



Bi-Monthly Newsletter

West Denver Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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The President's Message

Even though we had problems with our cameras for the fly tying demo at our Special Event (chili supper) Night, it turned out to be a wonderful evening. It was probably the first time that Kerry Caraghar, Charlie Craven, Pat Dorsey, and Landon Mayer shared the same stage. I also believe it was the most highly attended Chapter meeting we've ever had (about 140 people). Aside from the balky cameras, the only other problem we had that night was that we ran out of chili. We had over 20 crockpots of chili, and still ran short. I want to thank Odell Brewery and the V2 Wine Group for donating beverages. And, again, a special thanks go to Kerry, Charlie, Pat, and Landon for giving up their time for us. Thanks to the Chapter members who made chili and helped set up and pack up. This was a fun night, and I hope we can do it again.

Our Chapter is starting its busy season. We have our regular meeting on December 2 (see accompanying articles), featuring guest speaker Rob Brozovich and guest fly tier Robby Capps. Then, on December 5, we'll have a Holiday Party for all Chapter members (again, see accompanying article). At the Party, the Chapter will furnish the meats and drinks, and we're asking attendees to bring a side dish as well as non-perishable food items for the Arvada Food Bank.

Our true busy season begins in January. We participate in both the Fly Fishing Show and the International Sportsmen Exposition (see accompanying article). We'll need volunteers to staff both shows so, if interested, please contact Randy Cordova at livebyfaith7@msn.com. At our January Chapter meeting, we'll have Duane Redford from the Flies and Lies shop in Deckers giving us a presentation on using a systematic approach to fly fishing; he'll also serve as our tier.

Well, that's it for this newsletter. I hope to see you at a meeting.

Tim Toohey

Want a Fishing Buddy?

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

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A Trip on the Colorado

It is 5:30 PM. Linda and I are sitting in a drift boat on the Colorado River just outside of Glenwood Springs, dining on lasagna. It's the last day of August, and the rain has subsided. In the last few days, we've dined on Cajun food, slept in an old hotel, and survived the trip through Glenwood Springs canyon.

Our initial plan was to sign up for a float trip on the Colorado with Dustin Harcourt (yep, John's son and T-Roy's brother), but he was booked, so he recommended a fellow guide and good friend, Ryan Davis (Emerald Water Anglers, www.emeraldwateranglers.com). Ryan surprised us by saying he would meet us at our hotel at 2:00 PM for our float trip and that we would fish until 8:00 PM. With most trips beginning around 8:00 AM, we were curious about this timing. His explanation was, "Why not be on the river when the fish are feeding and miss the armada of boats, both drift boats and white water rafts, that launch earlier in the day?" Made sense to me. During our float trip, we only saw one other drift boat and two or three white water rafts. So, Linda and I decided to spend the morning wandering about the town, enjoying the city, doing a little shopping and having lunch at the Lost Cajun restaurant, enjoying a roast beef Po Boy (for me) and a fried catfish Po Boy (for Linda).

I'm pretty certain that our hotel, the Hotel Denver, a geographically incongruent name for a hotel located in Glenwood Springs, is described in brochures as "quaint", "charming", or "historic", in order to pique one's interest, while at the same time diminish one's expectations for creature comforts. Located across the street from the Amtrak station, it begs one to take the train from Denver to Glenwood Springs and enjoy traveling through the canyon, looking at the spectacular scenery rather than cursing the traffic and inevitable delays due to ongoing construction. Centrally located, the hotel is within easy walking distance to many restaurants, shops and boutiques, as well as the famous hot springs swimming pool. The rooms are actually quite comfortable, very clean and well appointed. The character of the hotel is maintained by the placement of period pieces throughout the building. There are bare brick walls where appropriate, and historic artifacts are displayed in a variety of nooks and crannies. Being located across the street from the Amtrak station, one might assume that the blaring horns, the clackity-clack of the wheels, and the roar of the engines would impede one's pursuit of quiet enjoyment. The truth is that we were never bothered by the noise of the trains, although several passed through while we were there.

We had been looking forward to this trip for some time. The complexion of the Colorado River changes by the minute, from rapids to riffles, to brief sections of lazy flows over and over again; vertical walls to one side setting up eddies and slack pools that attract the most mature and canniest of trout;

underwater boulder fields that provide hiding places for fish with enough experience to find them; overgrowth providing a conduit of fresh insects and, thus, dinner for hungry mouths below. With a fair gradient the massive amount of water (over 3400 cfs this day), the river moves



Photo Credit: D Sullivan

downstream with pace and purpose. Because of that, fishing the river from a drift boat is an active endeavor. Ryan knows the river like the back of his hand, and he put us on fish for virtually the entire float. Catching mostly rainbows, we hooked our fair share of very healthy, strong, beautiful fish over the entire trip which began a little way up the canyon and ended in town. The scenery was spectacular the entire way. The only thing that remained uncertain was our meal.

When Ryan told us we were having lasagna for dinner, it occurred to me that we had been on the river for three hours, and the possibility of having hot, or even luke-warm, lasagna at that point was slim at best. Cold lasagna, like cold pizza, is acceptable breakfast fare following a night of imbibing adult beverages, but for supper? Well, not so much. It turned out that Ryan's wife, Tara, had cooked the lasagna in a cast iron pan with a lid, then wrapped it in towels to keep it warm. Great idea! The lasagna was by far and away the best meal we have ever had on a float trip, and also the best meal we had in Glenwood Springs. So, now I am a convert—late starts and great dinners. Sold.

Sometimes a trip is defined by the fish you catch (largest, feistiest, or angriest) and sometimes by the natural beauty of the terrain. But, sometimes it is defined by the people you meet. Ryan is the type of person you would like to have as a friend for life. His lovely wife, Tara, supports Ryan and is as helpful as you can imagine. Makes your heart feel warm. Then, there is the four-week old, cute as a button son, Greyson, who has already been on the river twice. Can't get better than that.

Women's Fly Fishing Class---A Success (Again)

In April of this year, West Denver conducted a fly fishing class for women. It was received so well that it was decided to conduct another class, which was held on October 4. The photos depicted below show scenes from that event.

In the April class, the primary emphasis was placed on teaching the rudiments of casting. In the October class, casting was an important component, but we also explained the attributes to look for when purchasing a rod/reel; we discussed lines, leaders, and tippets; we talked about appropriate wearing apparel and what fly fishing accoutrements to take on a fishing trip; we demonstrated a couple of simple (yet necessary) knots; and, we tried to impart a conservation ethic upon the students. Afterwards, the women were taken to a near-by lake to apply their newly-found knowledge and skills. The result? Every student caught at least one fish---many caught two or more trout within a relatively short period of time. Given the demand for, and the number of inquiries about, this October class, we will probably conduct at least one more class next year. These classes were conducted without charge and, because the body of water was private (Lake Lehow in Waterton Canyon), students were not required to have licenses.

Instructors for the class were Jacke Edwards, Gil Hassinger, Linda Miyamoto, Bob Tauer, Tim Toohey, and Jon Weimer.



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Our site currently averages around 60 visitors per week. It is full of photographs, and we rely on members who attend Chapter activities to help supply these photographs. We welcome your feedback and suggestions for improvements. You can leave comments for us on the "About Us" drop-down menu, or email the webmaster directly at ed.calmus@gmail.com. We want the website to be a valuable resource for all West Denver fly fishers. Your feedback will help.

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Herman Gulch Salvage Project

After much planning and paperwork by Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) and the U.S. Forest Service (USFS), a September 11 angling day on Herman Gulch was realized. A combined volunteer force of about 26 people from West Denver and the Greenbacks club joined up with a CPW and USFS crew on Herman Gulch. We stretched our muscles, enjoyed a great day, and caught about 110 cutthroat trout of mixed lineage for removal and relocation to Clear Creek. The following week, Boyd Wright, from CPW, went back with an electro-shocking crew and removed a few hundred more fish for placement in Clear Creek. Later in September, a Rotenone application removed all remaining Herman Gulch fish from the cataract all the way upstream to the lake.

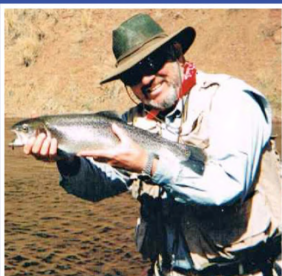
Herman Gulch is now fish free and ready for stocking native greenbacks in 2016. The decades of greenback recovery work championed by Dr. Bob Behnke and implemented by public agencies serves as a prologue to the current work. The difference today is that the greenbacks that will be introduced into Herman Gulch are genetically most similar to the trout inhabiting Front Range waters in the late 1800s. You probably know the story by now. The remnant population of greenbacks found in Bear Creek near Pikes Peak genetically match up quite well with museum specimens of native trout that inhabited Front Range waters. The Bear Creek greenbacks are being propagated in hatcheries for release in selected restoration sites. Herman Gulch will be the first stream in the Platte River watershed to receive the fish.

There will be another chance to get in on the action if you missed out on the Herman Gulch angling day. Kelly Larkin, USFS, told us that the Herman Gulch process will be repeated on Dry Creek in 2016. So, stay tuned.... and enjoy a few photos taken by John Pern at the Herman Gulch project. More photos of this event can be found on the Chapter's website.

Rick Dornfeld, WDTU Conservation Director



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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

December 2 Guest Speaker: Rob Brozovich

Rob Brozovich, our guest speaker at our December Chapter meeting, is one of our guardian angels, continually providing products and services for our fund-raising events.

Rob is the owner of the Clear Creek Outdoors shop in Idaho Springs. If you are yet to visit his shop, it is a must destination, particularly for the Holiday Season, in that his shop has a vast array of fly fishing equipment and outdoor wearing apparel.

Rob's presentation is going to focus on fishing high mountain lakes, mostly in Colorado, but he'll also talk about his expeditions to the Wind River area in Wyoming. Rob is not only an avid angler but an excellent photographer, and no doubt his presentation will incorporate some of his outstanding photographs. We had Rob as a speaker a few years ago, and it turned out to be one of that season's best presentations. I'm sure his presentation on December 2 will be similarly well received.

Guest Fly Tier—Robby Capps

Robby is the manager of the RISE fly shop in Golden. He excels in fly tying, and that's one reason he serves as one of our tiers at our Fly Tying Clinic. He's also a guide. For December 2, Robby is going to tie a hydropsych caddis, a nymph with which he's had much success. So, arrive early (about 6:30 PM) to see Robby work his magic. I think you'll be impressed.

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WDTU General Calendar

2015 - December



- 2 Tying Corner/Welcome 6:30 PM
Chapter Meeting-AMC
Speaker: Rob Brozovich
- 5 Chapter Holiday Party-AMC 5:30-9:00 PM
- 14 Board Meeting 7:00 PM, 300 HH, CSM*

2016 - January

- 6 Tying Corner/Welcome 6:30 PM
Chapter Meeting-AMC
Speaker: Duane Redford
- 8-10 Fly Fishing Show-Denver Mart
- 9 CTU Winter Board Meeting
- 11 Board Meeting 7:00 PM, 300 HH, CSM*
- 14-17 ISE Show-Colorado Convention Center

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December 5—Holiday Party!

Traditionally, the Board has held a party for its directors. This year, however, the Board has decided to have party for ALL Chapter members. The format will be pot luck—i.e., bring a side dish (e.g., salad, dessert, soup, etc.). The Chapter will provide the meats and drinks. We'll have an optional White Elephant gift exchange, and we're asking attendees to bring a can or two of food for the Arvada Food Bank. The festivities will be held at the American Mountaineering Center in Golden. Doors open at 5:30 PM and dinner will be between 6 and 9 PM. If you have any questions and/or want more information, call either Jackie Edwards (303-278-2282) or Tim Toohey (303-423-8636). We hope to see you there.

Xmas Wishes

Yes, boys and girls, it's that time of year again when Santa determines who has been naughty and who has been nice. I've been asked by several Chapter members to serve as a conduit between them and Santa, expressing what they would like to have for the Holidays. Here's the list thus far:

Tim Toohey: A permanent site for the Chapter Board meetings.

Dan Sullivan: A new bowling ball (his old one is "broken").

Ric Tarr: A Co-Director of Education to help him recruit volunteers for Windy Peak and to teach sixth grade students how to tie flies.

Me: A sunscreen that doesn't make me look like I'm auditioning for a Kabuki performance.

Bruce Beck: An opportunity to display more of his artistic creations (wonderful gyotaku prints).

Bob Tauer: An opportunity to conduct more beginning fly fishing classes for women.

John Pern: A new camera—he's worn out his current one.

Linda Miyamoto: A new rod—she's worn out her current one, what with all the fish she's caught this year.

Matt Rivera: A single malt Scotch.

Geri Reffel: More time to spend on Chapter activities.

Marty Crawford: A boys-night out before he weds in May.

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 Matt Rivera (8189 Webster St., Arvada, CO 80003), or presented to him 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.

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Here Come the Fishing Shows!

The advent of the fishing shows that hit Denver in January is an indicator that winter and a new year are upon us. These shows will allow you to indulge in your fantasies for the upcoming year, and perhaps to purchase that rod/reel/fly that will make all the difference in the world for your success.

First out of the blocks is the Fly Fishing Show which appears from January 8 to January 10 at the Denver Mart (58th Avenue, Exit 215 East, off I-25). This show is devoted exclusively to fly fishing and features an array of fly fishing shops and fly fishing manufacturers. The International Sportsmen's Exposition (ISE) follows on January 14 to January 17 at the Colorado Convention Center. The ISE is more eclectic, having booths and demonstrations related to hunting, archery, camping, hiking, and other outdoor activities, including fly fishing. The fly fishing component of the ISE has increased significantly in the last few years.

West Denver is going to have a presence at both shows, displaying our "Fantasy Raffle". And, we're going to need volunteers at both shows to help sell raffle tickets for our Fantasy Raffle package. If you think you might be interested and want to throw your name into the hopper for consideration, call either Jackie Edwards (303-278-2282), Randy Cordova (303-619-1585) or me (Jon Weimer at 303-830-1609). Being a volunteer at either one of these shows is enjoyable. You get to chew the fat with fellow anglers, and you get free admission! However, even if you don't want to volunteer, you have to make a point to visit either or both of these shows. It's a good way to beat the winter doldrums.

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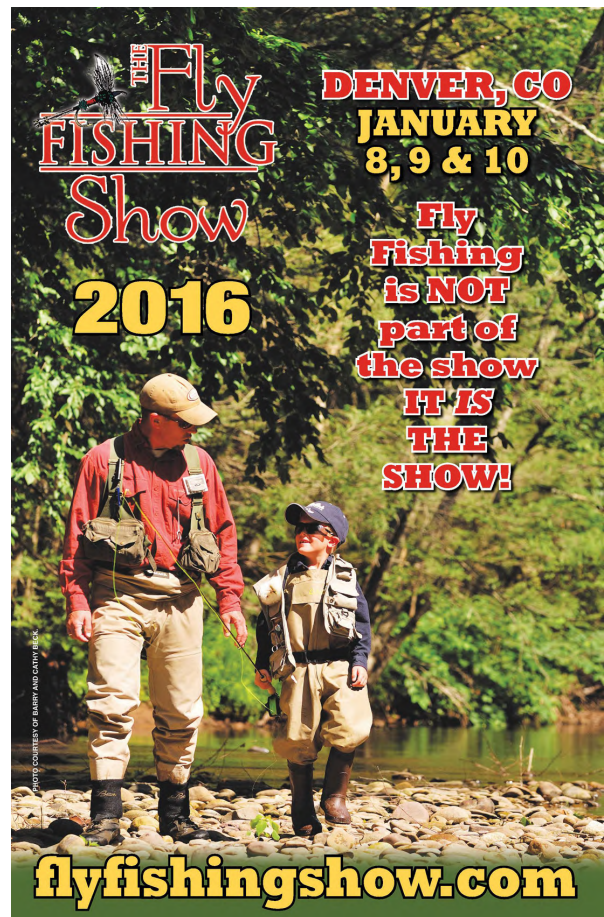
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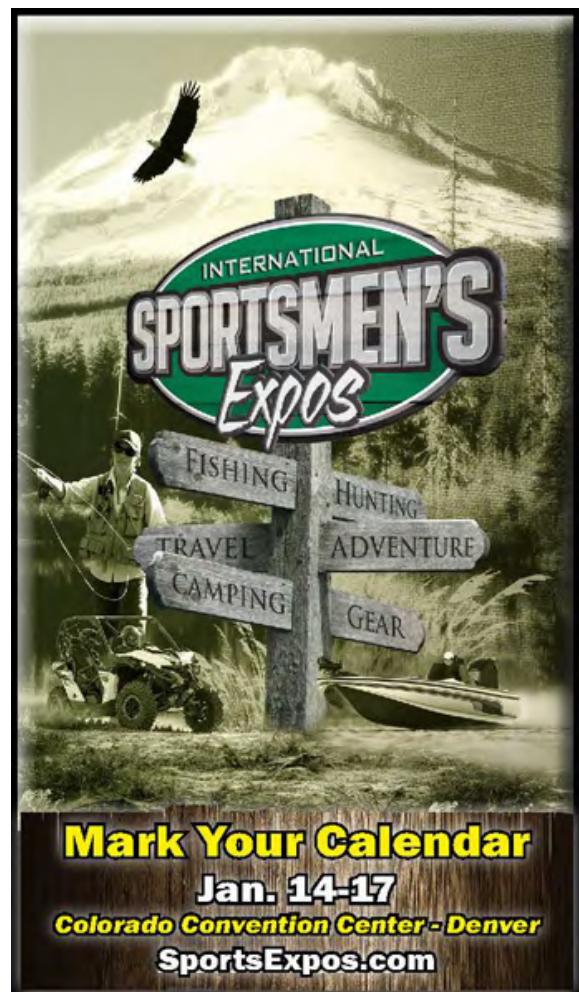
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The Powder River---What a Blast!

Back in late July, my wife (Carolyn) and I took a trip to Wyoming and Montana. On this trip, I was planning to check some items off my bucket list. I am a Western Frontier history buff, primarily interested in sites associated with the Plains Indians and U.S. Army conflicts. So, for example, we visited Fort Laramie, Fort Kearny, the Fetterman battlefield, the site of the Wagon Box fight (all Wyoming) and the Little Bighorn Battlefield site in Montana where George Custer met his fate.

Much to my wife's chagrin, I managed to make arrangements to do a day of fishing. I wasn't familiar with that area, so I contacted a local fly fishing guiding service---Rock Creek Anglers located in Saddlestring, Wyoming. My assigned guide asked me what I was doing up in Wyoming/Montana, and I told him of my interest in the American West. He said that he knew just the place to take me fishing.



We went to the Red Fork of the Powder River. The stretch I fished was a private segment of water located on a working ranch. And, it was one of the most beautiful places I've ever

seen. In fact, it was the stomping grounds for Butch Cassidy, the Sundance Kid, and their "Hole-in-the-Wall" gang. It was also the site of a battle between Cheyenne Indians and U.S. troops in 1876. You needed a high-clearance 4 X 4 vehicle to approach the water. Once out of the vehicle, you had to hack your way through buffalo grass to reach the



stream. I'm 6' 2" and this grass was over my head. Once you reached the stream, you tried to wade the water as much as possible to avoid having to climb back on the bank to bushwack your way through the grass again.

This stretch of the Powder is not stocked; it consists entirely of naturally-reproducing fish. I caught primarily browns, with a few

rainbows thrown into the mix. Purportedly, there are some

cutts in the stream, but I didn't catch any. I used a hopper the entire day and caught fish at a pretty good clip. Carolyn and I had an engagement later that day, so I didn't spend as much time on the water as I would have liked. I calculated I was on the water about 6 hours. The guide and I estimated that during that interval, I caught between 35 and 40 fish. I caught a couple of 18-inch fish, but most fell between 12 and 16 inches.

As good as the fishing was, it was almost secondary to the beautiful scenery. I'm trying to think of a legitimate excuse to go back up to that neck of the woods again. I'm glad I took a guided trip my first time out but, if I were to return to that area, I would try some public access areas of some of the creeks/ivers up there, including the Powder, the Little and Big Piney Creeks, Rock Creek, and the Tongue river.

Jon Weimer

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Editor's Corner--Last Hurrah (This Year)

Every year, I feel compelled to rant and proselytize about environmental issues and the need for more volunteers—so here it goes.

In past issues of **Trout** magazine and in deliberations held within Colorado Trout Unlimited, there have been discussions about whether local chapters should be pure “fishing clubs” or whether they should be devoted to environmental and conservation issues, or both.

I know these discussions have occurred within our Chapter over the years. Soon after I joined West Denver, a Board officer expressed his frustration with members who appeared to be indifferent toward guest speakers and issues related to environmental and conservation matters. To my surprise and chagrin, he said such members should not be associated with Trout Unlimited and would be better suited for another organization. My reply was that his statement was wrong-headed and elitist. Certainly, I stated, our Chapter should be able to accommodate members with varying interests and various motives for joining us. I indicated that I suspected that many members initially joined our Chapter to learn how and where to fish, and there was nothing wrong with that.

Frankly, I joined West Denver in 2006 primarily because I wanted to fish with people who knew what they were doing and knew where to go. But, somewhere along the way, I noticed some subtle changes in my outlook. Let's face it, everyone wants to catch fish, but some fly anglers really groove on the entomology; others like to tie flies and want to learn more about this craft; and, still others (like me) enjoy the artistry of casting. However, I began to realize that in order to enjoy the privilege of fly fishing for beautiful fish in beautiful parts of the State, I should begin to take a more active part to try to protect, if not enhance, our fisheries specifically, and our environment in general. As one letter writer to a previous issue of **Trout** wrote, he understood “...that if there are no rivers that are fishable, fishing clubs, as well as fishermen become anachronisms”. Amen.

When you start fly fishing seriously, you realize that you are part of a community of like-minded individuals who strive to reduce wanton environmental damage in favor of policies and situations that preserve the environment. And, what better venue to do this than through a Trout Unlimited chapter such as ours? As I've said before, I don't want to advocate or encourage a bunker mentality, i.e., us against them, but as this country grapples with an uneven economy, organizations like ours are obligated to question and monitor the activities of extractive industries. I am fully aware and appreciate that there are some very conscientious oil/gas and mining companies out there, and I'm not so naïve to think that this country is going to wean itself immediately from

fossil fuels or certain metals. But, we need to be on the alert for those who seek to ravage wilderness to satisfy the quest for profit. In addition to continually alerting the public and decision-makers about projects that threaten habitat, fly anglers can do much on their own to help conserve, protect, and enhance our fisheries---for example, engage in catch-and-release practices, participate in clean up and conservation projects, imbue others with the conservation ethic, report fishing regulation violations, leave no footprints behind on your fishing trips, etc.

I realize that a number of our members are working full-time (if not overtime) to keep afloat. A number of our members are also raising families, and simply do not have the time (or, perhaps, the energy) to participate directly in conservation and environmentally-oriented activities that our Chapter conducts. And, in the small amount of time they have to themselves, they may simply just want to fish for the therapeutic value. That's understandable. However, we would appreciate even a nominal amount of their time—three or four hours a year. But, if that's not possible, they can still make a contribution without exerting a great deal of time and effort by simply keeping abreast of the legislation and campaigns revolving around Colorado water and energy issues by tapping into our website or that of Colorado Trout Unlimited. By doing this, West Denver members can contribute by signing petitions and/or donating funds for measures that will protect and restore trout habitat. In an issue of **Trout** a couple of years ago, the editor emphasized the ability of Trout Unlimited members to crank up the volume on issues important to us through sheer numbers. Basically, in some way, we can all pitch in to help conserve, protect, and enhance our trout fisheries, no one way being better or worse than another.

I want to take time at this point to thank the efforts of our Conservation Director, Rick Dornfeld, and our President, Tim Toohey, who have strived to collaborate with both Federal and State agencies to engage in trout habitation efforts. I know there are some factions out there who frown working with government agencies, but the reality is that these agencies are often well-intentioned (if not always competent) and can possess invaluable resources to help us fulfill our mission. I suspect there are anti-government types chortling and smirking over the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) responsibility for the Animas River mine drainage. Yes, the EPA screwed up royally, but this shouldn't mask over the fact that the real culprit in this tragedy is Colorado's legacy of abandoned metal mines with no culpable owners---that many mining companies over the years have maximized their profit by ignoring the environment and then abandoned their mess for the taxpayers to clean up.

Finally, we have a number of fund-raising and small-scale hands-on restoration projects coming up next year. If you believe you may be interested in these activities and/or want more information, call either Jackie Edwards (303-278-2282), Tim Toohey (303-423-8636) or me (303-830-1609).

There, that wasn't so bad, was it? I wish everyone in the Chapter a Happy Holiday Season, and hope to see more of you participating in our events/activities in 2016.

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I am fortunate that I have a spouse (Carolyn) who has experience with desktop publishing software—I can simply hand articles over to her, and she, magically, puts everything together into a nice little package. If you can find such a partner, so much the better for you. It's a fun job---that's why I stayed with it so long. However, I feel I am getting stale and am afraid that staleness will start appearing in the newsletter. Someone new can perhaps inject some new energy and a new perspective into the newsletter. So, 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 can reach me at either 303-830-1609 or at weimerj@earthlink.net.

Jon

Volunteers Needed for River Watch

The River Watch program, under the auspices of Colorado 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. Dennis Wiles (720-404-7821) leads the WDTU effort, which generally occurs on the 4th Saturday of every month. Give Dennis a call if you're interested. Participation in this program affords you not only an interesting, but also an educational experience.

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 are asking our members to send in theme-specific photos--for example, pictures that show a parent and child or a grandparent and grandchild taking part in some fly fishing activity.

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