen from a scoring stand point is to get "blanked"). However, the lake fishing went well for me. The fly that produced was the "Green Woolly". It's a variation on the famous woolly bugger pattern with a few great modifications. It's the creation of Mr. Ed Elkins, a long standing member of the Pikes Pike Fly Fishers. Ed has been an avid lake fly fisherman for over forty years. His all time number one producing lake fly is the "Green Woolly". It's also now my favorite and for good reason. Like I said previously, fishing was extremely tough and although I started out fishing the Green Woolly followed by several other flies, nothing was working. During the last hour and half of the session, I went back to the Green Woolly. I fished it like a street walker trying to drum up business! My strategy worked and I started catching fish. Because of the Green Woolly, I ended up finishing 3rd in that session. It was a very exciting moment when the official results were released later that evening! In the overall competition I placed sixth earning a spot to the National Fly Fishing Championships!

The National Fly Fishing Championships will be based out of Boulder, Colorado October 1-7. The top 10 anglers from each region along with the current 15 members of Fly Fishing Team USA will compete for the available 15 spots on the 2008 Fly Fishing Team USA. Adding international flair to the National Championship will be Team Ireland, Team Denmark, Team Canada, and a team from Great Brittan. The current Fly Fishing TEAM USA just returned from the World Championships in Finland. The USA had their best finish ever claiming the sixth spot.

Typically there are around 27 countries that complete in the World Championships. TEAM USA has usually placed in the bottom half until

recently. Colorado TU is a strong supporter but Jack Dennis is the driving force behind Fly Fishing Team USA. The National Fly Fishing Championship is in its second year and with the skill level of the anglers and the knowledge gained from previous competitions the USA is closing the gap between it and its strong European competitors. I predict that TEAM USA will be on the medal podium in the near future.

There is no money or prizes involved just a love for fly fishing and a chance to represent my country. The 2008 World Fly Fishing Championships will be held in New Zealand.

Wish me luck!

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PARENT - YOUTH FISHING DAY

The day started bright and early at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 2, 2007, and ended with a sigh at 4 p.m. as the last carload of kids and parents pulled out of the parking lot. The second-annual Cheyenne Mountain Chapter of Trout Unlimited (CMCTU) Parent - Youth Fly Fishing day was done, and by all accounts and measures was a complete success!

The concept was fairly simple: invite children of all ages and their parents to a private fishing spot on one of Colorado's free fishing days, and introduce them to fly fishing. Teach them about the mechanics of fly fishing, conservation, ethics, and entomology, and feed them lunch to boot. Sounds easy enough, until 47 family members and 14 volunteers show up, ready for a big day on the river! Well, the members of CMCTU made it look like a walk in the park!

CMCTU Parent - Youth Fishing Day 2007 was held at Puma Ranch, a beautiful stretch of private water on Tarryall Creek in Lake George, Colorado. The ranch house garage served as a perfect classroom for fly tying, and the ground sloped down to a wide open space next to the stream, perfect for teaching new fisherman the art of the cast. With plenty of parking and lots of space, it was the ideal spot this event. After registration, doughnuts and coffee, the youth and their parents were divided up into four groups, including casting and fishing, entomology, fly tying, and conservation and ethics. Each group, consisting of 4-6 children and their parents, spent approximately an hour and 15 minutes in each area, gaining hands-on experience that they could then apply. For example, the kids learned to tie some simple patterns such as Woolly Buggers and San Juan worms, then used those same flies during the casting and fishing session.

At noon the dinner bell rang, and

despite the occasional gust of wind, a few ants, and two slightly uncooperative gas grills, everyone got plenty to eat and no one left hungry. After a brief rest, the groups formed up once again and headed off for the afternoon activities. Distant clouds and a few lightning bolts prompted an early wrap-up, but the weather held off long enough for a short gift ceremony. Every child who attended walked away with a nice goody bag or another gift, and one lucky young man also won a new fly rod and reel combo set!

Although the river was running a bit deep and dingy from rains earlier in the week, a few fish still rose to the newly-tied flies, but no one managed to land one. Still, without a doubt, everyone, both volunteers and participants, had a great time. Parents were continually coming up to the CMCTU members and thanking them for hosting such a great event, and the children had a blast. While each event would most

likely claim to be the best, a survey of the children would probably have resulted in entomology winning the title.

There's just something about bugs and mud that a kid cannot resist! It was a day for "Woolly Burgers" (ask the children, we're not sure if they were talking about the flies or the food) and education. One little girl was seen spinning in circles in the parking lot. When asked what she was

doing, she replied "I have whirling disease!" I guess you never know when, where, or how learning will take place. Who knows where the seeds of fly fishing will take hold in a group like this, how many future fly fisherman were turned on to this wonderful sport on this day. It was a great day for CMCTU, and the chapter is already looking forward to bigger and better things for next year's event.



PRESIDENT'S PIECE CONT.

It was a very satisfying day. Thank you to all who helped both on the day of the work but also with the fund raising activities that allowed this project to go forward.

A little side story about this project:

As you are aware, Trees for Trout has been a long standing baby for CMCTU and in particular the use of this concept for habitat improvement in Eleven mile canyon. Along with our partners, we have completed all of the habitat improvement in Eleven mile except for the section owned by the Boy Scouts of America. There was much debate within the chapter about our becoming involved in this part of the project. One side of the argument was that this was private property and that Angler's Covey had an arrangement with the BSA to use this section for their customers. The other side of the debate was that if we did not improve this section, the worst for erosion and sedimentation, the rest of the project would not be nearly as successful. The sediment from the BSA section would totally neutralize the work we had done down stream and the lack of reproduction capacity in this section would negatively affect the rest of the stream. Gary Almeida of Ghillies Hackle and Tackle Fly shop cleared the air on this issue with the statement, "Think of the resource, this is the right thing to do. Stop worrying about the petty politics."

The reason I am telling you this story is to let you know just how much the local fly shops owners care about the resource and their willingness to support this chapter to help in the Conserving, Preservation and Restoration of our Cold Water fisheries and to tell you how proud of them I am.

Brad Tomlinson of The Peak Fly shop was supportive of this chapter by donating the Ross Evolution Reel that was included in our Spring raffle. This contribution is greatly appreciated and made the package complete. I am sure you will remember that Dave Leinweber of Angler's Covey donated the 11 foot Sage Z-axis Rod, Gary Almeida of Ghillies Hackle and Tackle donated the Fishpond Cloudburst Gear

Bag and Darin McDaniel of Sportsman's Warehouse donated a \$200.00 gift card to the package. Without the support these local shops give to our chapter, we would not be as nearly as successful in the restoration of the resource we all care so much about. Please be sure to support them and to thank them for their support of us!!!!

Mill Sap Mine Tailings Project.

The project is underway as I am writing this. The heavy equipment is currently moving the tailings into low slopping mounds so water will both bypass the tailings and run off slowly. This fall CMCTU will be seeking additional volunteers to help plant vegetation to stabilize this area. Submit your interest in volunteering to Sam Humpert, VP of Projects at sam_humpert@yahoo.com (there is an under-score between Sam and Humpert).

Thank you again to all the volunteers for your time and your efforts!!!!

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To achieve these goals, to participate in this mission, Members:

1. Support and promote fisheries and water-resource policies that further these goals.
2. Work actively on conservation projects, volunteering labor and expertise, often in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service and Colorado Wildlife and conservation agencies.
3. Seek to influence the decisions of such agencies as well as those of wildlife commissioners, legislative committees and elected officials in general.
4. Foster ethical and sensible conservation practices among users of the cold-water resource.
5. Attend the regular membership meetings of the Cheyenne Mountain Chapter of Trout Unlimited.
6. Elect to the Chapter's Board of Directors members who will provide direction and strong leadership.
7. Contribute financially to build and maintain the Chapter's fiscal stability.

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believes that trout fishing isn't just fishing for trout.

It's fishing for sport rather than for food where the true enjoyment of the sport lies in the challenge, the love and the battle of wits, not necessarily the full creel.

It's the feeling of satisfaction that comes from limiting your kill instead of killing your limit.

It's communing with nature where the chief reward is a refreshed body and a contented soul, where a license is a permit to use - not abuse, to enjoy - not destroy our trout waters.

It's subscribing to the proposition that what's good for trout is good for trout fishermen and that managing trout for the trout rather than for the trout fishermen is fundamental to the solution of our trout problems.

It's appreciating our trout, respecting fellow anglers and giving serious thought to tomorrow.

Written by Art Neumann the "founding father" of Trout Unlimited.



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TREES FOR TROUT CELEBRATION

CMCTU will be having a chapter event on Saturday August 25th at Camp Alexander. The Board of Directors is inviting the membership to join us for an exciting day in Elevenmile Canyon in order to celebrate the completion of the final Trees for Trout project in the canyon. The in-stream improvements were installed in May with bank stabilization work done by chapter volunteers on June 9th. All the Trees for Trout work in the Canyon was completed before the Corp of Engineers 404 work permit expired this year.

This will be an all day event starting at 9 am and lasting until 5 pm. Members will be able to inspect the latest work done on Camp Alexander and fish the property as well. A barbeque using the chapter chuck wagon will provide a lunch from 11 am to 1 pm. At 4 pm we will be auctioning a brand new Orvis rod & reel valued at over \$500. All during the day the chapter will be having a garage sale of donated items.

There is a charge of \$5 per person for the barbeque to help cover food supplies. The chapter members who volunteered on June 9th will have the charge waived. Pre-registration is required for planning purposes due to limited parking in the Canyon and for adequate food purchase. Please contact Greg Walck by email at gregorywalck@msn.com by 8/17/07.

The Pikes Peaks Flyfishers is a Colorado Springs based non-profit fly fishing club. The club meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm (6:30 social hour) at the The Retired Enlisted Association, 834 Emory Circle, Colorado Springs. The website is www.pikespeakflyfishers.org.

AND THE WIINER IS ...

Congrats to the winning ticket holder, Gary Cole, of Parker, CO. Gary's ticket was drawn at the May Membership Meeting.

Raffle Prize: Sage Z-axis Rod, Ross Evolution Reel, Fishpond Cloudburst Gear Bag and \$200 Gift Card



2008-2009 ELECTIONS

The 2007 Board Elections and State of the Union address will be held at the September General Membership Meeting which takes place on Tuesday, September 24th. The following are the candidates for each position. There are several open positions so please let us know if you would be interested in a position.

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VP Communications - Vacant
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