



**THE AMERICA CUP FLY FISHING TOURNAMENT  
Vail, Colorado 2012**

***Thank you to everyone that helped to make this event a success!***

***Special thanks to all the controllers that supported the Teams and scored the fish!***

Adam Jackson	Adam Papuga	Alex Schaefer
Alex Beck	Carl Huett	Bob Streb
Alex Berghuis	Christine Prelaz	Bob Tate
Amy Slaughter	Chuck Nash	Brian Dale
Anna Mattingly	Dan Mayberry	Coco Melin
Brian Bleoss	Dan Silva	Gene Goralski
Brian Hammer	Dave Carroll	Gloria Pasternak
Carol Stafford	Elena Jones	Jacob Knight
Cheryl Gerlitz	Greg Caretto	Jake LeMaster
Chris Rieder	John Muir	Jeff McGhee
Dan and Jill Chalfant	Josh Howard	Jim Lee
Danita Churichillo	Julie Wheeler	Jim Rowland
Devin Donahue	Lance Glaser	Joe Halovanic
Grant Murphy	Matt Sprecher	Maria S. Landis
Madoka Meyers	Maverick Conklin	Marion Nutt
Marty Flanders	Monica Papuga	Mark Damon
Michael Pukas	Nick Noesen	Michael Haskins
Mike Johnson	Noel Wheeler	Randy Radloff
Nancy Savage	Richard Gilbert	Richard Agett
Noreen Galaba	Ro Mayberry	Rick Messmer
Reed Ford	Rob Ailshie	Robin Nash
Reva Brandt	Robin Nash	Scott Alie
Robert Hoffman	Sammy Katz	Steven Kittel
Tom Reynolds	Senta Schleder	Steven Hartman
Wade Moulton	Shari Topping	Todd Grubin
Will Reigeluth	Suzanne Gilbert	Tom Carroll
Willow Murphy	Sybill Navas	Woody Kiehl
Andy Mill	Todd Heimback	Denise Wittosch
Brad Befus	Tyler Dale	Tred Barta

## **Sector Judges**

Thank you all for stepping up and making the venues run smoothly. Adam Papuga for taking on a daily variety of drama on the Colorado, Bob Streb for moving tons of boats to Sylvan and wrestling the natives, Michael Johnson for showing up ready and willing, and Woody Kiehl for helping set the beats on the Blue and the Colorado.

## **Camp Sylvan Lake**

Big thanks to the Sylvan Lake crew who went way beyond the call of duty from staying on site with the boats for 3 nights and to making it a wonderful experience for all that attended. Bob and Kitty, you both rule!

## **Venue Owners**

Thank you for use of the **land/lakes**: Mike Oros for Blue Valley Ranch, Marsha Dirienzo for the Blue Valley Acres, Karl and Jenn Berger for Coyote River Ranch, CDOW & Colorado State Parks for Sylvan Lake and Town of Avon for Lake Nottingham.

## **Boat Owners**

Thank you to **Boat owners**: Nova Guides, Bob Streb, Alex Schaefer, Chris Sandoski, Sean Baker, Dan and Jill Chalfant, Greg Caretto, Noreen Galaba, Maverick Conklin, Rick Messmer, Jeremy Sides, Minturn Anglers, Fly Fishing Outfitters.

## **Supporters**

Town of Vail, Maui Jim, Ross Reels, Scientific Anglers, Hardy / Grey, William Joseph, Vail Valley Anglers-The Official Fly Shop, Minturn Anglers, Fly Fishing Outfitters, Gore Creek Fly Fisherman, Trout Legend, Town of Avon, Eagle Valley Trout Unlimited, Performance Flies, iGuidePro, Colorado Division of Wildlife, Colorado State Parks, Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, Blue Valley Acres and Marsha Dirienzo, Coco Melin and Kristine Besilica at the Evergreen Lodge, The Vail Daily for the local coverage and front page stories, TV8 for all the interviews, JB's T-shirts for the t-shirts, Darrell Miller from Riverside Trophies for the medals, Bruce from High Country Custom Impressions for the Cups, Sherry at Eagle Embroidery for the hats, JD Murphy for the great event photos, Vail Sneak Peek, Nova Guides for the professional drivers, comfortable transportation and the lunches each day and to Tred Barta for supporting The Cup, the soldier's day, and for providing a screening of an episode of his show The Best & Worst of Tred Barta.

## **Sponsors**

Thank you to all the sponsors and partners that supported The Cup this year. Town of Vail for their continued support, Maui Jim for supplying sunglasses to all the soldiers and event support, Andy Mill for speaking at the awards banquet, Vail Valley Anglers for supporting the event and soldiers, Hardy Greys, Ross Reels and Scientific Anglers, Crazy Mountain Brewery for the 6-packs of Ale for the Teams, Murphy Goode Winery for the bottles of wine for the Teams, Team USA for supporting the soldiers, Minturn Anglers for supporting the soldiers day and event, Fly Fishing Outfitters for supporting the soldiers day and event, NuCast for the nippers for the Soldier's, Trout Legend, Eagle Valley Trout Unlimited, Ammala Rods for supplying fly rods to the individual winners, Names and Numbers for the pens for the controller kits, Beth Groundwater for her book-Wicked Eddies given to the winners and Sean Baker of Team Wyoming for the Greys Competition Nets. Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing – Gordy, Jim, Lonny, Wally and all the soldiers!

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## **SOLDIER'S DAY with Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing**

Thank you to everyone that attended the Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing 'Soldier's Day' with The America Cup on Sept 16, 2012. The day began with the soldiers pairing up with competitors and volunteers from the tournament. The group went to the Eagle River and focused on river techniques and refining their skills. Fish were caught and a lunch was then served back at the Nova Guides lodge. The afternoon was filled with still water techniques on the Nova pond while enjoying a beautiful fall day with changing colors all around. The soldiers all became better anglers while enjoying new friendships.

Thank you to Nova Guides for providing a beautiful venue. The Pando Cabins were wonderful and warm. McAllister's Grill served up three excellent meals for the soldiers and guides. The transportation to the Eagle River was comfortable, and the lodge made for a cozy destination at Camp Hale. The staff was professional and accommodating to all the attendees and the pond produced plenty of rainbow and brown trout.


Guides that made this day possible: Anthony Naranja of Team USA | Ben Metcalf, Chris Galvin, Riley Cotter, Dzyfa Glyman and Jeremy Sides of Team Caddis | Michael Drinan, Thomas Drinan, Marek Walczek, Todd Oishi and Sandro Soldarini of Team Emerger | Janet Lopez and Sandy Wright of Team Colorado | Mike Salomone of Fly Fishing Outfitters | Michael Johnson sector judge | Carl Huett and Michael Pukas returning controllers.

Monetary support provided by: Tred Barta, Vail Valley Anglers & guides, Fly Fishing Outfitters & guides Minturn Anglers & guides, Team USA & Walter Ungermann, and Nova Guides.

In Kind Donations provided by: Maui Jim - sunglasses for each soldier, George Daniel - Dynamic Nymphing signed book for each soldier, Nu Cast - red, white, & blue nippers for each soldier, Nova Guides - Thanks to the friendly Nova staff, Umpqua - hats and stickers for each soldier, Tred Barta - Best & Worst of Tred Barta signed book for each soldier.

Thank you to Blake Rubenstein and ICOSA Media for the awesome video production.

**And a huge thank you to all the anglers that competed and the supporting people that helped get them here!**

Grzegorz Golofit Slawomir Skaluba Piotr Armatys Brunon Beeger Krzysztof Mroz	Andrzej Wnękowicz Antoni Wnękowicz Jay Alpit Tim Emery Todd Kaji	Michael Drinan Thomas Drinan Marek Walczek Sandro Soldarini Todd Oishi	Gabe Wittosch Aston Boone Jon Dietz Cam Chioffi Hunter Enloe
Sean Crocker Dejon Hamann BJ Heagele Andy Koons Steve Good	Mark Hanes Sean Baker Jamie Tehonica Charlie Card David Bond	Anthony Naranja Rob Kolanda Dan Oas Josh Graffam Devin Olsen	Tyler Befus Zach Acunzo CJ Pellgrini Mason Sims Connor Murphy
Dzifa Glymin Chris Galvin Jeremy Sides Ben Metcalf Riley Cotter	Michael Yelton David Woody Jason Buffkin Mac Brown Chuck Head	Paul Bourcq Chris Lee Josh Stephens Bill Strickland Hunter Hoffler	Sandy Wright Janet Lopez Steve Parrott Cody Scott Brian Kelso
Charlie Valuck Andrew Medina Joseph Johnson Tyler Boxleitner Austin Manthey			

And to my lovely wife, **Jodi**, for doing all the volunteer coordinating, sector judge at Nottingham, rowing a boat, and for being the rock in which I lean!

*"Thank you to anyone we missed and Thank you everyone!"* John & Jodi Knight

**John Knight**

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