

# Fish TALES

Colorado Mountain Club - Fly Fishing Section  
May 2017

## IN MEMORY OF HERB GROTHEER *by Jonathan Walter*



With great sadness we relate the passing of our friend, member and former Chair, Herb Grotheer on April 22, 2017. He had been managing myelodysplastic syndrome for several years that recently progressed to leukemia. Treatment for the latter issue failed and kidney failure ensued. He died peacefully under Home Hospice care.

Herb was a loyal, kind and welcoming person with a quiet determination. He strode into the first organizational meeting of the Fly Fishing Section of the CMC in the early 1990s as a new fly fisher with many questions about the sport. He learned quickly and soon became one of the best fly fishers in the group. He instructed in the Fly Fishing School almost since its inception and many benefitted from his careful, practical instruction. Year after year, students gave him high marks as an instructor.

He took over as Chair of the Fly Fishing Section many years ago, guiding it with a steady hand and using his organizational skills to achieve success. The present mail server, Section website and expanded Fly Fishing School came to be under his tenure. Were it not for his illness, he might still be at the helm today. Herb made it a point to attend Section functions whenever possible, and was responsible for many fishing trips in the schedule. In fact, it was not unusual for Herb to have some of the greatest number of trips of all CMC leaders in a given year! His favorite of these,

without a doubt, was the annual spring trip to the Arkansas River and Cotopaxi—clearly “his” trip. Wish that he could be there! Those of us that knew him will always remember a kind greeting, a warm handshake, and a gentle, generous, inquisitive nature. Thank you and farewell, Herb, and fish on!

## MAY FLY OF THE MONTH - Prince Nymph



The Prince Nymph is one of the most successful underwater patterns that we can use. The white wing represents the earliest stage of the mayfly emergence. When the mayfly lets go of the bottom and the wing breaks the wing pads open. Use this fly

when nothing seems to be happening at the surface. Pick up your free Prince Nymph at the May meeting!

## 2017 FLY FISHING SCHOOL

The Section has just successfully completed its annual Fly Fishing School. Thanks to all who volunteered and a special thank you to **Pablo Balan** for serving as director.

## APRIL MEETING RECAP

On April 20, 2017 the Fly Fishing Section listened to a presentation by **Scott Graham**, Manager of North Park Anglers in Walden, CO. Scott showed the group a variety of fishing opportunities in the North Park area. An Open Forum led by **Jonathan Walter** on fly lines preceded Scott’s presentation. Congratulations to **Carol** for winning the door prize.

## NEXT MEETING THURSDAY, MAY 18

The Fly-Fishing Section will be offering a presentation by **Landon Mayer** author and well-known fishing guide.



**Wrigleys Chicago Bar & Grill,**  
18200 West Colfax Ave. Golden  
(Food & drink available for purchase)

**Happy hour: 5:30 pm**  
**Educational Open Forum: 6:30**  
**Speaker: 7:00 pm**

This is open to members and non-members, so bring your friends and fishing buddies.



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# UPCOMING FLY FISHING TRIPS & CLINICS

- May 5-7 • Arkansas River at Cotopaxi
- May 13 • Clinic - Beyond Basic Fly Casting - Golden
- May 13 • Tarryall Creek - Private Waters
- May 19 - 20 • Czech Nymphing Clinic - still openings  
Call 303-562-7502
- May 20 • South Platte at Happy Meadows
- May 25 • Cheeseman Canyon Day Trip
- June 3 • Instructional Fishing Trip - Location TBD
- June 10 • Clinic - 911! Casting - Golden
- June 23-25 • Yampa River at Stagecoach
- June 24 • Lake Urad
- July 8 • Gibson Lake
- July 14-16 • Crested Butte
- July 21-23 • Colorado River
- July 29 • Lower Tarryall Creek
- August 11-13 • Frying Pan and Roaring Fork Rivers
- Aug 11-14 • Car Camp - Anthracite Creek
- Sept 8 -10 • Car Camp - 11 Mile Canyon
- Sept 22 -24 • Car Camp - San Juan River, NM

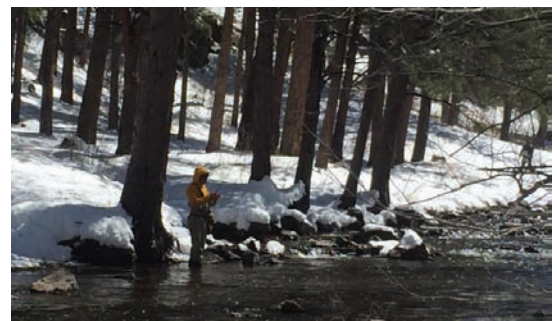
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Jorge catching a nice brown in Cheeseman Canyon.



Fly fishing school outing to Pine.



Fly fishing school outing at Bear Creek, air temp 18 degrees and 8 inches of snow on the ground.