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Monthly Newsletter

West Denver Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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The President's Message

Fall is here, and winter isn't far away. As usual, I didn't fish as much as I wanted to this summer. Between family duties, weather, runoff, I just didn't get out that often. I still plan a few more outings. I want to fish Clear Creek more, the Colorado, and I want to fish Brown's Canyon before the snows fall. I hope everyone got out more than I did.

Our November meeting will be on Friday, the 7th, instead of Wednesday, the 5th. Our speaker will be Landon Mayer, and he will be introducing his new book, entitled "Tips Outside the Guide's Box". It should be a great night. Several members will be preparing chili and corn bread. We will also have beer, compliments of Upslope Brewery, and wine thanks to Rob at Clear Creek Outdoors shop in Idaho Springs. There will be a silent auction for which I'm still looking for donations. You can bring your items to the meeting, or give me a call. Admission will be free, but we are asking for a donation. We can't charge for alcohol but, to drink that night, you will have to buy a WDTU glass for \$10 which will allow you 2 drinks. In the past, I've had several people ask me about WDTU Tee Shirts. We will be selling shirts at the November meeting. Doors will open at 5:30 PM, and we will start serving chili and corn bread at 6 PM. Landon is scheduled to start at 7 PM. Again, this is shaping up to be an event not to miss.

The upcoming speaker for December will be Jim Cox from the Western Rivers Conservancy. Besides telling us what Western Rivers is up to, he will give a presentation about smallmouth bass fishing on the John Day River in Oregon. The January meeting will feature Pat Dorsey. This January meeting will be held upstairs in the theater. We are planning to do something special for this meeting as well. You'll see details later.

In mid-November, I will be taking my annual fishing trip to Florida. We will be fishing the Indian River area. So, let it snow, let it snow---just not in Florida.

Tim Toohey

Wanted (still): Newsletter Editor

In last month's issue of this newsletter, I indicated that I thought it was time that I step down as editor of the **Anglers' Edge** and turn it over to someone else who might be able to inject some new ideas and energy into the publication. I've been at it for about 8 years, and I thought I was getting stale. And, I knew that I was getting tired of doing the newsletter. I want to do other things in my life. My wife and I want to do some more traveling, and I want to return to doing freelance writing for the **Colorado Outdoors** magazine (the editor of that publication has been chewing on my pant leg to write more articles, but I haven't had time). I've already weaned myself away from editor responsibilities for another newsletter and, obviously, I'm trying to do the same for **Anglers' Edge**. If you believe you may be interested in this position and/or know of someone whom you feel would be a good candidate, let me know. You may reach me at either 303-830-1609 or at weimerj@earthlink.net.

Jon

New Publication Cycle for the ANGLERS' EDGE

As indicated earlier, I'm trying to find someone to replace me as editor of this newsletter. However, assuming that I'm still the editor next calendar year, I'm going to cut back on the publishing cycle. Thus, in lieu of a monthly issue of the **Angler's Edge** being published, the newsletter will be coming out on a bi-monthly basis (i.e., every two months). So, after the December issue in 2014, subscribers can expect the next issue to be in February, 2015—then April—then, June, etc. This new publishing cycle will take the burden off me a little bit. Please note that, to my knowledge, there is no other chapter along the Front Range that comes out with a monthly issue of its respective newsletter. Some chapters come out with a bi-monthly issue, others with a quarterly issue.

Jon

November Chapter Meeting—Landon Mayer and a Chili Fest

As seen in the poster that appears on this page, November 7th will be a special event. Our guest speaker will be Landon Mayer. And, plenty of chili, cornbread, beer, and wine will be available. The chili will be free (although you can contribute a donation if you wish). Landon is basically a big-fish hunter, and has explored every corner of Colorado looking for big fish, beautiful waters, and burgeoning hatches. As a fishing guide in Colorado Springs, he has guided on the South Platte for close to 15 years. He's a contributing writer to **High Country Angler** and **Fly Fisherman**. He has also been featured in major publications such as **American Angler**, **Field and Stream**, and **Fly Rod and Reel** magazines. On November 7th (remember, a Friday instead of Wednesday that month), Landon will be discussing his new book entitled "Inside Tips Outside the Guide's Box" which, apparently will be divulging secrets of guides not generally known to the general public. Hope to see you there.

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Want a Fishing Buddy?

If you want to find a Fishing Buddy, or volunteer to be one if asked, contact Gil Hassinger by reaching him at <gh9172@comcast.net> or (303-980-5616).

WDTU General Calendar

2014 - November

- 7 Annual Special Event-AMC, 5:30 PM
Speaker: Landon Mayer
- 10 Board Meeting 7:00 PM, 300 HH, CSM*

2014 - December

- 3 Tying Corner/Welcome 6:30 PM
Chapter Meeting-AMC
Speaker: Jim Cox, West. Rivers Conserv.
- 8 Board Meeting 7:00 PM, 300 HH, CSM*

2015 - January

- 7 Tying Corner/Welcome 6:30 PM
Chapter Meeting-AMC
Speaker: Pat Dorsey, Blue Quill
- 9-11 Fly Fishing Show-Denver Merch. Mart
- 12 Board Meeting 7:00 PM, 300 HH, CSM*
- 17 CTU Board Meeting
- 22-25 ISE-Denver Convention Center

Note! *Our board meetings are held in Room 300 (Williams Room) in Hill Hall on the Colorado School of Mines Campus.

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WDTU Member of the Month---Ric Tarr

As most of you know, I occasionally feature principal members of our Chapter---members who have made a significant contribution to our organization. In this issue, I'm highlighting Ric Tarr (he was supposed to have provided me a photo of himself, but I got some nonsense from him about breaking the camera).

Ric is a Southern California guy (Pasadena). After obtaining his PhD in Political Science from the University of Southern California, he served on the Congressional staff in Washington D.C. He taught at the University of Wisconsin, and ended his career teaching at Metropolitan State in Denver, winding up as a Professor in the Political Science Department. His wife, Carol, is also an academic, currently teaching graduate school cello pedagogy at the University of Denver's Lamont School of Music. He has two sons, both Feldenkrais practitioners.

During his 12 years as a member of West Denver, Ric has participated in practically every fund-raising and humanitarian event/activity there is. As a Board member, he has served as Legislative Liaison, Secretary and, most recently, as Education Director, overseeing both our Graduate Student Scholarship Program and the fly fishing activities at Jefferson County's Outdoor Laboratory at Windy Peak. For his sterling performances in all of these activities, he has received WDTU's In-Chapter Award and, most recently, the Volunteer of the Year Award from Colorado Trout Unlimited.

Ric is a man for all seasons. In addition to fly fishing, Ric engages in kayaking, wood working (he recently made his own kayak out of 3-ply wood and fiberglass), photography, and stringed instrument repair. He's also a licensed airplane pilot. Ric is a good guy, a gentle soul. And, I consider myself fortunate to count him as one of my friends.

Photos for Our Website

We are in the process of redesigning our website. One of the features that we are really excited about involves the use of photos from our membership as background to the pages. To that end, we would like to begin asking our members to send in theme-specific photos. This month we are asking for pictures that show a parent and child or grandparent and grandchild taking part in some fly fishing activity.

Please send your high-quality digital photos to:
Wdtu.email@gmail.com. Thanks.

Dan Sullivan

A Note About Email Address Changes

A number of you have changed email addresses without telling us. Thus, you, or friends of yours, may no longer be receiving the Electronic Anglers' Edge. PLEASE notify at least one of us whenever you change either your email address, snail mail address and/or telephone number so that we can communicate with you quickly and efficiently. Thank you.

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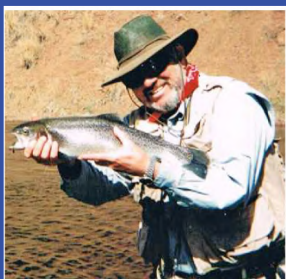
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WDTU Shirt Logo

Jackie Edwards has made arrangements with a vendor to have an official WDTU logo imprinted on your shirt for just \$5. This program was initiated several years ago and has gained popularity. You simply need to bring your shirt to the November Chapter meeting, and give it to Jackie. She will take care of the rest.



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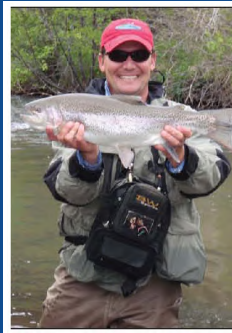
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Volunteers Needed for River Watch

The River Watch program, under the auspices of the Division of Parks and Wildlife, is designed to monitor the water quality of various watersheds in the State. WDTU participates in this program on a stretch of Clear Creek in the Golden area. Gil Hassinger (303-980-5616) leads the WDTU effort, which generally occurs on the 4th Saturday of every month. Give Gil a call if you're interested. Participation in this program affords you not only an interesting, but also an educational experience.

Facebook

In addition to having a Facebook group (WDTU Fishing Trips), we now have a Chapter Facebook page. To find it, open up a Facebook page and search for "West Denver Trout Unlimited". So far, we have added events for Joseph's Journey, the Bowling Night, the monthly Chapter meeting and the Chapter Picnic. We think that this will be an easy way for all to see what is coming up and to sign up to attend or take part in the event.

Since this is still in its infancy, there isn't too much content yet, but we hope to make this page a way of keeping in touch and, hopefully, keeping members involved in Chapter activities. Suggestions for improvement of the page are gratefully welcomed. Please take a moment to look over the page and let us know what you think.

Dan Sullivan

WDTU Email Service

Our Chapter has been using an email service to distribute our newsletters and other communications for about a year. Recently, we began using a service called Salsa, which is provided free of charge to the Chapter by Colorado Trout Unlimited. At the bottom of every one of our communications is a link labeled "unsubscribe" that you can use if you wish to be removed from the mailing list. The problem is that we cannot discriminate between the types of emails you wish to be excluded from. That is, we do not have the mechanism to allow you to continue getting the newsletters, for example, but not other types of emails. So, if you unsubscribe from **any** of the emails, you will be taken off the mailing list for **all** emails from WDTU.

Dan Sullivan

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Some WDTU members have inquired whether or not they can submit unsolicited donations to the Chapter. The answer is "Yes". If you wish to donate money, checks should be made payable to West Denver Chapter of Trout Unlimited, and then either mailed to our Treasurer Judy Jones (837 Meadow Run Golden, CO 80403), or presented to her at a Chapter meeting. If you wish to donate fishing-related merchandise (for example, rods, reels, flies, etc.), contact Tim Toohey at (303) 423-8636 or <Tim2e@comcast.net>.

Our Chapter is tax exempt under code 501(c)3. Therefore, all contributions are deductible on your Federal tax returns. If you so desire, you can designate your monetary donation be applied to a specific project or purpose, as well as setting up a matching donation program. If you want additional information about WDTU's projects and/or want to discuss your intent for a donation, you may contact me (Jon Weimer) at either 303-830-1609 or weimerj@earthlink.net.

The Payoff from our Scholarship Program

As a trout fishery, Lake Dillon has never lived up to its potential. But, a research team based at Colorado State University (CSU) is exploring ways to change that. Our Chapter is playing a small part in this effort by providing a \$2,000 scholarship to a member of that team, Devin Olsen.

Starting in 1999, the Chapter has awarded annually, upon the recommendation of the faculty, \$2,000 scholarships to selected CSU graduate students studying fishery biology. Devin is working toward a Master of Science degree in CSU's Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Fishery Biology. At our Chapter meeting of February 6th last year, Devin explained the complex ecology of Lake Dillon, along with describing his technique for fishing the lake.

A recent Denver Post article by Scott Willoughby reported on the CSU Dillon research project. Over 20 years ago, Mysis shrimp were introduced as a food source for trout, especially the Arctic Char. But, following the law of unintended consequences, the tiny shrimp multiplied by the billions---enough to deplete other sources of trout food, keeping the char from thriving. The CSU research team, with Devin as a principal member, is trying to discover how to get the food chain in balance and, hopefully, to create the only Arctic Char fishery in the western United States. Stay tuned.

Ric Tarr, Education Director

Greenback Trout Restoration Projects

The status or lineage of the "greenback" has been turned upside down in light of results from the new genetic and meristic research that has been conducted. However, there are some upcoming prospective projects for greenback restoration that will be of interest to West Denver members: Dry Gulch and Herman Gulch in the Clear Creek headwaters are two potential small population sites (about 2-2.5 miles each). It's possible that at least one of these streams will be subject to greenback restoration this year. Regardless, restoration at each project site will require coordination among the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Forest Service, the Colorado Department of Transportation and, possibly, the Loveland Ski Area. Keep tuned



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November 7, 2014: American Mountaineering Center
5:30 - 7:00 PM: Welcoming & Chili Supper
7:00 - 8:45 PM: Speaker: Landon Mayer,

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