



## We Want to See Your Catch!

### Share your Summer Adventures with Us

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*Jamie Pobrislo caught this giant rainbow trout in private waters, north of Denver*



*Roger Harris caught this German Brown Trout on the Colorado River in the Gore Canyon.*



*Wealth Management Advisor, Cindy Alvarez, caught this African Pompano in the Gulf waters off of Pensacola Beach.*



*Cody Clark with the rainbow trout he caught on Clark White River Ranch in Meeker, Colorado.*



## Fly of the Month • June 2017

There are many parallels that connect fly fishing and investing. Both require patience, discipline and the ability to observe and adapt as conditions change. Our feature this month is written by Tom Caprio, a fly fishing guide with 5280 Anglers. He addresses these key characteristics and how you can adjust your approach throughout the year.

A theme in this month's article is to keep it simple. Certainly this is easier said than done when it comes to fly fishing, and especially with your finances and investing. An experienced guide like Tom always has a plan when fishing. This is exactly what investors need from their investment advisor to navigate today's volatile economic environment.

Do you have a financial plan in place? We take pride in the fact that every client of Wambolt & Associates has a custom and comprehensive financial plan to help them stay on track. If you have questions or concerns about your financial plan, I encourage you to reach out – we are always here to help.

Best of luck out on the water this summer!

*Matt Blake, Senior Wealth Management Advisor*



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## FLY OF THE MONTH • SWISHER'S PMX • Size 10

**B**ased on the tried and true Madame X pattern, the Parachute Madame X (or PMX) adds a tall white parachute for extra buoyancy and visibility on the water. Capturing the long thin body, scrambling legs, and prominent wing case of the adult stonefly perfectly, this pattern will challenge the stimulator for supremacy as the most productive dry stonefly pattern!



**Dry/Wet:** Dry

**Fly Category:** Generalist Pattern, Attractor Pattern

**Family:** Stoneflies

**Species:** Golden Stonefly, Skwala Stonefly, Yellow Sally Stonefly, Early Brown Stonefly

**Life Stage:** Adult

## It's Nice to Fool Mother Nature / Runoff to Late Summer

Tom Caprio - 5280 Angler Guide

Oftentimes, fly fishing can be complicated and confusing. Hatches change during the day and throughout the year, fish move around, and there are thousands of fly patterns. How can you simplify things?

Fortunately there are some general truths that hold up throughout the year. Trout are the top predators and Mother Nature provides for them each season. It is important to take a step back and evaluate what is happening while you are fishing.

### Runoff: Late May to Late June

When the water is high and visibility is low, energy efficient trout will be found in slower water, usually right along the bank. How convenient for the trout that salmon flies and other large stoneflies crawl in front of them on their way to shore to hatch. High water also drives other big food sources from the river bottom such as aquatic worms, scuds, caddis larva, and crane flies.

Baitfish and baby trout also hang out in the slower water making for easy pickings. Like all predators, trout pick on the weak and vulnerable for an easy meal, so an erratically stripped streamer that imitates a baitfish can evoke a vicious strike.

During runoff, watch flows carefully. When river flows stabilize for a day or two (such as after a cold front which slows down snow-melt), the water clears and fish often go on a feeding frenzy. This can be some of the best fishing of the season. Fish are close to the bank and hungry. Big stonefly dry flies can be very effective, and with the better visibility, fish may also key in on some of the smaller hatching.

### Post Run-Off: Late June to Mid July

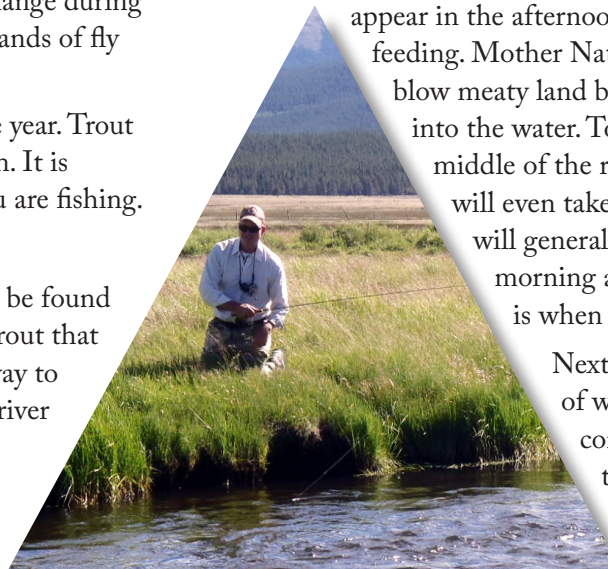
After runoff, fish need to replace weight lost from fighting the big currents. Mother Nature does not disappoint providing endless hatches throughout the day. During a hatch, fish will move to the 'buffet table' (shallow and faster riffle water) to get the most calories possible. Or they will move higher in the water column to follow the hatch towards the surface. Anglers should target areas where fish are actively feeding. And since mayflies like clouds and caddis like sun, regardless of the weather, there are consistent hatches all day long.

### Dog Days of Summer: Late July to Mid September

Low flows, warm water, and bright sunlight can make fishing challenging during this time. Fish will target shady areas, deeper water, undercut banks and cold water springs. Anywhere colder tributaries enter the main river. During the 'Dog Days'

hatches don't usually happen in the middle of the day, but when clouds appear in the afternoon. Fish will be less spooked and this can trigger feeding. Mother Nature also provides afternoon wind - an avenue to blow meaty land based terrestrial grass hoppers, ants and beetles into the water. Toss a terrestrial towards the banks or even in the middle of the river, as terrestrials can end up anywhere - trout will even take a submerged terrestrial! The hatches that occur will generally be during the cooler parts of the day - early morning and late afternoon/evening, which coincidentally is when the fish are more active.

Next time you go fishing, take a step back and think of what makes sense based upon water flow, weather conditions and the season. The more you observe the more you will be able to fool Mother Nature and be a more successful fly angler.



*Be stealthy with low summer flows*