



**Ongoing Battle with Suckers**

A few years ago, we noticed white suckers in the pond by Stagestop. In addition to competing with trout for food, suckers keep the bottom of the pond stirred up and reduce water quality. For the past couple of years, we have tried to reduce their numbers by installing fish traps—wire cages with a funnel inlet that fish have difficulty getting out of. The traps work fairly well for capturing large adult suckers but do little to reduce the population of small suckers less than 6 inches. (So far no trout have been captured in the fish traps.)

After discussing the problem with the fish expert at Liley Fisheries, we have decided to try putting a few brown trout into the pond by Stagestop. The browns should help reduce the numbers of juvenile suckers and should not be a threat to the larger trout we stock.

**We need your cooperation in this effort.** Leave fish traps in the water. If you catch a sucker, please do not put it back. However, if you catch a grass carp (stocked for vegetation management), or a brown trout, please return it to the pond.

**Brown Trout Available This Year!**

Good news, brown trout fans. This year we should get brown trout for our first stocking. We will put most of them into the stream; a few will be put in the pond by Stagestop as explained in the article about suckers (at left).

**Pointers for Releasing Fish**

- When fighting a fish, try to land it quickly. Fish played to exhaustion are more likely to die when released.
- If a fish must be handled, use a landing net with rubber coated netting. If you handle a fish, and you do it with dry hands, it can cause some of the protective coating ("slime") on the fish's skin to come off. This coating is designed to protect fish from disease. Wet hands reduce this risk and can actually make it a little easier to handle your catch.
- Use needle nose pliers, hemostats, or fishhook removers to remove hooks if deep. This allows better control and limits your "hands on" contact with the fish. Try to remove the hook while the fish remains in the water. If a fish is hooked deeply in the throat or gills, cut the line as close to the hook as possible without pulling or yanking on the line.
- To take pictures, lift the fish from the net with one hand under the head and the other supporting the belly. Don't keep the fish out of the water longer than a minute. If you need more time lower the fish back into the water until the photographer is ready.
- Before releasing, hold fish under the belly facing into the current or in lakes, move it forward and backward to get water going through the gills. Take the time to fully revive the fish.

**Fish Identification Tips**

*Sucker vs. grass carp?*

Look at the mouth—suckers have a mouth pointing down; grass carp have a mouth in front.



**Sucker**  
(downward mouth)  
**DO NOT return to pond**



**Grass Carp**  
(front mouth)  
**Return to pond**

*Rainbow vs. brown trout?*



**Rainbow Trout**  
Black spots on a light body and pink stripe along sides.  
**Your call—Keep or return if not injured**



**Brown Trout**  
Black spots and red-orange spots inside light blue circles  
**Return to pond**

**Mark Your Calendar!**

JCCA Pancake Breakfast—The Saturday before each holiday  
SOA Annual Mtg June 25 — LPROA Annual Mtg Aug. 6

**Operation Game Thief**

Are you aware you can report illegal fishing or hunting activity to the Colorado Parks and Wildlife through OPERATION GAME THIEF? You can remain anonymous and may be eligible for a reward. E-mail [game.thief@state.co.us](mailto:game.thief@state.co.us) or call 1-877-265-6648.

**Thank You, Volunteers!**

Last year the TFC had several workdays and a number of you volunteered your time. In addition to getting fishing passes sent out to everyone, stocking, and patrolling, we managed to repair the road and the muskrat damage at the pond by Stagestop, treat the ever-growing weeds, and install a new aeration system. **Thank you for helping make the TFC a better club for all!!**

**Willing to help?** If you are willing to help with coordinating volunteers, checkpoint patrolling, or general work details, please call a board member or e-mail the TFC at [news@tarryallfishingclub.net](mailto:news@tarryallfishingclub.net). It can be a great way to meet fellow TFC members!



### Frequently Asked Questions

**Q. Who is entitled to use a membership card?**

**A.** Membership cards are for the use of a lot owner (whose name is on the property deed) and a spouse or one other adult owner (whose name is on the property deed) – a maximum of two adults per lot.

**Q. What if there are more than 2 adult owners of a lot?**

**A.** When there are multiple owners of a single lot and more than two owners want to fish, the group of owners must decide who the two membership cards are assigned to for the year. All others must use guest passes.

**Q. Do you sell additional membership cards?**

**A.** No. Each lot is entitled to a maximum of 2 adult memberships and may purchase unlimited guest passes. A member card allows a person to fish every day from about mid-May until mid-October—about 150 days. At \$8 per day, a \$1200 value. Guest passes are a good deal.

**Q. May children of an owner fish?**

**A.** Children of lot owner who are over the age of 21 must use a guest pass. If a lot owner has dependent children (under age 21) who want to fish alone, contact the TFC to get a child membership card.

**Q. At what age must a child guest use a guest pass?**

**A.** Children, age 16 or under, who are guests, do not need a guest pass but must be in the company of an adult with a membership card or guest pass. Any guest over age 16 will need to use a guest pass.

**Q. Am I required to have a Colorado fishing license?**

**A.** Yes, anyone over 16 years of age who fishes in the ponds or the stream lease is required to have a Colorado fishing license.

**Q. Can my guests purchase additional guest passes?**

**A.** No. Additional Guest Passes and Vehicle Hang Tags may be purchased only by TFC members (lot owners) in good standing.

**Q. Do my unused guest passes expire?**

**A.** No. Guest passes do not expire. Unused passes from previous years may be used.

**Q. Does a vehicle hang tag entitle me to fish?**

**A.** No. A hang tag does not substitute for a membership card or a guest pass. Your hang tag is to be used in your vehicle while parked near the area you are fishing. It helps the TFC patrol and Park County Sheriff deputies identify cars that are entitled to be in a parking area.

**Q. Where do I fish?**

**A.** Tarryall Creek from above the Stagestop firehouse down to State land is our private stream lease. We also have use of 3 water augmentation ponds. LPROA's pond is located just off Stagestop Road (one place you can access Tarryall Creek too). SOA's 2 ponds are located in Lost Park Ranch. From CR77, take Al Gulch to Willow Way & turn left at firehouse; turn right onto Copenhaver and follow it downhill to the ponds. See parking and access info at right.

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### Need More Guest Passes or Hangtags?

TFC members may order additional guest passes or hangtags from the TFC website.

Use the “Guest Passes” link at the top of the page.  
1-day guest pass—\$8 • Vehicle hangtag—\$5

### 2016 Fish Stocking & “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 the transport.

The TFC website, [www.tarryallfishingclub.net](http://www.tarryallfishingclub.net) will list stocking dates as soon as known. Fish Stocking is done on a weekday as near the middle of the month as can be arranged. First stocking is planned for mid-May.

### Patrolling for the TFC

Park County Sheriff Deputies have patrolled for us in the past, but due to increasing demands on their time, it is harder to find deputies available for extra shifts. This year, the TFC will set up some patrol checkpoints and individual patrol efforts. We could use your help. Sign up at the annual meeting or contact the board.

As always, members are encouraged to self-patrol—check passes of other members and their guests while out fishing. Be courteous and report any violations to the TFC for follow-up.

### TFC Parking and Access Points

TFC has specific access points for getting on and off the river. The TFC home page ([tarryallfishingclub.net](http://tarryallfishingclub.net)) has a [map link](#) and written directions and there are some pictures in the [2012 Newsletter](#). For more detail contact a board member. Note: Place your TFC hang tag in your vehicle so it's not red-tagged by Park County.

