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Monthly Newsletter

West Denver Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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The President's Message

I'm writing this column the first week in March. The weather has just broken from the 2 weeks of cold and snow. We've actually have had 2 days in the 50s. Next week, it is supposed to be in the 50s and 60s. A friend just emailed me with a link to an Ark Anglers' post about how the Arkansas River is warming up near Salida. I'm thinking it is about time to do a mid-week trip to Salida.

I would like to thank all of the WDTU members who volunteered for the Fly Tying Clinic in mid-February. I want to give Fred Portillo a special thanks for overseeing the Clinic for another year. The CTU Gala will be over by the time you read this. Our member volunteers do a lot to help set up that event, so I want to thank them as well.

What all of this means is that Spring is just around the corner. I am looking forward to getting out and doing a lot of fishing this year. So far, I've set up trips to the South Fork of the Snake River in Idaho, a week in Yellowstone Park, and a couple of days in South Dakota. Let the fishing begin!

April's program at our Chapter meeting features Aaron Kindle who is National Trout Unlimited's Field Coordinator in Colorado. Aaron will be talking about imminent gas and oil exploration in the South Park. Everyone who fishes, hunts, camps, or just drives through South Park needs to attend. At the April meeting, we will not have the traditional guest fly tier; instead, we'll have Daniel Galhardo, owner of Tenkara, USA. Daniel will have some of his rods and, hopefully, the weather will cooperate so that he can demonstrate these rods outside.

The May meeting will feature Steve Schweitzer and Mike Kruse. Steve has tied for WDTU at the Fly Tying Clinic and was a guest speaker at one of our meetings several years ago. Steve is the author of a book called "A Fly Fishing Guide to Rocky Mountain National Park". Mike is the owner of the Laughing Grizzly fly shop in Longmont. Together, Steve and Mike have written the book "Fly Fishing Guide to Colorado's Indian Peak Wilderness Area", a book they'll discuss in detail at our May meeting.

Again, as a reminder, our Chapter meets at the American Mountaineering Club in Golden---across the street from the Mountain Toad Brewery.

Tim Toohey

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).

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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Chapter Trips

There are a number of prospective Chapter trips coming up this calendar year. What follows are synopses of these trips, with appropriate contact information. If you are interested in any of these trips and/or want more information, call the listed contact:

Float Trip on the John Day River---If you attended the presentation at the December Chapter meeting, featuring a talk on the John Day River located in north-central Oregon, you may now desire to float-fish it for smallmouth bass. If so, contact me. Fish from a 14.5 foot commercial-grade river raft. Prior rowing experience is a plus, but you can learn quickly as this is a Class I river (only one minor rapid, and I will row through that). I have floated the John Day twice and can honestly say if you don't catch 100 bass per day per person, you just aren't fishing. The 70 mile plus float takes 5 days, plus 1 ½ days up and 1 ½ days back. I'm leaving Denver around the 3rd week in June. I am neither a guide nor an outfitter. I will be paying my fair share of expenses like everyone else. The only benefit I get from these trips is new fishing companions. If you are interested, drop me an email at kfishman6789@gmail.com or call me at 720-216-3742. *Kent Fishman*

Weekly Local Fishing Trips—This is just a heads up to let the Chapter know that I will be going on weekly fishing/hiking trips this summer. They will be primarily day trips mid-week to Front Range locations. A couple examples of such trips are South Boulder Creek on Walker Ranch and Lost Lake in the Indian Peaks Wilderness. I will post date, time, destination, and a brief description of the trip on the WDTU Facebook Page the weekend before the trip. If there is interest in joining me on any of these trips, contact me at mkg_4478@live.com. *Keith Greenwell*

Green River—The Chapter is promoting a trip to the Green River in Utah on May 2-6. This is a Saturday through Wednesday trip. Carpooling is recommended to share expenses and limit the number of vehicles needing parking at the resort. I typically leave at 6 AM on Saturday and we arrive about 2 PM, and fish either the A or B Sections before checking in at the resort. We leave by 8 AM on Wednesday. You can get your fishing license on-line at the Utah state website. I have reserved 3 condos which each sleep 4 people pretty comfortably. The price per person is \$203.41, plus tax. Each condo has one bedroom with a queen bed and a twin bed. It also has a queen-size sleeper couch in the main room and a twin-size rollaway cot. There is a fully equipped kitchen and a full bath. The rooms have satellite TV and internet service. There are also several campgrounds in the area.---one on the grounds of the resort, one on the service road leading to the B Section launch area, and one behind the Fly Shop in Dutch John. We typically prepare our own breakfast (either for yourself, or jointly) and lunch, and then have dinner at the restaurant. The resort has a full-service

fly shop, and you can reserve a guided float trip there or rent a drift boat or raft. We typically bring our own pontoon boats and wade the river on foot as well. Pontoon boats can be rented by the day at the Fly Shop in Dutch John, which is just north of the Flaming Gorge Dam. You can get more information (including fishing reports) at flaminggorgeresort.com or look on-line for the Dutch John area businesses. To reserve a spot, contact me at 720-209-8732 or cpfred@aol.com. A \$100 deposit is required by April 10th to hold your spot. *Fred Portillo*

Upper Piney---My son, Sammy, and I plan to take up to six people to Upper Piney on July 4th. Close to the day of the trip, once we get the people confirmed, we can sort out more details such as directions. It takes about two hours to get there. It is suggested that we drive up early. It would probably be good for all of us to head back by mid-to-late afternoon so we are home around suppertime or in time to go somewhere to see some fireworks. We realize that the 4th may not work for many people, but we've found that's a good day to go to the Upper Piney in that most people are doing other things. If you want to get an idea about how well the Upper Piney fishes, here's a link to a video we made on July 4th, 2013 that illustrates that anglers can catch lots of brookies and the occasional brown and cutthroat—<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uGm-F2AiJRQ>. *Gary Hoag (303-888-6052); Sammy Hoag (720-443-7576)*

Grey Reef—For several years, John Vialpando has led Chapter trips up to the Grey Reef (North Platte), located a little west of Casper, Wyoming. These have traditionally been successful excursions. Once John gets a feel for how many people are interested in taking this trip, he will make reservations for cabins at the Inn at Alcova complex. Look at their website at www.sloanesinalcova.com/lodging.htm to examine the accommodations and pricing structure. Each cabin can accommodate up to 4 people. There is plenty of wading access so you don't have to worry about obtaining a boat, although you can rent a drift boat from the general store if you wish (it's best to call ahead). Contact John at either jvialpando@gmail.com or 303-903-8801 to express your interest and/or obtain more information.

So, there you have it—a full slate of Chapter fishing trips led by Chapter members to ponder. I hope you can take advantage of at least one of these.

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 April Chapter meeting, and give it to Jackie. She will take care of the rest.

Member of the Month----Ed Calmus

As I hope most of you know, we now have a spanking-new website—a state of the art venue of which we're extremely proud. Member Mark Campanelli was hugely instrumental in getting this new website developed and off the ground. Unfortunately, he had to bow out overseeing the upkeep of the website because of increasing job responsibilities. He graciously agreed to stay on until we found someone to replace him. And, we were fortunate to find that "someone" in the form of Ed Calmus.



Ed grew up in Pittsburgh, received an undergraduate degree in mechanical engineering, and moved to Denver in 1973. He has lived in Denver since then, except

for a 6-year stint in Laramie, Wyoming, where he achieved a Masters' degree in Business Administration. Ed spent his career in higher education, completing 21 years at the University of Denver as the Director of Business Services. He retired in 2007.

Ed spends his time with family, volunteering, and hobbies. He is currently Chairman of the University of Denver Retiree Association and Treasurer and Property Manager of the Scattered Pine Condominiums in Frisco. His hobbies include fly fishing, fly tying, home remodeling, skiing, biking, car repairs, and reading. He has been a member of West Denver for over 25 years, and he says he is happy to give back as webmaster. And, we're certainly happy he volunteered to take over this very crucial position.

GOMO Grant and River Watch

Every year, Colorado Trout Unlimited gives out Leo Gomolchuk Conservation (GOMO) Grants to deserving projects in Colorado. These are relatively small grants of \$1,000 or less. Our Chapter applied for, and was awarded, \$1,000 to purchase testing equipment to help in our River Watch program.

West Denver recently signed a contract with the U.S. Forest Service to do stream testing on three streams in the State: Iron Springs, Chalk Creek, and Tomichi Creek. We will be sampling these streams for the next 5 years. Our volunteers will conduct macro invertebrate sampling. The program will likely expand to other sampling areas. This program is in addition to the sampling West Denver has been doing on Clear Creek for years.

This U. S. Forest Service program is designed "to determine stream health and provide a baseline to determine effectiveness of future clean up actions". If anyone wants to volunteer for River Watch, please contact Gil Hassinger at gh9172@comcast.net or 303-980-9522.

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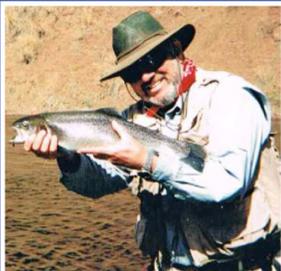
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Trout and Pike

I had the good fortune to be hired to improve river function and trout habitat on a reach of the Middle Fork, South Platte River, known as Santa Maria Ranch, north of Hartsel, Colorado. From a trout standpoint, the reach suffered a number of problems which I recorded in the design plan as follows:

- Poor depth at low flow
- Extreme water temperature fluctuations
- Lack of in-stream cover
- Lack of spawning habitat
- Lack of rearing habitat
- Excessive sediment deposition

The first photo shows the general stream condition prior to restoration work. Note the wide and shallow channel. The



second photo depicts the completed project, featuring a narrower and deeper channel. Bank erosion was under control. In-stream rock and log structures improved trout habitat. This second photo shows a rock and vane in a narrower and more stable channel.



A 26-inch rainbow took a bead-head hares ear in the foam line below this log.

During the stream project work, the rancher and I talked about the history of Santa Maria Ranch. It came to my attention that Zebulon Pike's 1806 expedition had camped on the property that is now Santa Maria Ranch. This fact got my interest and prompted some further study. In December, 2006, the rancher hosted a party to celebrate the 200th anniversary of Captain Pike's "visit" to the ranch. In attendance, and presenting a first-person account of the visit, was Monty Pike, the Captain's descendant. Monty stood before us in full 1806 military uniform and pointed to a bluff where his ancestor had overlooked the valley. The attached photo shows the Middle Fork and the bluff that is believed to be the one climbed by Captain Pike and a Doctor Robinson

The rest of this article provides some detail on Captain



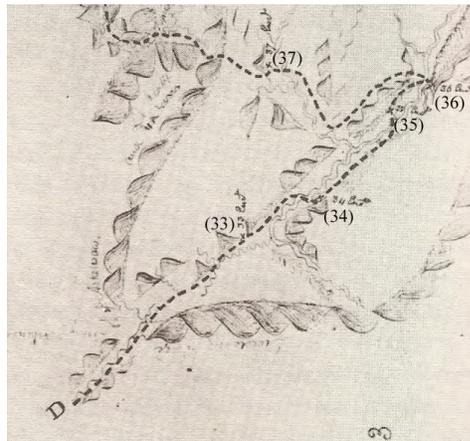
Pike's travels on and in the vicinity of Santa Maria Ranch (so, did you think this article was

written about the interaction between trout and northern pike?). On December 16, 1806, Zebulon Pike wrote the following entry in his journal:

"Marched up the river about two miles and killed a buffalo. When finding no road up the stream, we halted and dispatched parties different courses: the doctor and myself ascending high enough to enable me to lay down the course of the river into the mountains. From a high ridge we reconnoitered the adjacent country, and concluded putting the Spanish trace out of the question, and to bear our course southwest, for the head of Red river. One of our party found a large camp, which had been occupied by at least 3000 Indians, with a large cross in the middle. Quere. Are those people Catholics?"

The change in direction noted by Captain Pike is significant. Pike had been searching for the head of the Red River. Earlier in the expedition, he had followed the tracks of the Melgares expedition which had preceded him by a few weeks. He hoped to overtake Melgares to ask directions. He left that "Spanish trace" back on the Arkansas River below the Royal Gorge... and here, on December 16th, he wrote that he has given up going further north to find the trace again. He instead turns west to find the source of the Red River.

The enclosed chart is one drawn by Captain Pike. The location of the high ridge depicted in the immediately preceding photo is the point on the dotted line where the travel route changed direction from northward to westward.

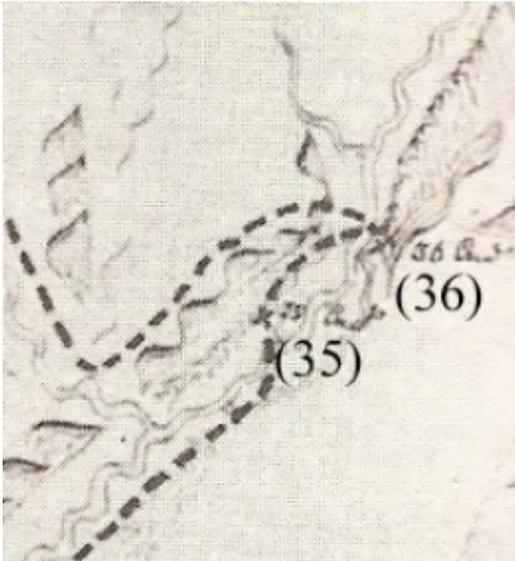


The location of "D" is the confluence of Fourmile Creek and the Arkansas River in present day Canon City. Captain Pike followed the creek upstream instead of the route through the Royal Gorge. The

location of "33 Encamt" is probably on High Creek. The "34 Encamt" mark is on the Middle Fork of the South Platte. Upstream of that camp can be seen the confluence of the Middle Fork and the South Fork near Hartsel.

The "35 Encamt" and "36 Encamt" markers are likely located on the Santa Maria Ranch. At "36 Encamt", Captain Pike made a command decision to change direction. His route then crossed the ridge to the west and continued southwest, along the route that is now Highway 9 to the intersection with Highway 24. He then followed the South Fork of the South Platte west and camped at the location marked "37 Encamt". This would be in the vicinity of the Salt Works Ranch. From there, he followed a tributary creek up to Trout Creek Pass along what would have been a well-marked trade road. The last point shown on this chart is an "x" on the bank of the Arkansas River near present-day Johnson Village. Here, he thought he had found the Red River

The following enlargement of his chart shows two notations: "35 Encamt" and "36 Encamt". Both of these Pike expedition campsites are likely located on the property that is now the Santa Maria Ranch. The site of the "36 Encamt" is at the base of the high point climbed by Captain Pike and Doctor Robinson. You are right if you imagine that I "saw"



them up there as I worked on the river below this bluff.

Fishing can be good on the Santa Maria Ranch, but not consistently good. Like any river, timing is everything. Some of the largest

rainbows and browns I have caught in Colorado came from there. Park County Tourism provides good low-cost public access on Santa Maria Ranch. See www.southparktrout.com for details. Rocky Mountain Anglers also provides access for members on some days of the week.

Ric Dornfeld, Conservation Director

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor, ANGLERS' EDGE

I just wanted to thank Rick Dornfeld for his informative and entertaining articles. I enjoy being educated on the processes of restoration/repair of our cold-water fisheries. In addition, his articles, which give us an historical view of the region and an update on the present ownership of a stretch of water, are entertaining.

Thank you, Rick, for sharing your activities and knowledge.

Linda Miyamoto

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April Chapter Meeting Guest Speaker--- Aaron Kindle

Our guest speaker for our April 1 Chapter meeting is Aaron Kindle. Aaron is employed by National Trout Unlimited (NTU), but works out of the Colorado office. He's designated as the Colorado Field Coordinator of TU's Sportsmen's Conservation Project, which means he has a myriad of duties. But, right now, he's concentrating on an issue dear to our heart—gas and oil development in South Park. It appears inevitable that there will be gas and oil exploration in South Park. However, Aaron has helped form a coalition of individuals and groups that has come up with a master leasing plan that will incorporate input from the public. You'll want to attend this meeting, and provide your own input.

Guest Fly Tier

As Tim said in his President's Message column, we're not going to have the traditional guest tier this month. Instead, we will have a Tenkara rod demonstration from Daniel Galhardo, from Tenkara USA in Boulder. Frankly, the Tenkara rod method has never appealed to me, but it apparently does to a lot of anglers, so it should be an interesting night. Arrive early (about 6:30 PM) to see the demonstration.

Beginning Fly Fishing Class for Women

On April 25th, at Lake Lehow, West Denver will be conducting a beginning fly fishing class for women. Although introductory remarks will be made about rods, reels, line, tippets, and the different types of flies (i.e., dry, nymph, streamer), the primary focus of the class will be on casting. After the general principles of casting are explained, the women will be taken down to the lake to hone their new-found skills. Lake Lehow, which is run under the auspices of the Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife and the Denver Water Board, is stocked, so the odds are favorable that the ladies will have some success. We're going to try to limit the size of the class to no more than 10 people. There is no charge for the class and no fishing license is required. So, if you have a daughter, sister, mother and/or significant other that you think you may be interested in the class, have them call me (Jon Weimer) at 303-830-1609. Prior to the class, students will receive an email detailing time, directions to the site, and suggestions what to bring with them. The instructors for the class will be Gil Hassinger, Bob Tauer, and me.

WDTU General Calendar

2015 - April

- 1 Tenkara Demo/Welcome 6:30 PM
Chapter Meeting-AMC
Speaker: Aaron Kindle, TU
- 11-12 Fishing Rendezvous-Holiday Inn
- 13 Board Meeting 7:00 PM, 300 HH, CSM*
- 17-19 CTU Spring Rendezvous-Redstone Inn
- 25 Beginning FF Class for Women-Lake Lehow

2015 - May

- 6 Tying Corner/Welcome 6:30 PM
Chapter Meeting-AMC
**Speaker: Steve Schweitzer/Mike Kruike
Fantasy Raffle Drawing**
- 11 Board Meeting 7:00 PM, 300 HH, CSM*
- 16 Arkansas River Cleanup
- 15-17 Golden Games

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

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, given that I'm still the editor this 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). The first issue in 2015 was the February issue. 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

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Call Jon Weimer at 303-830-1609 for more information

Group it Up!

Eons ago, I graduated from high school at 17 years of age. I could have gone to college then---my high school grades were good (National Honor Society) as were my college entrance test scores. In fact, as I recall, I had received a half-tuition scholarship to any State-supported college/university in Colorado. However, neither my father nor I felt I was mature enough to head off to college. So, I joined the Navy. After all, I had seen all the Frank Sinatra-Gene Kelly movies and knew what a great time sailors had---traveling the world, having a girl in every port, etc. Well, I went to boot camp in San Diego, to some special school in some God-forsaken town in Maryland, and then sent down to Washington D.C. to work at the U.S. Naval Security Station. I never went abroad. In fact, I never went on a ship because back in those days it was feared that if we “Navy Security types” were captured on the high seas by an enemy, we would be forced to cough up valuable secrets (yeah, right).

So, I was stuck in an office. Although I was dealing with top secret stuff, I was bored to death. To stave off boredom, I decided to join the local Naval District Command’s boxing team (I had boxed for several youth clubs while growing up in both Denver and Colorado Springs). Our coach and trainer was a grizzled old boatswain mate called Swenson. I can’t remember if that was his first or last name but, of course, we called him Swen. He was a nice guy, although a little rough around the edges and not the most articulate fellow on earth. He was just full of homilies and aphorisms, most of which no one understood. One of his favorite sayings was.... “Group It Up!” You’d be sitting on a stool between rounds as he patched you up; then, he would give you a pat on the butt, say “Group it Up” and send you off. I would nod enthusiastically, jump off the stool to meet my opponent, not really knowing what Swen had just said. And, I was too embarrassed to ask him what he meant. When I asked my teammates what Swen meant, I got about as many interpretations as we had team members (I think there were about 13-14 of us at the time). In other words, I don’t think they really knew what Swen was trying to say either.

Swen, I’m sure, is long gone. I was only on the team for about a year. Unlike my teammates whose sole job appeared to be boxing for the Navy, I had a “real” job, and had difficulty finding time to train and box, so I quit. And, I lost contact with my teammates long ago. But, occasionally, I pause and reflect on my halcyon days of youth and my association with Swen. About a decade ago, I had an epiphany and thought I knew what Swen was trying to convey with his “Group it Up” instruction. Swen was big on team and mutual support. I remember he would occasionally take some of us out for a few beers and, after a few brews, would rattle on about how important it was for us to support each other--even if a member wasn’t scheduled to box on a particular night, Swen wanted that guy there to support those members who were boxing. According

to Swen, individual accomplishments were important only if they benefited the team (i.e., group). So, I think Swen’s “Group it Up” overture was a variation of the “one for all, all for one” motto you sometimes hear. I’m not sure how much all of this sank in with the guys since we were occupied in guzzling as much beer as we could on his tab.

The point of this long-winded tale relates to our Chapter’s need to incorporate more volunteers into our activities. Hey, people, West Denver represents a great group! Among the 24 chapters within the State, we’re the most accomplished in terms of honors and awards received, and in terms of number of events and activities we oversee. But, in order to maintain this high standard, we need more volunteers, more people to step up and help out the group. I’m fully aware of the fact that some of you have job and family responsibilities that may curtail the amount of time you can spend with us---but, just 4-5 hours a calendar year would be invaluable.

We have something for everyone---for example, working with youth (Windy Peak Outdoor Laboratory, Brady High School); conservation/restoration projects (Clear Creek cleanup, River Watch, imminent contractual work with the U.S. Forest Service to help restore cutthroat trout); humanitarian activities (Joseph’s Journey, Easter Seal Camp); and teaching (Fly Tying Clinic’s Beginner’s Fly Tying Table; Orvis-TU fly fishing classes; beginning fly fishing class for women). And, as I’ve said many times before, fund raising is a necessary evil in order to fund our youth, conservation, and humanitarian efforts and, so, we’re always in need of members to help us raise money as well.

A common phenomenon with organizations (so, it’s not unique to us) is that a relatively small number of members do a disproportionate amount of the work. I’d like for us to try to break that paradigm and get more members involved. Again, we don’t need an inordinate amount of time from you---anything you can offer us would be extremely helpful. Call Jackie Edwards (303-278-2282), and she can fill you in more details about these various activities. So, if you’re considering whether or not to volunteer, just remember what old Swen would say---“Group it Up!”

Jon



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Arkansas River Cleanup

Each year, the Arkansas River Headwaters Area (AHRA) hosts a cleanup. This year, the worthwhile event will take place on Saturday, May 16. Since many of us in West Denver fish the Arkansas on a regular basis, you are urged to participate in the cleanup and give back to a river that so generously gives to us.

Registration is from 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM, at either of two locations. One location is in Buena Vista at the Community Center on Main Street (several blocks east of U.S. Highway 24). The other location is in Salida at the AHRA Visitors Center on the corner of G and Sackett Streets. That's across from the steam plant, near the boat ramp.

You will be provided trash bags and assigned an area to clean up. Trash drop off is at the Salida location from noon to 12:30 PM. AHRA will host a free picnic at the Visitors Center for participants during those same hours. For more information, visit the AHRA website at: <http://cpw.state.co.us/placestogo/Parks/ArkansasHeadwatersRecreationArea> (yes, it's a long address; alternatively, you can go to <http://cpw.state.co.us> and click on "Choose a state park" on the left side of the page).

The organizer at AHRA says that participation has lagged the last few years due to "competition" from other events. So why not get involved this year and help make the cleanup a huge success?

Randy Cordova

The Annual Fly Tying Clinic—A Success!

On February 14th, West Denver held its 39th Annual Fly Tying Clinic. The photos below depict some of the activities that day. As usual, the Clinic proved to be a success. And, we must thank Fred Portillo for his leadership in heading up this year's event. Our Clinic remains the gold standard for this kind of event, and regional tiers look forward to it each year.



Photos courtesy of John Pern

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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.

Volunteers needed for Windy Peak

The Outdoor Education Laboratory Program (OELS) at Windy Peak (south of Bailey) is under the auspices of the Jefferson County Public School System. The mission of the OELS is to provide 6th grade students the opportunity for hands-on, experiential learning in an outdoor setting. West Denver has been an integral part of this program for close to 20 years—helping to construct a fishing pond and ancillary structures (e.g., fishing platforms and docks) and teaching interested students the rudiments of fly tying.

In addition to teaching students how to tie flies (simple patterns like Woolly Buggers and San Juan Worms), West Denver members help impart a conservation ethic in hopes of encouraging these students to be stewards of the environment later in life. Typically, after teaching students to tie a couple of flies, they're taken down to the nearby fishing pond in hopes that they can catch something with their own creations. The fly tying classes usually begin in April and may continue through October. There is no rhyme or reason to the number of classes that may be taught, but usually only one or two classes a month is requested. If you think you may be interested in helping out and/or want more information, please contact our Education Director, Ric Tarr at 303-233-9391.

Donations

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>.

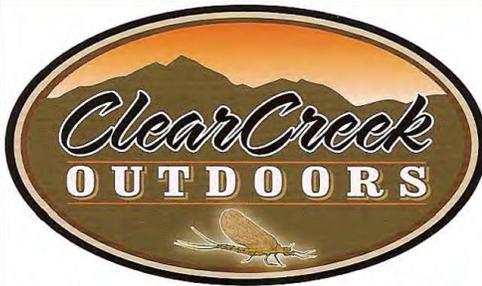
Our Chapter is tax exempt under code 501(c)3. Therefore, all contributions are deductible on your Federal tax returns. If you so desire, you can designate your monetary donation be applied to a specific project or purpose, as well as setting up a matching donation program. If you want additional information 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.

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.

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April 1, 2015: American Mountaineering Center
6:30 - 7:00 PM: Welcoming/Tenkara Rod Demo
7:00 - 7:30 PM: Chapter Business
7:30 - 8:45 PM: Speaker: Aaron Kindle,
“Oil/Gas Development in South Park”

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