

ROCKY MOUNTAIN Windsurfing ASSOC

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The Rocky Mountain Windsurfing Association (RMWA) promotes windsurfing on water, ice, snow, and land in the greater Colorado area.

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RMWA Membership Information

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Club memberships run on an annual basis for a calendar year. Membership fees for the years 2008 and 2009 are:

- \$25 Individual
- \$35 Family
- \$15 Individual Senior (65 or older as of January 1 of membership year)
- \$15 Individual Junior (18 or younger as of January 1 of membership year)
- DISCOUNTS: \$5 off the above listed fee if paid by March 31 of membership year

Download Membership Application form:

- [2009 Printable .pdf version](#)
- [2009 Printable .doc version](#)

Membership renewals and applications should be sent to the Membership Director:

Let us know if you prefer to change to way you receive this newsletter. We are willing to use email or USPS—but we need correct information from YOU!



Mike



The Flats at SPI

Women's Windsurfing Wednesdays

Join the women from Larson's for 10 nights of windsurfing at Soda Lakes this summer! You will get 6 nights of formal instruction and 4 nights of supervised practice time. Women's Wednesday's are designed for women who already have some windsurfing experience. If you are a complete novice, you will need to take a beginner lesson first. We will meet from 6 pm until dark beginning May 27 through August 19. Call Larson's at 303 423-0654 for complete details and cost.

Larson's Race Training

If you already know the basics of windsurfing and are looking for a short cut to the next level—come to Race Training! We will be working on skills that are useful on the race course, and also improve your recreational windsurfing. Faster and cleaner tacks and jibes, improved board and sail handling, effective pumping and techniques to make your gear go faster in any wind condition are skills that work on and off the race course. The training begins at 5 pm until dark from May 31 to August 9. Call Larson's at 303 423-0654 for schedule, locations, and cost to participate.

The Google Egroup:

The old Yahoo group is now an "orphan" and all members of that group who are interested in Colorado area windsurfing chatter should sign up for our Google group.

Instructions for joining the Google Egroup:

- Go to <http://groups.google.com/group/colorado-windsurfing>
- In the list of items on the right-side of the page is a link to "Apply for group membership". Click on that link. In the process of completing the form, make sure to identify who you are in the "Comments". You won't be able to join the list until I (or Mark Scranton) approves you, and we don't allow anonymity.
- If you already have a Google Account, go ahead and log in.
- If you do not have a Google Account, you will have to create one. So click on the link that says "Create an account now". Follow the instructions to create your Google account. In the process of doing that you will provide the email account you will be using to access the egroup and receive egroup emails.
- Once you have created your Google account, go back to the egroup page using the link shown in the first bullet above.
- Follow the instructions in the second bullet above.
- If you have problems, send me an email and try to describe where things went awry:
- Chuck Mawhinney: mawhinnc@mscd.edu.

Water Access

Andy Wall reminds us that Zebra mussels are a problem in the area. At present, Pueblo Res. and Grand Lake have the critters, but area lakes are taking steps towards controlling an infestation. Look for black pepper-like spots on your board, footstraps, wet suits, harnesses, etc. If you see it, power wash and thoroughly dry these items. Aurora Res. is charging a \$10 fee for a season sticker. This sticker stays with the car (possibly trailer). Part of the fee is going for research. Stanley Lake is inspecting equipment and may ask you to power wash before entering the lake.

Rueter-Hess Res. in Parker is expanding its size from 16,000 to 72,000 square feet (2 X Aurora Res.) The dam should be finished in 2010 and open to the public in 2011.

Learn to Windsurf/Potluck/Race

Invite your family and friends to the annual FREE windsurfing lesson and clinics on Sunday, June 7, at Bear Creek Lake Park (Big Soda Lake), sponsored by Larson's Ski and Sport. Registration starts at 9:30 with lessons beginning at 10. Clinics include Sail rigging, gear selection, and race. Potluck is at noonish. Fun races begin at 2:30 and Race #3 begins at 3 (depending on wind)

Williams Fork Plans

Caren Craig is planning an exciting weekend this year at **Williams Fork Reservoir, August 15 and 16.** She promises no snow, excellent food, wind for race #8, and fantastic awards. Camping is first-come, first-choice on the point south of the boat launch. There is primitive camping with permanent pit toilets, without water, etc. Special prizes will be sponsored in memory of Harold R. Wallace.



Harold

Race Series

RMWA: A social club with a windsurfing problem

By Andy Spellman

Why Race? Because its fun... maybe. Because you achieve a sense of accomplishment... perhaps. One of my favorite reasons to race is because I can focus on something so intently that it blocks out all of life's worries. Of course, the real focus is often just on not falling in!

Take the recent RMWA Race #2 at Cherry Creek Lake State Park on Thursday, May 21st, 2009. It was chilly at race time, to say the least. My focus was on staying warm until somebody had to go and rig!

There was a group of spectators including very tan, very fit windsurfers who looked at those of us that rigged and mumbled something about sailing 6.0—5.0—4.0 at Padre Island. Many of whom were clad in RMWA trophy windbreakers embroidered with their placing in last

year's series. Whether they sailed or watched, it's evident that the RMWA racing series is well supported.

Those that watched the races made a b-line for Casa Vallarta and margaritas whilst those of us that sailed put away our gear and recounted the races. Big thanks goes out to Selbino and Randy for running the start sequence and keeping the racers (me) honest with regard to rounding the buoys correctly.

Among those who joined in on a round of trivia before the race was Mike, Lesley & Selbino, Caren, Al & Trish, Dr. Chuck and Randy. Those venturing to race were Manfred, David and Andy. We finished in that order.

A couple of interesting notes: Al pulled a bird nest complete with two eggs from somewhere within his stack of sailboards from the back of his pickup. Mike offered to coach the eight woman rowing team practicing on the lake prior to race time. Although, his rhythmic chant of _____ may be a bit offensive. Manfred was awarded his RMWA 2008 'Champion' windbreaker in an impromptu presentation. Joining the rest of the spectators at the restaurant were David & Jo as well as Joanie. Randy asked me what my prize was from the evening's racing. I told him a blue chair I found at the lake.

Whoops, guess you can have your chair back now, Randy.



Race #2

Why race? Because... among other reasons, I

like the aspect of recognizing my fellow racers for their accomplishments on the racecourse.

RMWA Golf Tournament

Novices and pros came together at Foothills Par 3 on May 17 to participate in the semi-annual golf championship. With creativity, 14 participants played in the 12 spots available. Mike (Tiger) Charbonneau awarded prizes for the first-place team, Charley Charbonneau, Dennis Harrison, Bill Morris, and Aaron; closest to pin, Bill Morris; and grand prize winner, Bob Frank, won an Adams golf bag. Mark your calendar for the September Open.

The Best of Both Worlds

As the father of a “tweener”, I thought it was appropriate to steal one of Hannah Montana’s CD titles. This year’s annual Texas Trek, which I was lucky enough to embark on with Caren Craig, was really the Best of Both Worlds. Caren and I left Denver about 3 pm on Tuesday and at 1 pm Wednesday we were in the straps and harness and planing on a 5.5 and 5.0 next to Don Jackson’s Worldwinds at Bird Island outside of Corpus Christi. It was great to get reacquainted with all my camping cousins who frequent Bird Island Basin. It was my intent to get back to nature and sleep in a tent on the beach, but Ken Lister and Ann Wheeler stopped me from such foolishness and allowed me to crash on their couch. Caren was 3 out of 3 on planing days and then it was on to SPI.

SPI was even above its normal high standards. Air temps were 89-92 degrees, with water temps in the 70’s with regular winds blowing 20-30 mph, and a stellar day at 30-40 mph. SPI Windsurfing sponsors several GPS events through April and the Colorado sailors did themselves proud. Caren Craig took a first in both kiting and windsurfing. That’s a tough act to follow, but Brian Moloham turned in a blistering 39.9 mph on the big wind

day. Dessa placed third and Jodi placed second and Toni placed first on the first day in their trials.

Texas once again delivered its warm and willing winds with many a truth stretched over cold libations and DQ Blizzards. It’s time to start planning for next year.

SPI Speed Trials

Colorado was well represented in the SPI Windsurfing GPS speed trials during April. Jibber, Leo and Kim ran the events. For the complete results, check out SPIWindsurfing.com.



Dessa

In Memoriam

Windsurfer Joyce Savitt from California passed away while in South Padre Island during May, 2009. Her friends in Colorado will miss her presence.

2009 RMWA Event Schedule

Date	Time	Event Description	Location	Contact
5/21	6:00pm	RMWA Race #2	Cherry Creek SP	Andy Spellman
6/7	10:00am	Spring Picnic and Larson’s Learn to Windsurf (potluck lunch & RMWA Race #3)	Soda Lake	Chuck Mawhinney
6/11	6:00pm	RMWA Race #4	Chatfield SP	Andy Spellman
6/25	6:00pm	RMWA Race #5	Aurora Res.	Andy Spellman
7/4	n/a	Frolic with your Friends on the Fourth (No RMWA event scheduled)		
7/9	6:00pm	RMWA Race #6	Soda Lake	Andy Spellman
7/11, 12	9:00am	Gear Swap	Larson’s S&S	Karen Marriott
7/19	10:00am	Aurora Beach Party (potluck lunch at noon & RMWA Race #7 after lunch)	Aurora Res.	Randy Allen
8/15, 16	Noon	Williams Fork Weekend RMWA Race #8 @noon, Saturday, followed by potluck dinner	Williams Fork Res.	Caren Craig
9/11-13	n/a	Toucan Open (RMWA Race #9)	Lake McConaughy	Karen Marriott
9/20	10:00am	End of Summer (potluck lunch & RMWA Race #10)	Union Res.	Mike Charbonneau
9/27	11:00am	RMWA Golf Tournament	Foothills Golf	Mike Charbonneau
10/15	6:00pm	End of Season (Awards Dinner)	TBA	Andy Wall