



Welcome to Alpine Anglers 2019!

From the president

Last year was a great year for us. We did some good—and some learning.

We held educational events throughout the year. We partnered with Kirk's Fly Shop to install catch-and-release signs in Big Thompson canyon. We placed 16 temperature probes in various stream locations to validate the feasibility of reintroducing native trout. We assisted Chris Kennedy of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service with his recovery efforts in the park. And we created a Greenback Cutthroat Trout advocacy video. But we also heard from you that you would like to see more conservation opportunities. So our board is already at work planning how to offer you more opportunities to participate in 2019.

We are partnering with a number of organizations and individuals, including the Estes Valley Watershed Coalition, the Big Thompson

Upcoming Events

Feb 20

Ice Out
6:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.
Trout in the Classroom
The Barrel
251 Moraine Avenue
Estes Park

March 2

Polar Bear Plunge
11:00 A.M.
Trout Haven trout pond
([Read the blog](#))

March 20

Watershed Coalition, Rocky Mountain Fly Casters (the Ft Collins/Loveland TU chapter), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Estes Elementary School. Together we're identifying projects to improve our local watersheds, increase access to the waters, and create more conservation awareness in our community.

We'll need your help to have the impact we can have in our watersheds and our community. So when you hear from us that we need a little of your time—or a little of your money—step up and participate. It's important, and, well, it's fun.

So, keep an eye out for updates on our website, Facebook page, at our upcoming events, and via this newsletter. I believe we're going to have an exciting and meaningful 2019, so I hope to see you on the water, at our events, and at our projects.

Tight lines,

Mike Larned, President, Alpine Anglers

Third Wednesday of Every Month

Put it on your calendar—there will be an Alpine Anglers event the third Wednesday of every month from 6:30 until 8:00 P.M. starting this month and throughout the summer and fall.

February, March, and April will feature Ice Out get-togethers at The Barrel, 251 Moraine Avenue in Estes Park. Ice Outs are informal gatherings where we can dodge a little of the winter chill, swap some fishing stories, and perhaps sample some local brews. We're expanding Ice Out gatherings a bit this year by including a featured guest to bring us information on topics of interest. For example:

Feb 20—Joe Bottoms is a salmon research biologist on Kodiak Island, but he's taking some time out to help us start a Trout in the Classroom program in Estes Park schools. He'll explain what the program is about and recount some of his experiences with a similar program in Alaska.

March 20—Jenna Melissa will tell us about her summer experience in our largest and fishiest state.

Chapter meetings will be the third Wednesday of May through October at the American Legion Hall in Estes Park. Watch this space—and our [Web](#)

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Check the [Calendar of Events on our Web site](#) for details as they firm up.

[site](#) and [Facebook page](#)—for details.

Take a Frigid Dunking for a Good Cause



Alpine Anglers is teaming with Trout Haven Fishing Pond and Estes Park Schools to bring *Trout in the Classroom* to Estes Park. To kick things off, we need to raise some money to purchase equipment and supplies. [Read about this important conservation education program](#)—and how you can help.

October 2018 Meeting Brings Anglers



On Wednesday evening, October 17, Alpine Anglers and guests gathered at American Legion Post #119 in Estes Park for the October chapter meeting. The meeting opened with a brief social period, allowing for

some fly fishing camaraderie.

The featured presenters were Frank Drummond and Matt Shaffer. Frank, who is retired, is known not only for his fly tying, but also building beautiful bamboo cane fly rods. Matt, a talented fly fishing guide for four years, guides through Kirk's Fly Shop. Both men demonstrated how to tie some of their favorite fly patterns including streamers, midges, mayflies, caddis, and egg patterns. They also provided some tips to enhance our fly fishing skills and experiences.

We strive to make our meetings fun and informative. If you're interested in maintaining and protecting cold, clean, fishable waters—or even just fishing them, come join us.

[Reported by Lynn Williams]

Thank You, Dale Carr

Dale sent us a nice contribution honoring his friend Walt Poplewko, who recently passed away. Dale and Walt fished together all over Colorado and in Wyoming's Wind River Range. Their annual trip came to include neighbors and as many of their children as could make it. Dale says he likes what we do, and decided to contribute in Walt's memory. What a wonderful way to honor a friend.

First Fishing Report of the Year

Alpine Angler Trigg White fished the Big T. He says finding open water isn't too hard, but finding the right kind of open water is more challenging. [Read about it!](#)

And then share yours. Send us a photo and a short writeup, and we'll post it on our Web site.