



TFC UPDATE

April 2021

Tarryall Fishing Club Web Site: <https://www.tarryallfishingclub.org>

ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

The TFC will hold its Annual Meeting on
Saturday, May 1, 2021 -- 10 am
Jefferson Community Center, Jefferson, Colorado

NOTICE OF TFC BOARD MEMBER ELECTION:

An election for three TFC board members will be held at the annual meeting. Nominations will be taken for two 3-year term board positions and one position with 2 years remaining. The term has expired for Gary Belk (selling property) and Steve Burns (willing to run for another term). Theresa Pugh has decided to resign her position with 2 years remaining.

COVID Safety Observance

Be prepared to observe COVID safety measures at our annual meeting. Please maintain appropriate distance and **wear a face covering even if immunized.**

VOTE BY PROXY If you cannot attend the TFC meeting, you may vote by proxy. Fill out the form below and mail it or ask someone to bring it. Your proxy must be received prior to the meeting.



PROXY FOR THE 2021 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TARRYALL FISHING CLUB

- ◇ This proxy form must be completed, signed, and dated by the lot owner.
- ◇ The form must be in possession of TFC no later than 10 a.m. Saturday, May 1, 2021

I, the undersigned, hereby appoint _____ (name of proxy)
from ☐ SOA ☐ LPROA ☐ OTHER _____ to vote on my behalf on all issues
which may come before the general membership at the 2021 TFC Annual Membership Meeting of the
Tarryall Fishing Club on May 1, 2021, at 10 a.m. at the Jefferson Community Center in Jefferson, CO.

Owner Lot # _____ in ☐ SOA ☐ LPROA ☐ OTHER

Owner's Name (printed): _____

Owner's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mail or deliver proxy to:

Theresa Pugh
10133 W. Powers Ave
Littleton, CO 80127

Board Authentication:

Date/Time received _____

Board Member Signature _____

Access Point Near Topaz Mountain Ranch

TFC's access point that runs along the fence line between Topaz Mountain Ranch and Bordenville River Ranch was remarked by the Pinnacle Surveying Company last summer. TFC, SOA, and LPROA presidents discussed the marked points with the owner of Topaz Mountain Ranch and pointed out the obstruction caused by part of a large steel gate structure installed by Topaz Mountain Ranch that spans the drive-



way to the ranch at the north access point to our easement. The owner said he would need time to consult with his attorney but later said his attorney was busy and suggested we should contact him.

LPROA and SOA have written a letter to the attorney and asked that there be some sort of resolution of the blockage by fishing season. Regardless of what gets worked out, TFC intends to better mark the access this season.

Fish Stocking in 2021

COVID has taken a toll on some fish suppliers. Fortunately, the company we have used for years, Liley Fisheries in Boulder, is still in business and able to provide fish for us. The owner, Jeremy Liley, is very accommodating and allows us to order fish only a few weeks prior to stocking, unlike some other suppliers who want orders a year in advance.

As you recall, water conditions last year were not ideal. House Creek dried up so the ponds in Lost Park Ranch were low and stagnant by the end of the season. Fortunately we had aeration in the upper pond. Conditions were not the best at the Lost Park Ranch water augmentation pond by Stagestop. LPR was out of priority to take water

from Tarryall Creek for much of the summer or the water was too low when they could pump so fresh water was not added for much of the season.

This year, TFC plans to do our heaviest stocking earlier in the season. We anticipate our first stocking the first week of May. Only rainbow trout will be stocked this year. Stocking dates will be published on the TFC web site and emailed to owners.



If you are interested in watching/participating in fish stocking, be sure we have your e-mail so you get notified.

2020 TFC Annual Meeting Recap

TFC had to postpone the May 1 annual meeting but was able to reschedule it October 17, 2020. Two board members were re-elected for 3-year terms, Cathy Burns and Theresa Pugh. You can find a draft of the minutes on the TFC website in the Member Area under Administration >> Minutes of Annual Membership Meetings.

Annual Meeting Reminders!

SOA Annual Mtg June 26

LPROA Annual Mtg Aug. 7



No-Fishing Dates

Fish Stocking days are no-fishing days.

Please refrain from fishing on stocking days to give the fish a chance to recover from transport.

Fish stocking is done on a weekday as near the middle of the week as can be arranged. As soon as a stocking date is known, it will be listed on the TFC web site, www.tarryallfishingclub.org. Login to the Member Area and look at the Bulletin Board page.

First stocking is planned for early May when water reservoirs are filled.

Looking Back—A Farewell Message by President Gary Belk

It seems just like yesterday the TFC Board asked me to join them as a volunteer and then invited me onto the TFC board. If I remember correctly it was in the fall and there wasn't a lot to do. Little did I know the TFC president would resign early from his three-year term and that I would be asked to fill in as TFC president for the remainder of his term. Of course, I accepted the offer and the rest is now history.



With the printing of this newsletter, I'm officiating resigning my position as TFC president because I've sold my property that I've owned for the last 13 years, and therefore I'm literally moving on. But before doing so, I would like to share some heart-felt feelings.

During my 8 years as TFC president I've had the opportunity of serving the Lost Park Ranch and Stagesop property owners and I must say, "it has been my pleasure to do so." In meeting many of you I've had the opportunity to learn much about your families, all the stories of the up's and the down's of fishing the ponds and the river. But what I'll remember most of all are the smiles on your faces from a successful fishing outing. Those smiles made all the hours I've

spent worthwhile. Thanks for those smiles.

I would also like to personally thank all of the TFC Board members who I've worked with over the years. Individuals who actually made my job easier because as a "Team" we were able to accomplish way beyond what I ever dreamed. Our relationship has been very meaningful and I think that's what I'll miss the most; not the great fishing, but the great people I've had the privilege to work with. Thanks, from the bottom of my heart!

Now in saying, "goodbye" I also want to thank Cliff and Theresa Pugh. In my early years as TFC president they brought me up-to-speed concerning TFC history as well as the previous struggles and successes of the TFC. Together, they have provided support, knowledge and wisdom that made my job as TFC president easier. Theresa and I have spent many hours working together on TFC business that certainly went way beyond the call of duty and for this I'll always be grateful. Thanks guys!

So, there you have it! I trust that somehow because of my efforts the fishing is better and the smiles are larger and if so, then it has been worth it.

Sincerely, Gary W. Belk

Board Member Resignation by Theresa Pugh

I am resigning as of May 1 2021. This past year gave me a lot of time to reflect. I have been a TFC board member since about 1999 when I agreed to take over temporarily for a board member who was unable to carry out the treasurer duties. At that next annual meeting, I was nominated, nominations were closed, and I was elected by acclaim. I have been a TFC Board member ever since.

Over the years, I have participated in numerous projects and collected a great deal of information about the TFC. I want to be able to pass on the information to the next administration and so I think it will be in the best interest of the club for me to resign while I still have the ability to do that.

It has been an honor to serve on the TFC board, especially with all the great board members over the years, and especially under the leadership of Gary Belk. I have enjoyed getting to know so many of you during my tenure and will miss the interactions with all of you but it is time for me to go.

GOODBYE!

I bid you farewell!

Theresa Pugh

Prospecting Tarryall Creek by Steve Burns



Tarryall got its name back in the gold rush days. You can still see small flakes of the yellow metal shining in the gravel bars and sand banks on a sunny day.

But the real treasure of Tarryall isn't in the tiny specks of gold shimmering in the sunlight.... it's the speckled spots of green, silver and red flashing through the crystal water on the side of a Rainbow trout. The creek is alive with Rainbows, Cutthroats, Cut-bows, Brookies, Browns and even the occasional Palomino Trout.

These days fishermen and women have replaced the bearded gold seekers. And flyrods and reels have replaced the pans and sluice boxes.

And these days we 'prospect' for fish.

There are plenty of folks who have fished this water for decades more than I have and my observations are based on the last five or six years. But the creek changes every year and this year it will be a little different than the last. So, this is one fly fisherman's notes from his fishing journal on where he's found trout in Tarryall Creek for the last several seasons.

Let's start with the only hard fact I can offer.... trout have to eat!

Beyond that, the rest is observation and speculation based on experience. Trout have to eat and they prefer to eat as much as they can while expending as little effort as possible to do so.

Water temperature is important in any river. Tarryall gets a lot of its water from melting snow and the water temperature varies with the run-off, the weather, the time of year and even the time of day. A basic rule of thumb is water below 40 degrees (F.) will see little feeding activity in fish and little hatching activity in the insects they eat.

Trout exhibit maximum growth and activity in water between 59 and 64 degrees. Water above 70 degrees reduces feeding activity and any stresses that make trout expend energy can kill them. They can't get enough oxygen at those

temperatures to support metabolic activity and literally suffocate. Water temperature between 55 and 65 degrees is the sweet spot.

Tarryall has just about every kind of water you read about in the fishing books. There is slow water, swift water, criss-crossing currents, eddies, back waters, turbid water and clear water. We have runs, riffles, pools, flats, rock gardens and bends. So many bends! And there are trout in all of them.

Trout will seek out holding lanes where they can find slower water velocity, protection, and food. The drift lines or bubble lines have been called the 'conveyor belt' for bringing food to fish. Trout eat fish eggs, crayfish, sculpins, dace, other fish and bugs.... lots of bugs. A lot of these critters get caught in the current and delivered to a waiting trout.

I've found more fish to one side or the other of the bubble lines than I have directly in the lines. The faster the current the further from the line.

Tarryall Creek has rocks of all sizes and plenty of them. In my log, I've found more fish in front or to the side of these obstructions than directly behind them. If I do catch fish behind a rock it's usually several feet downstream where the turbulence eases and the water smooths out.

Don't ignore the riffles when the water is twelve inches or deeper. Trout will be where the food is plentiful and the water is broken and slower. The broken water provides cover and most of the bugs in the river are born in those riffles.

Given the choice of fishing a straight stretch of flat water or a bend, I'll take the bend every time. I've noticed most folks fish the banks along the outside of the bends. I've logged more fish in the net when fishing the inside of the bends when the current is relatively swift. Again, it's where the food is more easily accessible. When the water is low and slow that's when the fish move to the deeper water along the outside of the bend.

Along with bends there are plenty of pools on the Tarryall. Avoid the turbulent white water at the head of the pool. Trout have to expend too much energy to hold here. Other than that, fish can be found anywhere within the pool. Look for areas

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where the current carries food and along the shelf where the water begins to darken. And don't ignore the middle of the pool. The riffles at the head of the pool spew food into the water below and send dislodged insects, sculpins and dace into the more sedate water where hungry trout await them.

It's been my experience that fishing the water currents that flow through the creek at about the speed of a slow walk, working the bubble lines, obstructions (rocks, logs etc.), hitting the bends and the riffles and being aware of water tempera-

ture and depth will put more fish in the net.

So get out and walk Tarryall Creek. Take in it's beauty and serenity. Be a good steward of the creek and the fish that live in it. Relax, have fun, increase the number of fish you catch by choosing your

spots carefully and.... enjoy.

FISH ON.



Colorado Fishing License Requirement

Anyone age 16 and over, who fishes in the TFC ponds or on the stream is required to have a Colorado fishing license and a TFC membership card or a guest pass.

Colorado Annual fishing licenses go on sale March 1 and are valid March 1–March 31 of the following year (13 months). Get more information on the Colorado Park and Wildlife website at <https://cpw.state.co.us/thingstodo/Pages/Fishing.aspx>.

TFC Rules Violation Policy

TFC Rules include a "Warning" section which reads:

***Warning** - Violations of rules may be grounds for suspension. Failure of members or their guests to follow TFC Rules and Policies will result in the issuance of a "TFC Rules and Policies Violation Letter" to the sponsoring member(s). In any consecutive 2-year period, the penalties for violations are as follows:*

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| • 1st Violation: | Warning Letter |
| • 2nd Violation: | \$50.00 Fine |
| • 3rd Violation
: & Subsequent | \$100.00 Fine
(each occurrence) |

Failure to pay a fine as outlined in the issued "TFC Rules and Policies Violation Letter" may result in temporary suspension of the member's fishing rights. During temporary suspension, a member or his/her guests continuing to fish the TFC Leased Waters as well as the LPR pond or the SS ponds will be considered "Trespassing" and subject to civil trespassing charges.

Thank you, Volunteers!



Thanks to all of you who volunteered time to work on club projects. You make the TFC great!!

Are You Willing to help? If so, please contact a TFC

board member. It can be a great way to meet fellow TFC members!

Tarryall Fishing Club Web Site

Our former web developer, Bill Richert, has sold his property and will no longer be supporting the TFC web site. We thank Bill for all he did for the TFC.

Lynda Clay has offered to take over as the TFC web administrator and will be getting up to speed on the duties soon.

Cathy Burns has been doing the updates like adding minutes and fish stocking dates, etc. and will continue for us—THANK YOU, Cathy!

TFC Web Site: www.tarryallfishingclub.org

Need More Guest Passes or Hangtags?

TFC members may purchase additional guest passes or hangtags by contacting a board member or by using the form on the TFC web site (tarryallfishingclub.org). Login to the Member Area and find the Guest Pass section on the Bulletin Board page.



- 1-day guest pass—\$10
- Vehicle hangtag—\$5

Note: As decided by vote at the 2018 Annual Membership Meeting, there will be a discount sale of guest passes at our Annual Membership Meeting where the cost will be 8 dollars each.

TFC Board Members - May 2020-2021

President - Gary Belk 303-777-2100
 Vice Pres.- Paul Grossnickle ... 303-841-5206
 Secretary - Cathy Burns..... 303-816-5015
 Treasurer - Theresa Pugh 303-979-6269
 Members-at-Large –
 Stu Knapp 720-209-8359
 Dennis Sheeran 719-836-1458
 Steve Burns..... 303-816-5015

Check the TFC website for the names of 2021-2022 Board Members after the Annual Meeting.

Short-term Renters Excluded from Guest Pass Usage

Last year it became apparent that some owners were using guest passes as an enticement to rent their property on the short-term rental market. This is a type of remuneration since guest passes are not to be resold. It also creates a “club within a club” which is not allowed in the TFC. Therefore, it was determined that **short-term renters are not eligible to use guest passes.**

TFC Membership Cards

Each owner receives two membership cards. Membership cards are for the use of two owner(s) listed on the deed. In the case where there are more than 2 owners listed on a deed, only two of the owners are entitled to use the membership cards. Additional owners must use guest passes.

As soon as you get your membership card, write your name on the card in ink. Carry it with you when fishing and be prepared to show it to other members who are out fishing like you or to TFC patrol.

Member Responsibility

Owners are responsible for guests. When you provide a guest pass to someone, be sure they complete the pass with ink and know the rules. If your guest violation of the rules, you will be held responsible

Although TFC Board members and volunteers patrol periodically, members are encouraged to self-patrol—introduce yourself, show your membership card, then ask to see passes of others while out fishing. Be courteous and report any violations to the TFC board for follow-up.

Suckers in our Ponds

The wire cages you may have noticed in the big pond by Stagestop have been very effective in catching suckers. To date, we have caught 14,647 suckers and sold them for bait bringing in \$460. We will again deploy traps in the pond by Stagestop.

Your cooperation in this effort is key.

1. Leave the traps in the pond.
2. If you catch a sucker, please do not put it back.