



Fly fishing on the Arkansas



Fly Fishing at the ranch



Stephan Zittel (to the right) teaching a client to fly fish



Hillary Hickman

Calling all fly fishermen. Now is the time to plan your trip to the ranch. The famous Arkansas River Hatches are just around the corner. Spring fishing starts with the Blue Winged Olive Hatch. Around St. Patrick's Day, the larvae begin to hatch. They often hatch when the weather is cloudy and cool. This is the first significant hatch; the trout are hungry and anxious to feed. The fishing is great!

The next hatch has made the Arkansas River famous. It is the Caddisfly Hatch. It begins in Canon City in late April when the water temperature reaches 50 degrees. There are often so many caddisflies in the air that it seems to be snowing, making breathing even difficult. The hatch then travels up the river following the warming water. During this time the Rainbow and even the Brown trout feed with abandon.

Fish the ponds and stream on the ranch and then let us reserve a guided fishing trip on the Arkansas River.



The MMR 2008 Sales Team is made up of two very busy members. Both know the ranch inside and out. They are familiar with the surrounding area including outdoor activities, schools and restaurants. Both are able to answer questions concerning the various homesteads, amenities, covenants, and anything else that comes to mind. The ranch welcomes the ongoing, successful relationship with Sotheby's.

The first contact by email or phone is from Stephan Zittel of High Mountain Sotheby's International Realty of Steamboat Springs, Colorado. He is a native and life-long Colorado resident. He earned his MBA from the University of California at Berkeley. He returned to Colorado and started a successful small package delivery business. Employing over sixty people, the company had offices throughout the front-range of Colorado. Stefan sold the company in 2000 and moved his family to Steamboat Springs. He began developing various real estate projects including a tri-plex near the Sheraton Golf Course and a single-family residence in the coveted Sanctuary subdivision. Stephan is currently building his fifth residence.

Typical of many Coloradoans, Stephan takes his recreation very seriously. He is an accomplished skier racing in the Masters events. He loves to mountain-bike fish and kayak; trying to take at least one river trip a year. He is the proud owner of three dogs who insist on daily hikes.

Stephan is the proud father of two children; Hanna, twenty and Stefan, eighteen. Hanna is a junior at the University of Colorado at Boulder majoring in political science. Stephan hopes to attend the Colorado Film School in Denver following high school graduation. They are both avid snowboarders; true to their mountain roots.

The next contact will be Hillary Hickman, a Sotheby's realtor. Her role is to assist Stephan in the sales process including showing the ranch and all of its amenities. After learning about the visitor's interests, she will plan activities and meals to insure a wonderful stay.

Hillary, herself, first visited the area sixteen years ago. Traveling from her home on the East Coast, she stopped in Salida and "never left". Hillary says that she is still amazed by the beauty of the mountains that surround her. She has been an avid horseman since childhood and enjoys showing her horse in local competitions. She has a second -degree black belt in Tae Kwan Do and instructed this discipline. Hillary volunteers with the Chaffee County Mentors and the Ark Valley Humane Society. She is currently secretary of the Chaffee County Board of Realtors. Hillary is familiar with the wide variety of special events, services, activities and schools in the area.



Pat's Outlook

Hello Everyone, and Happy Spring,

Wow, what a winter! From everything that I have heard in the valley this has been one for the record books. After a winter like this, you are definitely ready for spring. With all the snow fall the snowpack is looking great, and will give us plenty of water to irrigate with for the year. The moisture level in the ground is awesome, so as soon as it warms up some the green grass should really pop. We are already see-



The cow herd looking for some green grass

ing a little bit of green poking up through the ground, and as soon as it pops up the cows are there to find it. The cows, yearlings, and weaned calves all have come through the winter doing great. I am sure glad that we aren't fighting mother nature and trying to calve right now. Between the mud, snow, and cold, that would be a losing game. Traditionally, and many ranchers today are still calving in January, February, and March. Trying to fight mother nature, and having to spend a lot of money doing it. That is one of the things that is great here at the Ranch is that we are working with mother nature. You don't see the elk and the deer having their babies in the winter in a snow storm. Nope, they are pretty smart about it, they do it when there is green grass, and warm weather. So if that is the program that mother nature is running, why shouldn't we follow suit? I can tell you from experience, because I have done it both ways, that going with mother nature is the way to go. I seem to go through a lot less Pepto-Bismol and Roloids by calving in the late spring and early summer when mother nature says I should do it. So starting at the end of May everyone should plan a visit here to the ranch, and experience the wonder of mother nature.

Looking forward through the spring we have got a lot going on. Spring is always a busy time here on the Ranch. There are meadows to drag, ditches to clean, fences to fix, roads to

grade, rock to roll, cows to calve, grass to mow, sprinklers to turn on, clean up from the winter, well the list goes on and on. Looking at it all would seem like a pretty daunting task.

However, this winter we were able to attend an excellent course called 7 Habits of Highly Effective People. This was

an excellent class that teaches so much more than time management. I got so much more out of attending this class than I had hoped for. So back to the spring list.



The new ranch tractor in action

With the knowledge and techniques that I gained at this class, even though there are all these things to do, it will be no problem. I can plan, I can act proactively, I can understand, I can act with the team, and blowing through the spring tasks without a hitch. If ever you have the opportunity to attend this class I strongly recommend it.

Over the winter it became apparent with all the snow fall, that in order to do an adequate job of snow removal, as well as other ranch related jobs, that a new tractor may be needed. So Russ started to poke around and met up with the folks at Penrose Manufacturing. Joe and Dan were ready to deal on a new tractor and gave us a great deal on trading in the old Ford Tractor. The new tractor is a Kioti D65S. It has been a great relief to have this tractor, it is bigger and has more horsepower than the old tractor. It has made chores and snow removal a lot easier, and I don't have to do near as much mechanicing as I did before, now its back to routine maintenance.

That's about it from here. With springtime coming and everyone thinking of summer and BBQ season, spread the word about our wonderful grass finished beef. Get your orders in and encourage your friends to order.

Hope everyone has wintered well, and green grass is just around the corner.

Pat



From Twyla's Desk

With the holidays and the majority of winter behind us, your Maytag Team is looking ahead to the upcoming spring/summer season and all of the tasks that go along with this time of year. My days are filled with duties such as preparing the equine grazing chart, putting together a grazing cell development plan for the horse herd, organizing our horse program events, choosing the right chicks for egg production, putting together the plan for the garden, etc. If you have interest in any of these areas please let me know; I welcome your help and ideas. There are several events approaching that are planned for all of our owners here at the ranch. The first event is our beginner's roping clinic May 10th. This



Mary Van Wormer at last years clinic

clinic starts with the very basics of roping and progresses to more advanced skills that you might use here at the ranch to participate in the team roping or to help doctoring cattle out on the range. Another May event is the fundraising trail ride for St. Jude's Children's Hospital. This is a 2 1/2 hour trail ride here on your ranch; where Julie Goodnight will be our celebrity trail rider. I will be going out on Shooter. Which ranch horse do you want to ride for this event? Let me know!

Russ, Pat, and I had the opportunity to attend a school conducted by Ranch Management Consultants in late January. The 2 1/2 day school was on

[7 Habits of Highly Effective Ranchers \(people.\)](#) this is the material from Steven Covey's book, 7 Habits of Highly Effective Peo-

ple; with some adaptations to bring continuity with our Ranching for Profit Schooling. After completing the course, the team is dedicated to putting our new knowledge into practice. We are confident that you will notice the ranch running more efficiently over the approaching months as we practice being proactive in the future ranch business.



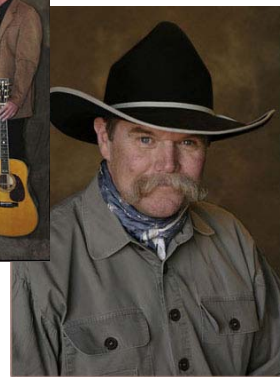
The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Ranchers (people) class. (Twyla and Pat are in the center of the rear row and Russ is second from the right end in the front row.

I also attended the National Western Stock Show and Rodeo in January. Wade and I were able to attend the Versatility Ranch Horse Competition, where I was able to watch a friend of mine place very high with her quarter horse. We also took in the Coors Western Art Show, where Karmel Timmons, one of my favorite artists, was the featured artist. While at the National Western we also attended a rodeo performance. The stock show is a great event here in CO, promoting agriculture and agribusiness. On the local scene the Jones Theater, a historical building here in Westcliffe, will be featuring local bluegrass band, Sons & Brothers

along with Waddie Mitchell, an internationally renowned cowboy poet and humorist, in March. For more information you can go on the Sons & Brothers website www.sonsandbrothersband.com. The Jones Theater brings entertainment to town on a regular basis. Until next time,



Sons and Brothers Band



Waddie Mitchell

Enjoy the ride,
Twyla



RANCH HAPPENINGS

May 10

- Beginners Roping Clinic (Cole Walker)

May 15

- Spring Planting

May 17

- St. Jude's Children's Hospital Fundraising Ride

April 1

- New Baby Chicks Arrive

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Mar 5

- Sons and Brother featuring Waddie Mitchell
 - Westcliffe, CO (Jones Theater)Visit www.jonestheater.com for full schedule

Mar 15

- St. Patrick's Day Gala and Art Auction
 - Canon City, CO

Mar 22

- Community Easter Egg Hunt
 - Westcliffe, CO

Mar 23

- Easter Sunrise Service @ the Royal Gorge Bridge
 - Canon City, CO

Late Apr to 1st of May

- Caddis Fly Hatch
 - On the Arkansas

May 2–3

- 136th Royal Gorge Rodeo
 - Canon City, CO

May 2–4

- 70th Annual Music and Blossom Festival
 - Canon City, CO

May 7

- Annual Chamber of Commerce Golf Scramble
 - Salida, CO

May 24

- Spring Into Summer & Memorial Weekend Parade
 - Westcliffe, CO

May 26

- Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast
 - Salida, CO

May 30

- Western Heritage Days
 - Canon City, CO

FEATURED LOCAL ACTIVITY



The Historic Royal Gorge Route Railroad is considered to be one of the most scenic train rides in the world and it is just around the corner from the Maytag Mountain Ranch in Canon City, CO. Imagine riding alongside the raging Arkansas River over a 24 mile route taking you through the 1,000 foot deep Royal Gorge. The scenery is simply amazing. It is not unusual to see Bald Eagles, Blue Heron, Rocky Mountain Big Horn Sheep, Mule Deer and flora; all of which are native to the gorge. There are several 2-3 hour rides available; Coach, Vista Domes (glass topped), Gourmet Lunch, Four Course Dinner, Murder Mystery, and Wine Trains. It is surely an event to remember. Check out the details at www.royalgorgeroute.com.

We would like to hear from you !

If you try out one of our featured local events we would love to hear about your experience and share it with other owners. Please email CLorenzen@maytagmountainranch.com for a survey before or after your outing.

Also, if there are activities you have heard about and would like some additional information on before you head out, please let us know. We can make some phone calls, go online or visit a site to find out more for you.