Bob Castner’s Bio (to the best of his recollection)

Bob started fly fishing in 1973, after purchasing his first fly rod from the Target store he interned with while in college. He spent five years of his high school and college summers working in Oregon, a far better location to practice his newfound hobby in rather than Iowa, where he went to school. He had good friends and a few old mentors that helped him acquire a lasting taste for this great sport.

Bob moved to Ketchum, Idaho in the fall of 1975, destined to be a ski bum by winter and a fly fishing enthusiast by summer. He bought his first vise, a Thompson B, the following summer from Dick Alf’s Fly Shop in Ketchum taking his first instructions from Mr. Alf himself. He had the pleasure of fishing and tying with good friends and the fortune of getting to know a few of the old timers he learned a lot from.

Bob moved to Colorado in the spring of 1981. Then moved up to Breckenridge that Fall where he fished, back country skied, met his partner and had their daughter, and ran his construction company.

Bob and family later moved to Ft Collins in 1987, working hard to establish himself in a weak construction market. They started a kitchen and bath business in 1989, working together until they sold the business in 2005. Bob then went to work as a cabinet manufacturer’s rep. While on the road, he developed a taste for fly fishing warm water lakes in Nebraska and Kansas.

He looks forward to spending more time learning and sharing his passion for the art of fly tying and fishing. Remember, “Rivers and the inhabitants of the watery elements are made for wise men to contemplate and for fools to pass by without consideration” Isaac Walton.