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## Events and Meetings Calendar

The up-to-date calendar can be always found on [our web site's Calendar page](#).

#### Dates and key activities for your calendar

#### 2015 BoD and Member Meetings Schedule

December 9 BoD meeting. Boathouse Cantina, Salida.  
 January 16 Strategic Planning. Boathouse Cantina, Salida. 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
 Open to all chapter members. Lunch provided by the chapter. Drinks available for purchase.

All chapter meetings are held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and are open to the public. Food / beverages available for purchase at both venues. For more information, contact Keith Krebs 719-539-6359

## Bankside with Keith

*Keith Krebs, President, Collegiate Peaks Chapter*  
**TO BE JOLLY**

The annual membership meeting of Collegiate Peaks Chapter was well-attended and productive. New officers for 2016 were elected by proclamation. Yours truly, was elected to a second term as Chapter President. Jim Impara will serve his second term as Vice President. Congratulations and welcome aboard to our new Secretary, Tom Arnot and our new Treasurer, Jerry Wright. Each of these officers will serve a one year term. Two Board of Directors appointees were also elected: Bill Perrill and Eric Heltzel. Serving as co-chairs for membership they have been doing an excellent job of up-dating, tracking and communicating with both new members and existing members. Larry Payne stepped down from serving as Secretary for 2015 (Thank you Larry) and committed to a new term as a Board Director. All Directors serve a three year term from the date of their election.

CPC members voted for a modest change to the Chapter name. Since our Chapter is primarily a conservation non-profit and not a fishing club (and some of our members don't fish), we dropped the word "Anglers" from our name. Along with that came an up-date of our logo. We used the new National Trout Unlimited logo as a basis in keeping with their concept of "One TU." The new Chapter logo has a strong brand recognition and a better looking fish. Look for it on our up-coming publications and announcements.

The Fly-tying Jamboree that took place right before the annual membership meeting had a significant number of participants and, according to Jim Impara the event coordinator, produced over 400 flies to donate to our select charities: Casting for Recovery and Reel Recovery. The veritable Fred Rasmussen conducted a learning session for beginning and novice FlyGals. We had a couple of professional-grade tiers from the Gunnison Gorge Chapter attend and they provided some great advice, new patterns and contributed greatly to the fly count.

All members will be receiving a Chapter Meeting Schedule for 2016 by U.S. Mail in the coming weeks. It describes all meeting times and locations, program titles and special events. We will kick off 2016 with a very important meeting titled "Strategic Planning." This meeting will take place on Saturday January 16th at the Boathouse Cantina in Salida, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Lunch will be provided by the Chapter and drinks will be available for purchase during the lunch break. The purpose of the meeting is to determine the direction and activities of the Chapter in up-coming years. What do you want our Chapter to be? All Chapter members are encouraged to attend and take the opportunity to input ideas, preferences and, yes, complaints.

As I write this, soft, powdery snow continues to fall at my house. Hopefully, it will provide some much needed moisture and, undoubtedly, will be good for the skiers, snowboarders and snowshoe-ers among us. But it also makes me think of taking on a bit of a "hibernation" mode. I do still cross-country ski occasionally although I find snowshoeing better suits my age and abilities. But with the first significant snow, I usually fire up the wood stove and think back on the summer's fishing trips whilst drinking a cup of hot chocolate. It's also a reminder that it's time to tie flies for my own use. I did participate in the Jamboree this year for the first time (tiers of all abilities should be sure to join us next year) and contributed a couple dozen respectable Parachute Adams dry flies. Now I need to continue with both the easier nymph patterns and some of the more challenging patterns I like to use and get those fly boxes full and neatly organized.

This is also the start of the holiday season and so I will take this opportunity to wish all our members a Hearty Happy Holidays!

## RIFFLES

### Fly Tying Jamboree



Eric Heltzel receiving instructions / assistance from Mike Perry.



Visiting Professional-grade fly-tyer Joel Evans from Montrose, Co. [Gunnison Gorge Chapter.]



Fly tying teacher Fred Rasmussen with beginners, and FLYGALS. Left to right: Carol Mc Ilvaine, Liz Sutphin, Barbara Plake, Merna Kerss, Linda Schuckert, Kim LeTouneau.

## Year in Review



Time for elections, slide show, pot-luck, social time.

**CPA's Volunteer Hours 2015**

*Henry and Ann Klaiman*

NOTE: National TU requires us to log our volunteer hours as part of our yearly financial report. At all levels of our organization, a strong total of volunteer hours gives us leverage for soliciting funding and engaging in projects. You can help by being sure your hours are reported every month. Contact Ann and Henry Klaiman for details, [aeklaiman@aol.com](mailto:aeklaiman@aol.com).

**Welcome New Members!**

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|---------------------|-------------|
| Kelly Jensen        | Leadville   |
| Sandee Jaastad      | Buena Vista |
| Steve Yugovich      | Nathrop     |
| Kimberly LeTourneau | Nathrop     |
| Cecil Hensen        | Salida      |
| Bill Goosman        | Saida       |
| David Cottrell      | Salida      |

**The FlyGals**

Sponsored by Collegiate Peaks Chapter of Trout Unlimited, FlyGals is a group of women interested in learning about and participating in fly fishing. Our mission is to increase participation in fly fishing by women and to educate women about protecting, conserving, and restoring cold water habitats for fish

**FlyGals Schedule for 2016**

TBD

Registration is required for each of these events; to register or to get more information, contact Barbara Plake ([bplake@unl.edu](mailto:bplake@unl.edu), 395-0478).

For more information or to join the FlyGals e-mail list, please contact Barbara Plake at [bplake1@unl.edu](mailto:bplake1@unl.edu).

Barbara Plake and Linda Schuckert, 2015 FlyGals Co-Chairs  
Marjie Gray and Tracy Craig, FlyGals Planning Committee

## In The Seam

### River Lore

*Michael C. Harrington*

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TWELVE  
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One holiday away  
BIG ONE on the way.  
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Pause between casts,  
reflecting thanks for all  
the good fishing days past.  
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Thirty one to go, but before it's gone,  
fill some pleasant, sunny, winter days, catching,  
retrieving, releasing, believing.  
MERRY CHRISTMAS.  
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2015  
And a Happy New Year  
2016

### Fishing Quote

"More than half the time, a trout will refuse your fly not because the fly was wrong but because it was not behaving properly."

Author:  
Tom Rosenbauer

### "The fine print"

Michael Harrington Editor

Collegiate Peaks Chapter meets periodically throughout the year. The meetings alternate between Salida and Mt. Princeton Resort.

The e-letter will continue monthly, announcing upcoming meetings, programs, and events, in the EVENTS CALENDAR.

Member submissions to the newsletter are needed and encouraged. Have a comment? Opinion? Humor? Viewpoint? Share it, IN THE SEAM. Anything relative to fishing will appear now and then.

Send questions or submissions by email [mikebluedun@ridgeviewtel.us](mailto:mikebluedun@ridgeviewtel.us) or call (719-530-0691). Editor's deadline is the **23rd** of the month.

