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By David Amalong*

The President's Message

2016 Spring Florida Trip

Twice a year I try to get down to Florida to fish with my fishing buddy Eric "Grub" Barr. This year I flew to Tampa 2 days after Denver had a major spring snow that dumped 2' of snow at my house. I walked off the plane in Tampa and it was in the mid 80's. Grub met me at the airport with his pop-up trailer loaded and ready to fish.

Our first stop was Fort DeSoto which is a beautiful park ran by Pinellas County. This is truly a jewel of the Tampa Bay area. We fished 3 days wading and kayaking. We didn't have much to show for it fishing wise. I believe I caught 2 small snooks. While kayaking 2 dolphins and a manatee surfaced literally feet from the kayak. If you're not going to do well fishing this is the place to do it!

The 4th day we moved across state to the Titusville area. We camped at a KOA in Mims, FL. The 1st day we waded fished the famous Mosquito Bay. It lived up to its name. Even completely covered I managed to get bite multiple times. Places where the sun never shines. I did manage to hook and land a 24" red fish. We fished the channels around the lagoon that were full of baby tarpons but didn't hook up.

The next day we hooked up with a local guide and fished the Indian River Lagoon area. Again, tough fishing but I did manage a nice red. The problem with this area is large algae blooms caused by large amounts of fresh water runoff with high levels of nutrients. Adding to this, there is also a large amount of runoff from Lake Okeechobee where the Corp of Engineers is draining the lake to fix a dike.



We decided to cross the state and fish the Sarasota Bay area. We hired a kayak fishing guide. The first fish I caught was a catfish looking thing that our guide said not to touch. The spines are very poisonous. After that I caught a nice 20" sea trout. Things were picking up! Soon after that I hooked into a large sea trout. It was a 28" to 30" male. It looked like it had just swallowed another fish. The guide was going crazy. It was the largest sea trout he had seen caught in the area. These large males usually stay a mile off shore and only come close to shore to breed. Made my day....and my trip.

Next day it was on to Denver where it was snowing when I landed and snowed for the next 3 days. I should have stayed in Florida.

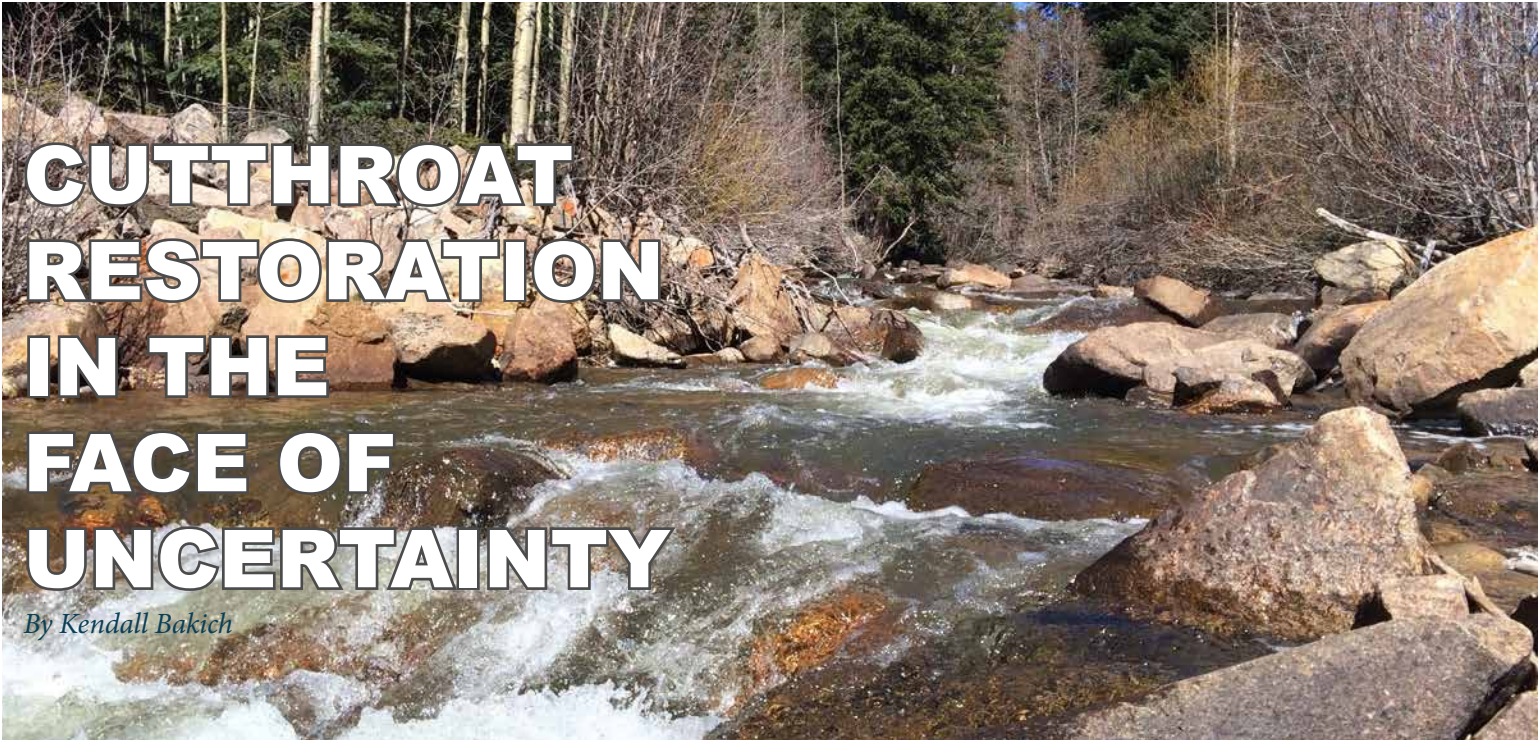
A run down on coming events: Our June meeting – June 1st – we will have David Nickum (Executive Director), Stephanie Scott (Outreach Coordinator), and Jen Boulton(legislative liaison) as our speakers. They will bring

us up to date on what CTU has done this past year and what to look for in the future.

There is no meeting in July or August. In we will hold our Chapter picnic at Lions Park in Golden. The date is August 3rd. It will be a pot luck dinner with the Chapter supplying the meat. Mark it on your calendar. We'll send out a notice on it in July.

Summer is coming, get out and fish, please be safe!

Tim Toohey



CUTTHROAT RESTORATION IN THE FACE OF UNCERTAINTY

By Kendall Bakich

WDTU has long been a steward of the Clear Creek watershed, part of which will soon become home to the true Greenback Cutthroat Trout.

It was generally accepted that Colorado's native cutthroat could be distinguished by their location: Greenbacks were east of the continental divide and Colorado River and Rio Grande cutthroat were in their namesake watersheds. This was important because the Colorado River and Greenback cutthroat are difficult to differentiate due to similar physical coloration

River cutthroat trout. This was a blow to recovery efforts since many of these populations were used to establish new populations. Spurned by the revelation, Colorado fish biologists sought out and tested cutthroat populations statewide and discovered that fish that genetically resembled Greenbacks were numerous on the west slope, suggesting a possible flaw in the existing genetic analyses.

Recently, Colorado fish biologists have been embroiled in a mystery surrounding Colorado's native cutthroat trout.

and spotting. Thought to be extinct by the 1930s, vestige Greenback populations were discovered by biologists in the 1950s and recovery efforts led to their down-listing from "endangered" to "threatened" in 1978. However, several years ago, researchers using innovative genetic technology, revealed that half of these remnant Greenback populations were actually Colorado

At the time, genetic researchers were confident that their tests were reliable and the unexpected distributions of cutthroat could be reflecting the widespread sportfish stocking efforts in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Colorado Parks and Wildlife partnered with geneticists to develop a new genetic test to elucidate the differences

between our native cutthroats. Fish taxonomists began digging through historic federal and state records and accounts of fish stocking to recreate a more detailed history of what was only somewhat understood at the time. In addition to this, researchers evaluated extensive museum collections of trout specimens that had been assembled and preserved by explorers, some dating up to 150 years ago. This collection reflected the population before fish stocking was rampant. From these historic specimens, genetic experts resolved that each major river basin had a distinct lineage of cutthroat trout prior to settlement.

It is now clear that Colorado historically had six (not three) distinct lineages of native cutthroat trout segregated by river drainages. Greenback cutthroat originated in the South Platte River. The giant Yellowfin cutthroat, thought to be indigenous only to Twin Lakes, actually inhabited cold waters throughout the Arkansas River basin.

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A STORY ABOUT A BOAT, LOBSTER AND PIZZA

By Matt Rivera

Reports from the Arkansas were positive. We had just seen our latest “snow event” and so the idea of cashing in the guided trip acquired at the most recent West Denver Trout Unlimited Fly Tying Clinic was enticing, especially since I had only taken the chance to fish once this year. After floating the river in March the prior year, and recalling how pleasant the trip was, I decided to see if Tim Toohey was available to fish the final weekend in March. He was. Plans were made, the weather was watched. Mother Nature forecast a Saturday with a high in the mid-30’s with rain and snow showers in the Salida area. Trip canceled. How about next week?

Next week’s forecast looked much better, temperatures were expected to start in the mid-30’s and rise into the high 50’s to low 60’s. Game on! I called ArkAnglers and booked Saturday, April 2nd, thanking them for their support of West Denver Trout Unlimited’s activities. Did I mention we booked for April 2nd? Fast forward to Friday, we arrived in time to grab a steak at Quincy’s, a nice steakhouse with locations in Leadville, Buena Vista, Salida and Florence. Upon entering the restaurant, the hostess politely asked if we knew about their menu, I confidently stated “of course!”, however the hostess informed me that instead of steak “tonight we have lobster and pizza”! Startled by the menu change, I stuttered a few incoherent words, when I was informed “April Fools”. She opened the door, I walked right through it! We laughed a lot about that one! Either way, if you want steak, or if its lobster and pizza night, we recommend Quincy’s.

Saturday morning finally arrived, we grabbed a bite to eat in the pool room of the hotel and found our way to

Photo: Matt Rivera

ArkAnglers to meet our guide, Mark Richardson. The plan was to start well east of town, starting our float at Vallie Bridge in hopes of warmer temperatures and better bug activity. Of course we were excited about the possibility of catching some fish on dries too! The river was running very low and clear, somewhere in the neighborhood of 240 cfs making for a challenging day of fishing and an even tougher float. Capt. Richardson worked hard to keep us off the rocks and on the fish, but he was more than up to the challenge.

If you are looking for intelligence regarding what flies were used that were successful, you can stop reading now. Let's just say the fish's appetites were "eclectic" on this day, but they did eat most of the usual midges and caddis patterns that

enjoying life. I think Tim, Mark and myself would all agree this trip accomplished this.

We all enjoy fly fishing for various reasons. For some of us it is the challenge, others the solitude and yet others for the beauty around us, just to name a few. Like many of us, I have had the privilege of fishing in numerous of locations both wade fishing and floating, but regardless of the river, float fishing is a wonderful way of experiencing a day on the water. While we were getting prepared on the river's edge, we were graced by an immature bald eagle flying the river, numerous deer, ducks, geese and mergansers throughout the day. We enjoyed sharing stories about days fishing, conservation, our lives away from the water and even

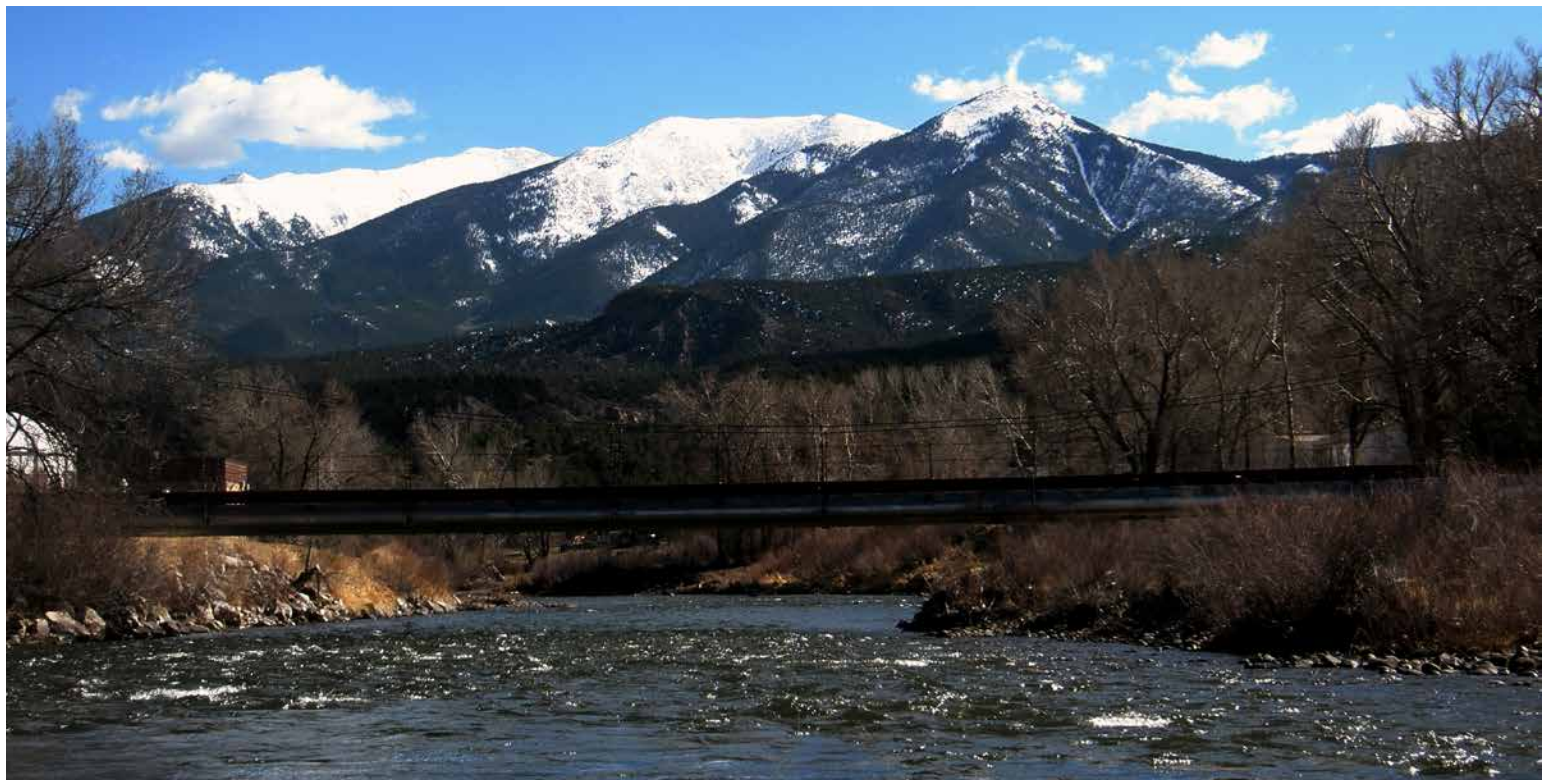


Photo: Matt Rivera

the river holds. The first fish came after several fly changes, but we began catching fish, and numerous fish were boated, but even more missed for various reasons...sometimes the largest fish were lost because a snag farther up the line, or we missed fish because we were talking to one another, looking ahead for the next place to place our flies, or because we were watching the other anglers drift. All of this sounds like an excuse, but there are no excuses when a trip is not about the number of fish caught; trips are all about sharing experiences and making memories with friends and family, and

drones. Fun times, no...better than fun times, yet another wonderful life experience.

If you are looking for a fun getaway, give ArkAnglers a call, book a trip and thank Greg Felt and his guides for supporting conservation and educational activities, in particular, thank ArkAnglers for supporting West Denver Trout Unlimited. Every trip I have taken with ArkAnglers has been fun, safe, entertaining and educational; all have been well worthwhile and have created memories that will last a lifetime. Get out on the water and create some memories!

WEST DENVER SHINES AT THE RENDEZVOUS!

By Jon Weimer

Every spring, Colorado Trout Unlimited (CTU) holds its annual rendezvous (convention). There are 24 chapters in the State, and all are encouraged to send their respective leaders to this event to discuss strategic planning, budgetary matters and CTU personnel changes. This year, the rendezvous was held April 22-24 at the Hotel Colorado in Glenwood Springs. On Saturday night, an awards banquet is held to honor those chapters and individuals who have demonstrated superior performance and accomplishments.

Typically, West Denver takes off with several awards, and this year was no different.

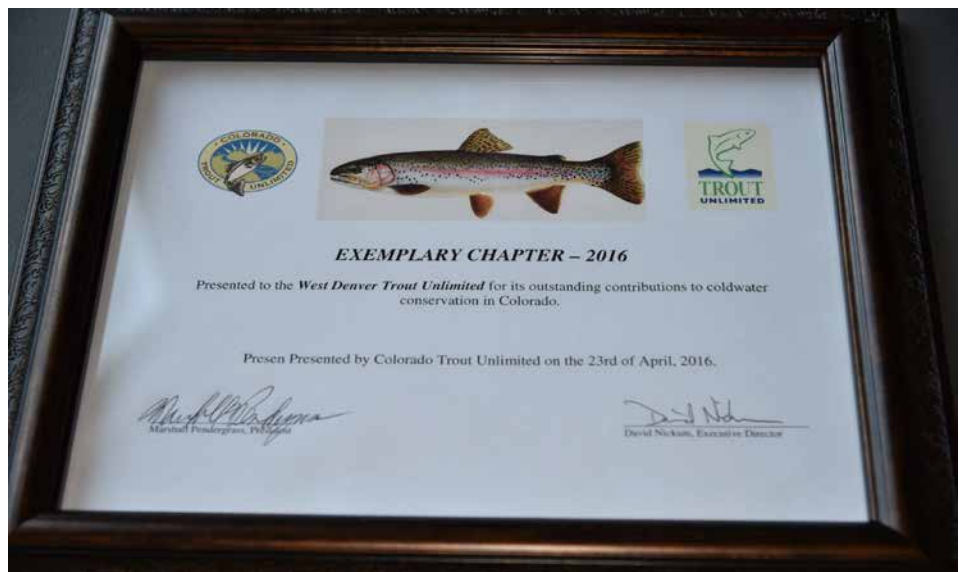
West Denver received **The Exemplary Chapter Award**, indicating that CTU deemed us to be the best chapter in the State. Jackie Edwards, our Vice-President, received this award on the chapter's behalf.

Jon Weimer was named **Outstanding Volunteer**, reflecting his accomplishments while he was President of the chapter and editor of this newsletter.

And to top it off, **Glen Edwards** received **The Silver Trout Award**, a rare distinction given to few people over the years that pays tribute to a person who has contributed a significant body of work to enhance the performance of both his/her respective chapter and to CTU.

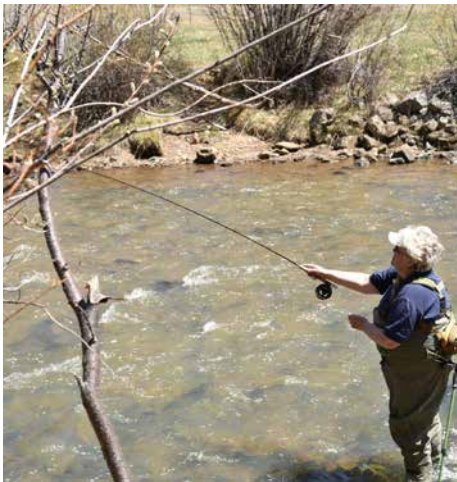


Left to Right: Jackie Edwards, Glen Edwards, Jon Weimer
Photo: Geri Reffel



Women's Fly Fishing Class!

Our Chapter is making a concerted effort to get more women involved in the beautiful sport of fly fishing. Chapter member, Geri Reffel, is our designated Women's Fly Fishing Coordinator, and she is setting up a number of fly fishing classes for women this year.



Geri has scheduled her first class on August 14 at Lake Lehow (Waterton Canyon). The class will kick off at 9 AM and finish about 2:30 PM, with a lunch break in between. Fly rods/reels will be provided for those who don't have their own equipment. Because Lake Lehow is a private lake, no State fishing license is required.

If you believe you're interested in taking this class and/or want more information, please contact Geri at greffel@yahoo.com. She can provide you with more details about this class such as what to bring with you and directions to the Lake. This should be a fun class---tell your friends about it.

THE BATON IS PASSED

A New Anglers' Edge Editor!

As most of you know, for the past couple of years, I've been putting out clarification calls for my replacement as the Anglers' Edge (AE) editor---without response. Frankly, I was resigned to the notion that I might remain editor for a few more years. However, in late March-early April, I received an inquiry from David Amalong. David indicated he might be interested in taking over the AE job, and he was also interested in getting more involved in Chapter activities. We met one morning over coffee, and I filled him in on some of the details. Our plan was that he would do the June issue of the AE. If that went well, and he was still interested in the job afterwards, he would take over the reins. David is now your new editor.

Although I probably could have continued with the newsletter a little longer, it's time for a change. I've been the editor close to 9 years and, as I've said before, I feared that I (and the newsletter) was getting stale. A new person is needed to inject new ideas and new energy into the AE, and I sincerely believe David is just the person to do that. I'll be David's assistant—I can fill in for him in case he can't generate an issue due to illness or job responsibilities (he's a landscape architect by profession), but I see this as a highly unlikely scenario.

At this stage of my life, I'm weaning myself away from certain responsibilities before I engage in other activities. I've learned recently that Colorado Trout Unlimited (CTU) has appointed me as one of the organization's "Director at Large". I'm not exactly sure what that job will entail, but I'm sure it will occupy some of my time. I also want to revisit my freelance writing "career". I used to write articles on fly fishing for outdoor magazines, but that enterprise has been moribund in recent years because of time devoted to both the AE and a newsletter I edited for my homeowners' association (which I also recently dropped).

There's an adage that states that it takes a village to raise a child. This may be a stretch but, as an analogy, it takes a chapter to cultivate a newsletter. No one person can successfully oversee a chapter newsletter---it takes dedicated chapter members to provide ideas, articles, and constructive criticism. And, I've received all three. Thank you. If you give David the support you gave me, he's going to be fine.

Take care, and Happy Mending!

Jon Weimer

Pike National Forest Service Kids Day

By Dennis Wiles

On May 13, the Pike National Forest Service had a kids day for about 70 4th graders from Eiber Elementary School in Lakewood. The event took place at the Forest Service Packing Station in Shawnee. The kids had a day of learning about the National Forest and the different activities that can take place in the forest.

Kristin Kahler and Glen Bryon from the Pike National Forest Service asked WDTU, for the second year, to participate in the event. WDTU presented/staffed the water testing station and a fishing station.

The next Kids Day will be set for the third or fourth Friday in September. Once we know the date, WDTU will participate again and will be asking for volunteers.

WDTU had five volunteers helping with educating the kids about water quality and fishing. The 70 kids were fourth graders from Eiber Elementary along with the teachers and some parents attended. They divided into six groups and they spent a very nice day hiking through the forest and learning about the forest uses from the employees of the Pike National Forest and volunteers from WDTU.

The different stations and the theme: The National Forest is full of fun, history, and neat things to learn.

Archy/Heritage Scene – (Laura/Blake) Archeologist working in the historic ranch area. The Forest Service discussed historic nature of the ranch, barn, and artifacts.

Large Meadow – (Ranger) - They talked about Range, Weeds, and Wildlife! The NF permits cattle grazing on the forest. Grazing livestock on the NF benefits the ranchers with good grass for their cattle and benefits the Forest Service by using the cattle as a plant management tool.

Backpackers Scene – (Ranger and Dale/Brian) Backpackers



A sample of bugs from Clear Creek.

getting ready to go on a Wilderness trip. Backpackers will talk about Wilderness and why it is so special.

Fire Engine Station – Led by Fire Crew and they went over the use of fire truck and equipment.

Rock Formation and Aspen Stand – (Ranger) Talked about the rocks around here – mostly granite.

R/R Water Tower Ruins – (Ranger) The road is the old R/R bed. The old tower was where the passengers could get off the train and get a drink. The train stopped running in the mid-1930s.

Trout Unlimited Station – Led by WDTU Volunteer.



Forest Service staff inspire 4th graders with the ideas of protection and conservation of wildlife, wilderness, and resources.

Dennis went over the water testing and how the results benefit humans and the wildlife in the forest. Kids got to participate in taking a dissolved oxygen test. Keith went over the aquatic life in the river and had samples of bugs to show the kids. The kids, very much, enjoyed looking at the cased caddis samples caught that morning.

Fisherman & Scene – (WDTU Volunteers) Fly Fisherman stop “fishing” for a minute to talk to kids about fishing, equipment, joy of being outside. John, Ed and Geri fished and answered questions. John also took pictures.

Dispersed Camping Scene – (Jan) Camper talked about camping in the forest and the importance of Leaving No Trace (Cooking away from tent, hanging food, shovel/TP/

Wag Bag, Clean, Camp stove vs. fire)

Carcass – (Ranger) There was a deer carcass/rib cage a bit off the road. Talked about food cycle, decomposition, wildlife, etc...

Wetlands Area – (Ranger) Little trail around the wetlands pond. Talked about wetlands, importance for birds and other animals, wetlands act as a filter for cleaning water, etc...

Mule Packing Station – Lead by Alice/Volunteer. How to properly pack a mule and safety around the packing animals.

We all had a great day with the kids and they asked many questions. A special thanks to Keith, Ed, John, Geri and Dennis for volunteering to spend a day with the kids.

CONSERVATION

Volunteer Opportunities for 2016

Here are three projects for us to take part this summer and fall. Project details are still being worked out. In other words, there are no firm dates yet. The write-up below is presented to pique your interest. In addition to these projects, River Watch is a good opportunity to do some productive work for trout.

Trout Salvage in Dry Gulch: This will be a one-day effort to catch trout on flies and move them alive to Clear Creek. See the **Anglers' Edge** newsletter article titled "Herman Gulch Trout Salvage Project" for details on what this is all about. This article is also posted on www.westdenvertu.org.

Culvert Surveys: This will be a multi-day job for a small group of volunteers. We will be assisting the U.S. Forest

Road Closure Field Checks: This is a continuation of work started in 2015 to visit all 60 road closures in the Clear Creek Ranger District of the Arapaho National Forest. Volunteers can work on their own time in their own vehicle. A jeep, ATV, or trail bike may be needed. An article on a specific road closure job appeared in an earlier **Anglers' Edge** issue, but more information will be forthcoming in both the newsletter and on the website as details for this long term-project become available.

Rick Dornfeld, WDTU Conservation Director

Volunteers Needed for River Watch

The River Watch program, under the auspices of Colorado Park and Wildlife, is designed to monitor the water quality



Service take field measurements at a few stream crossing sites where culverts are to be replaced to enable fish passage upstream. See the **Anglers' Edge** newsletter article entitled "Culverts" for more information on the subject of culverts and fish passage. The article is also posted on www.westdenvertu.org.

of various watersheds. West Denver participates in this program on a stretch of Clear Creek in the Golden area. Dennis Wiles (720-404-7821) leads the Chapter's effort, which generally occurs on the fourth Wednesday of every month. Give Dennis a call if you're interested. Participation in this program affords you not only an interesting, but an educational experience.

COMMUNITY

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

Want a Fishing Buddy?

If you want find a fishing buddy or volunteer to be one if asked, contact either Jim Chase JEchase1000@gmail.com or Ann Chase A.Chase1000@gmail.com.

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



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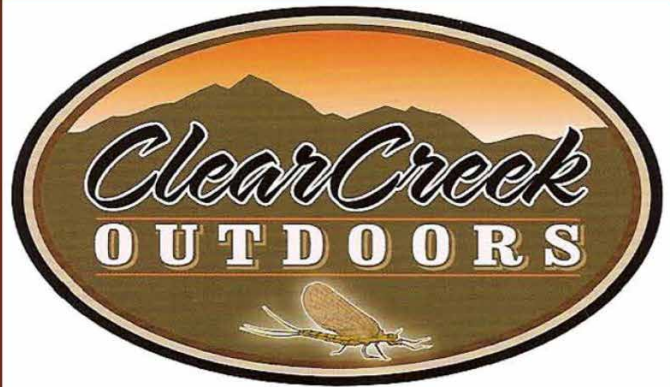


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There are three Flyathlon events scheduled for the summer of 2016. The Clearwater Flyathlon will be held in the Nez Perce-Clearwater Forests of northern Idaho the weekend of July 29th-31st. Our flagship event, the Middle Creek Flyathlon, will take place in the woods near Saguache, CO the weekend of August 12th-14th. Finally, the Lake Fork Flyathlon will round out the season the weekend of September 23rd-25th near Gunnison, CO.

Importantly, Flyathlon races are fundraising events for coldwater conservation projects. Our 2016 501(c)(3) partners for these events are Colorado Trout Unlimited and the Western Native Trout Initiative. We utilize a crowdfunding model to raise money for projects that seek to make the West a better place for native trout. In the last two years, our events have raised more than \$30,000 for native trout-related projects.

Our 2016 list of sponsors is outstanding, including Suunto, Osprey Packs, Scott Fly Rods, Patagonia Fly Fishing, Tenkara USA, Brooks Running, Runner's Roost, YETI Coolers, Leatherman, Smith, Gene Taylor's Sporting Goods, Bishop Brogden Water Consultants, DiNatale Water Consultants, Mad Greens, Noosa Yoghurt, Tenayo Salsa, Skratch Labs, Acli-Mate Natural Sports Drinks, Elevation Beer Company, Upslope Brewing Company, Three Barrel Brewing Company, Telluride Brewing Company, High Alpine Brewing Company, San Luis Valley Brewing Company, & Grand Teton Brewing Company.



WE HOPE TO SEE YOU IN THE WOODS IN 2016!



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FROM THE EDITOR

Hello WDTU. I am honored and excited to begin my tenure as Editor of the Angler's Edge newsletter. But, before I go any further, I would like to thank Jon Weimer for his dedication and hard work that has made our newsletter the great publication that it has become. His leadership has set a high standard for how we convey news, stories and events to our members and to the public.

As the new editor, I will continue this tradition of quality story-telling, interesting news and entertainment. My plan is to move the format of the newsletter toward that of an e-magazine. It will feature stories about our members and their adventures, events and conservation efforts. It will also include interactive links to educational and entertaining video and web content outside of WDTU. I will also be coordinating the Newsletter with our Website and Facebook pages with the intent of developing a comprehensive communications strategy to deliver our message. The content of the newsletter will need your support.

I look forward to receiving stories, great photographs and ideas for articles from each of you.

My interest in Trout Unlimited comes primarily from my desire to conserve and protect natural...and sometimes unnatural...systems and resources for future generations. I am an urban designer and landscape architect by training, so the majority of my work involves creating spaces and places for people. However; in all of my work, which ranges from



You can always find me and my 3wt. on a small stream somewhere in Colorado.

master planned cities to urban landscapes to playgrounds, I strive to reach a balance between the built and natural environment. It is this search for balance that brings me much wonder and joy when I land a fish like the beautiful little cutthroat that is on the cover of this newsletter. A fish caught in a stream that was once severely devastated by the activities of man.

I am also a husband and a father and our family enjoys spending our time together in the mountains. When not doing this, I can usually be found off trail on a small stream somewhere above 8500'. In addition to this, my latest project is creating a 7 year-old trout bum. I cannot help but smile when my daughter asks "Are my hands wet enough?" when she lifts a fish for a quick photo or when she marvels at the idea of catching rainbow trout on her 2 wt. "brookie rod".

In the months and years to come I look forward to expanding the content and reach of Angler's Edge. Together we will spread the word of what WDTU is all about...and we'll have a great time doing it!

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Rio Grande cutthroat continue to persist in their namesake watershed and a new undescribed lineage existed in the San Juan River. Two Colorado River cutthroat lineages were isolated between the Yampa/White and Upper Colorado watersheds. Historic stocking efforts often utilized local fish to culture and distribute them across the State. Despite this widespread distribution of fish, it was discovered that a preserved population of true Greenback cutthroat trout was found in Bear Creek. Unfortunately, extensive searches for remnant populations within and outside of their native drainages have failed to find descendants of Yellowfin and San Juan cutthroat trout.

Recovery efforts for our native cutthroat have always used the “best science available”. For a time, reintroduction efforts used fish that were not necessarily indigenous to the waters they were introduced. This did, however, increase the number of native cutthroat populations across Colorado and preserved the genetic diversity and resiliency of the species. As well, existing habitat was protected, rehabilitated, and restored; and streams were secured from invasion by exotic fish species and disease. Now we are tasked with continuing these preservation efforts and expanding our unique remnant populations to ensure the legacy of Colorado’s cutthroat long into the future.

Kendall Bakich is an Aquatic Biologist with Colorado Parks and Wildlife in Glenwood Springs.

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

WANTED: New Members!

We are always looking for new members to join West Denver Trout Unlimited. To join our Chapter, simply follow this [link](#) for more information on Chapter and National TU membership. Make sure you specify Chapter # 130 when registering. With your membership in West Denver TU, you will receive the bi-monthly newsletter, invitations to all of our Chapter meetings, and opportunities to participate in all of our conservation and volunteer activities.



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ABOUT TU

West Denver Trout Unlimited

The West Denver Chapter, Trout Unlimited (WDTU, TU chapter #130) is a member-driven 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is conserving, protecting, and enhancing Colorado's coldwater fisheries through volunteerism, education, and outreach.

WDTU was founded in Colorado in 1974, and now has over 900 members across western metro Denver, including Lakewood, Golden, Morrison, Englewood, Littleton, Wheatridge, and Arvada. Our conservation and community outreach projects include the restoration and water quality monitoring of Clear Creek, Jefferson County school programs, and Joseph's Journey. The chapter's membership meets regularly at the monthly chapter meeting (except July). These meetings are free and open to the public.

WDTU's governance also relies directly upon its members, who generously volunteer their time and effort to achieve the chapter's mission. The WDTU Bylaws provide details on the chapter's governance. The chapter's Board of Directors has a board meeting every month (separate from the chapter meeting). Members are welcome to attend board meetings and are encouraged to volunteer to be an Officer or Director.

Trout Unlimited

"Founded in 1959, TU is the leading conservation organization dedicated to conserving, protecting, and restoring, North America's trout and salmon fisheries and their watersheds. Our 100,000 members are organized into 450 local chapters nationwide. These volunteer chapters are the "watchdogs" of their local rivers and streams. They conduct stream restoration projects, monitor legislation, and fight for "fish friendly" policies with state and local officials. Through its Washington DC-based national headquarters, TU conducts valuable scientific and economic research to foster more enlightened trout and salmon management practices, lobbies to strengthen environmental legislation like the Clean Water Act and Endangered Species Act, and provides a voice for its 100,000 members."

WDTU CALENDAR

CHAPTER MEETING- **First Wednesday of each month**

American Mountaineering Center

6:30 - 7:00 PM: Welcoming-Fly Tying Demo

7:00 - 7:30 PM: Chapter Business

7:30 - 8:45 PM: Speaker

Speakers-David Nickum, Stephanie Scott, Jen Bolden-Colorado TU

David Nickum is the Executive Director of Colorado TU. He coordinates state-level TU conservation efforts on issues ranging from whirling disease to water quality protection. He will be accompanied by Stephanie Scott, CTU's Outreach Coordinator, and Jen Bolden, CTU's state lobbyist. Stephanie works with chapters throughout the state to engage members and their surrounding communities in conservation. She will discuss the current outreach efforts of CTU. Jen will update us on the activities of the recent legislative session. It will be an interesting and informative evening.

Guest Fly Tier-Fred Portillo

Our guest tier will be Fred Portillo. Fred is the long-time organizer of the Fly Tying Clinic. Ask Fred about his recent trip to the Green River.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

June 2016

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| 1 | Chapter Meeting |
| 4 | Joseph's Journey-9AM-4PM
Bob (303-517-0892)
Registered Volunteers Only |
| 13 | Board Meeting 7 PM |
| 18 - 19 | Father's Day Bass Pro Cook Out |

July 2016

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| 6 | No chapter meeting – Gone Fishing |
| 11 | Board Meeting 7 PM |

August 2016

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| 3 | Annual Chapter Family Picnic:
Lions Park, Golden East Pavilion-
Pot Luck 4-10PM |
| 8 | Board Meeting 7 PM |
| 20 | Auto Show Cook Out
WR Bowling Lanes 9AM-4PM
Linda-303-437-3032 |

Note! Our **Chapter Meetings** are held at the American Mountaineering Center, 710 10th Street, Golden Colorado 80401

Our **Board Meetings** are held at the Old Capitol Grill, 1122 Washington Ave., Golden Colorado 80401