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Our Mission

To conserve, protect and restore North America's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds.

Our Vision

By the next generation, Trout Unlimited will ensure that robust populations of native and wild coldwater fish once again thrive within their North American range, so that our children can enjoy healthy fisheries in their home waters.

Who We Are

Founded in Michigan in 1959, Trout Unlimited today is a national non-profit organization with 150,000 members dedicated to conserving, protecting and restoring North America's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds. Our staff and volunteers work from coast to coast to protect, reconnect, restore and sustain trout and salmon habitat on behalf of today's anglers and coming generations of sportsmen and women who value the connection between healthy, intact habitat and angling opportunity.

From forested rivers like the Farmington in Connecticut to the pristine waters of Alaska's Bristol Bay and all points in between, TU's work spans nearly a million miles of cold water all across North America. TU is the most effective coldwater fisheries conservation organization in the country. Donors invest in TU because we get things done on the ground, in statehouses and on Capitol Hill.

TU has a basic approach to its conservation strategy. First, we use the best available science to protect headwater spawning habitat for trout and salmon. We reconnect tributaries with their rivers to ensure resilience, and we restore waters where development has impacted trout and salmon and the opportunity to fish for them. Second, we sustain our work on the ground by:

- Using the best science to drive conservation priorities
- Promoting and maintaining a strong legal and regulatory framework to protect fish and fishing opportunity
- Connecting with passionate anglers who want to give back to the resource they value so much
- Increasing our ability to engage TU members in conservation by training, educating and building a strong community of angler advocates
- Connecting with generous donors and helping them give to the fish they cherish and the places they love
- Helping members connect and communicate with one another via our website, TROUT Magazine and the TU Blog

From the Penobscot in Maine to the South Fork of the Snake in Idaho and west to the Klamath in Oregon and California, TU and its staff and volunteers work on the ground in hundreds of places, protecting, reconnecting and restoring trout and salmon habitat for the benefit of today's anglers and generations to come.

If you're interested in becoming a part of TU and giving back to the fish and the places you value, become a member and help us 'save the world, one trout at a time.'

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on the cover:

Bruce and Tim Beck with Bruce's steelhead
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You might be a fly fisherman if you know that...

by Kenneth Knezic

A fly is not to be zipped.
Sage is not a spice.
A Wulff is not an animal.
A nymph is not a girl.
To mend is not to sew.
A double haul isn't a semi with two trailers.
3X is not an adult movie.
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Grizzly is not a bear.
A rainbow is not in the sky.
A brook isn't a small stream.
Brown isn't a color.
A coachman doesn't have a horse.
A vise is a good thing.
A pool isn't for swimming.
Madison and Jefferson aren't Presidents.
Backing isn't something you get from your friends.
Drag doesn't involve tobacco.
Colorado isn't Heaven... but it's close.

Goodbye, Brenda by Jon Weimer



Al Revzin is a long-time member of our Chapter. Over the years, he served as both the editor and assistant editor of this newsletter. He has also served as the Chapter's unofficial bon vivant, full of witticisms and funny stories. Unfortunately, his wife, Brenda, died in early March. Brenda was a lovely, refined British lady. She charmed everyone she met. Al always claimed that Brenda was too good for him, but he managed to convince her to marry him 62 years ago. They were a special couple together. She'll be missed by all.

We are very sorry to announce that our fellow chapter member and dear friend Randy Cordova passed away earlier this week. A memorial service to celebrate Randy's life will be held on Saturday, April 14th, at 12:30pm. Service will be at Grace Community Church - 9050 Yates Street, Westminster, CO 80031. Flowers can be sent to the church or donations can be made in Randy's name to one of the following organizations:

Lung Cancer CO Fund, Inner City School (Denver, CO), Alternatives Pregnancy Center, Grace Community Church (Westminster, CO)

The President's Message

With the notice of tulips and daffodils popping through the ground and eager to bloom, it looks like spring is certainly upon us. This act of nature is usually the signal that our Colorado snowstorms are not over. Any snowflakes at this point are welcomed with open arms. They can put more water into our streams for nice fishing experiences during the summer.

Fishing trips are beginning to be planned with the excitement that the season is here. One fun day of fishing was the Rainbow Falls event and coming soon is the annual Green River trip in April.

Our springtime events with CTU will soon be history. The CTU Gala was a success. Those who attended had a very relaxing evening. Our next fun weekend of meetings and fishing is scheduled for April 24 – 27 at Keystone. The chapters from all over the state will be working together. This year we are honored to be in touch with Regional chapters as well as staff from the National TU office. The weekend will be filled with workshops and suggestions for fishing places in the guest's home states and, of course, fish stories.

Again, thanks to all those volunteers who made these fishing trips and events a success. There are too many to recognize in person but Thanks!!!!!!

Watch the website for the interesting speakers who are on the horizon for our chapter meetings. Thank you, Tim, for your dedicated work to search for unusual topics and for rounding up the tiers for our tying corner.

Don't forget to renew your annual fishing license!!!!!!!!!!!!

If the fish aren't biting, find a soft rock, sit down, relax and reflect on the warm sunshine beaming around you while thinking that you were lucky to have finished filing your annual taxes so you could be enjoy catching, then releasing, your next big trout.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jackie". The script is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a stylized "ie" at the end.

Steelhead Fishing in Oregon

by Bruce Beck



I want to share a fishing experience I had with my nephew in Oregon. Nephew Tim lives in Grants Pass, OR near the Rogue River and its tributaries. It was his spring break from teaching and his wife and daughter decided to spend their time in Mexico, so we were fishing for a week on his favorite tributary, which is the size of Clear Creek here in the Denver area.

Tim picked me up at the Medford airport and when we got to his home, his wife Jackie had dinner ready. Much of the food is grown or harvested, as they have a garden with a variety of vegetables. They have chickens, with venison and salmon in the freezer. A very sustainable family.

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The next morning Tim took his wife and daughter to the airport. When he got back, we planned out our week of fishing. The Rogue was high so we decided to fish his favorite tributary, about five miles from his home, as the steelhead (also known as Cromers due to their bright silvery sides) were moving upstream to spawn. I brought a large assortment of flies—some salmon, some stillwater—they needed to have some weight to them so they would get deep into pools where the fish would hold each day and then move upstream, with new fish moving into that pool. Our first day on the water I landed a nice fish (as the saying goes, you spend an average of 15 hours on the water to hook a steelhead, but it doesn't mean you land it). I was lucky and my nephew was good at putting me into fish. I did land a steelhead every day we fished; it was exceptional.

We met some interesting people while on the water (they were high, but harmless) and we shared our portion of the stream with them. We saw them twice during the week. One day a man wanting to fish this portion of the river came by. I was in the water about ten yards from shore and he questioned why

I was so far out in the river. I happened to land a hatchery fish while he was there, which had its adipose fin removed, and I released it back into the water. He became upset, as he believes hatchery fish should be removed so as not to spawn with wild fish. You cannot keep wild steelhead. I told him I always release fish and that was that. My nephew later told me he was in the Southern Oregon Chapter of Steelheaders. There is controversy on this subject, as most guides want to keep the hatchery fish in the water to give their clients greater opportunity to catch and land fish. Again, they can keep the hatchery fish. With fewer fish come fewer clients for drifting and or wade fishing, which eventually will affect their economy.

I had a great time bonding with my nephew. We both landed fish and had a great time laughing at ourselves and each other and what we did and said there stays there. Living close to the fishing and hunting in smaller communities certainly has its benefits.

Looking forward to my next trip to Oregon.

How I Got Started Fishing:

The Large Bass in Sloan's Lake

by Tim Toohey

I don't remember exactly how old I was—five or six—when a neighbor friend asked if I wanted to go fishing with him and his dad at Sloan's Lake in Edgewater. My family did no fishing or camping. I had seen people fish but I had never done it myself. I rushed home and asked my mom and she said it would be ok. I didn't have any equipment so my friend's dad let me use a rod and reel. It was a Zebco.

It was my first time fishing and also my first time at the lake. It was huge and there were people having picnics, playing in the grass, and (at that time) there was even skeet shooting on the southwest corner of the lake. We were fishing by

some piers on the north side. We were using worms. We had caught a few blue gills and crappies and it was a great day. I remember I was watching my bobber and it went down and shot straight across the lake. I pulled my pole back and I knew I had something big on the line. After about ten minutes I landed a large bass. I don't know how big it was, but to a five-year-old it was a whale. My neighbor helped me clean it and I proudly bought home. To my surprise my mom cooked it and we had it for dinner.

After that, I started fishing the farming and irrigation lakes around our home in Arvada. I was hooked.

Green River Chapter Trip

by Jim Rubingh

WDTU will be having a Chapter trip to the Green River on April 28 - May 2. We will be staying at the Flaming Gorge Resort (www.flaminggorgeresort.com), a full service facility. They have motel rooms, condos, full service restaurant and fly shop. They offer guided float trips on the river as well as wading trips. Many of us will be floating the river in personal pontoon boat and walk wading the river. The cost is approximately \$200 with a \$100 deposit to hold your spot. The Green River is a fabulous fishery with an average of 15,000 fish per mile. If you are interested in this trip, please contact me (Fred Portillo) at cpfred@aol.com or 720-209-8732. We have reservations made for 24 anglers, so please contact me soon to secure your spot.



Bill, Jim, and Nile

When Nile called and told me some guys from the West Denver TU chapter were going to the Green River below Flaming Gorge and did I want to go along, the immediate answer was yes absolutely.

The first thing I did was check with Dean, my friend from the Jeffco food bank, an 80-year-old fly fishing guru who has owned fly shops, worked for TU, once spent a month fishing Patagonia, has fished every major water in the west,

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ADVERTISER'S SPOTLIGHT

by Jon Weimer

Metro Brokers “Catch and Release” Real Estate—Dan Pass

(This article is part of a series of articles providing background information on our paid advertisers and reflecting our appreciation of their support over the years).

Dan has been a member of West Denver since the mid-1990s and an advertiser in our newsletter for the past 8 years. He grew up in Golden, graduated as student-body president at Arvada West High School and, after playing football for a couple of years at Adams State, switched to Metropolitan State University where he graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Business Management. He applied this degree by going into real estate sales and investing. He's been selling real estate in the greater Denver area since 2001 and, at about the same time, started guiding.

As a special gift back to West Denver, Dan says that if you or anyone you know is buying or selling, he will make a donation of \$1,000 of his commission for every closed real estate transaction. His hope is that this procedure will help build a sustainable stream of donations back to West Denver to support projects now and for years to come.

Dan says he started fly fishing in 1992, and seemed locked into Cheeseman Canyon for about 5 years. But then he found out about the Taylor, the Blue, and the Frying Pan, and eventually formed a love affair with the Rio Grande, Gunnison, and San Juan. He has also spent some time at the Great Lakes tributaries of Lake Erie and Lake Ontario (he hopes to conduct a chapter trip to that area). He also has spent a lot of time in Wyoming—Yellowstone Park, the North Platte and, most recently, the Big Horn river area (the town of Thermopolis) where he owns a small hotel and where he offers guided float trips for fly fishing and water fowl hunting. And he's not opposed to doing some warm water fly fishing for bass and pan fish.

Dan's pride and joy is his daughter, Kaasen, who, to Dan's

delight, has taken a devout interest in fly tying. If you've ever visited Dan at a booth at our Fly Tying Clinic, it's likely you've seen Kaasen, who enjoys teaching other kids how to tie and how to get involved in fly fishing. Kaasen often accompanies Dan to our chapter meetings and has become the darling of many members.

Dan has graciously taken over the role of Fishing Buddies Coordinator for our chapter. He takes people fishing who are new or newer to the sport to help them learn the basics of fly fishing in addition to the principles of catch and release and the conservation ethic. He often offers a one-on-one “mini” guided trip” to introduce people to the sport of fly fishing, and he sets up monthly chapter trips to local waters, and sets up quarterly trips to out-of-state destinations such as the Green, North Platte, and San Juan.

This man is not only an advertiser, but a true asset to the chapter, someone who is willing to help anyone in search of guidance or who just wants to run fly fishing questions by him (trust me, Dan knows how to fish!). Dan's trips are posted on the chapter's website (www.westdenvertu.org) and can also be found on West Denver's facebook.



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and still consistently catches big fish on the Pan and the Colorado. The first thing he said was these fish have PhDs in not getting caught. They take very small flies (20-24), only 6x tippet, there are about 12,000 large fish (average 16-18 inches) per mile in Section A (the 8 miles below the dam) and the fishing can be great but tough in incredibly clear water (they call this section the Aquarium). He suggested bringing a belly boat to cross the river and fish the other side where there are no fisherman. (This didn't happen but it's not a bad idea). He also said at some times of the year you may need to take your own rock to stand on. Or take a single pontoon boat to float the 8 miles (that would be ideal).

We left on Friday morning in the snow. Seemed more like a ski day than a fishing day. Went through Steamboat, Craig, and then through Browns Canyon. Some dirt and very

muddy road, feels about as remote as you can get driving in Colorado. Got there about 3:30, snow, cold, and miserable. In other words ideal for a BWO hatch. But being old, tired, and wimpy we decided to wait till the next day to fish. Checked out our condo, one bedroom, one bath, fold out couch and sleeper bed in a closet. Not exactly ideal for 4 guys but it would do. Nile and I were glad we arrived first and claimed the two beds. The other TU guys were in rooms next to us. They had been there many times and knew they should fish that afternoon. When we saw them that night they told us the river fished like it was yesterday (you know you should have been here yesterday). An amazing hatch with hundred of rises all over the river. Yes they did great on tiny bwo and emergers. Oh well there is tomorrow which fortunately was also suppose to be pretty crappy.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Windy Peak

April 11th

7:45am to 5pm

Windy Peak Outdoor Lab School, Bailey, CO

Fly Tier's Night Out

April 17th

7pm to 8:30pm

Grand Lake Brewing, 5610 Yukon Street, Arvada

WDTU Colorado River Watch

April 18th

9am to 11:30am

Mayhem Gulch Trailhead Parking Lot

PPCTU River Cleanup in 11 Mile Canyon

April 21st

8am to 5am

11 Mile Canyon

2018 Western Regional Rendezvous

April 26th & 27th & 28th & 29th

8am to 5pm

Keystone Resort and Conference Center

22010 US-6, Keystone

Windy Peak

April 26th

7:45am to 5pm

Windy Peak Outdoor Lab School, Bailey, CO

Fly Fishing Rendezvous

April 28th & 29th

Jefferson County Fairgrounds, 15200 W 6th Ave, Golden

Green River Fishing Trip

April 28th to May 2nd

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May 2nd Chapter Meeting and 2018 Fantasy Raffle



Guest Speaker:
Peter Jaacks
of Fly Fishing Alaska



Guest Speaker:
Ben Helgeson, "MIND THE REDD"

Guest Fly Tier: Vinnie Pachelli, WDTU member

VOLUNTEER



Anglers All Clave 4/21/18: one shift (8:00 - 2:00). 2 needed. Lunch ticket provided (last year was BBQ), outdoors venue is Anglers All (South Santa Fe).



Ascent Flyfishing Spring Rendezvous 4/28/18, 4/29/18: two shifts each day (8:00 - 12:00 and 12:00 - 5:00). 2 needed for each shift (8 total). Venue is Jefferson County Fairgrounds.

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Day One. Cold and cloudy, things are looking good. The experienced guys said if we were going to fish right below the dam get there about 10 after all the drift boats and pontoons had taken off from the boat launch and we'd have the river to ourselves. They were right. Very few fisherman. Walked down stream about a mile and found a really nice run. Second cast hooked a very nice rainbow on zebra midge. A few minutes later caught its twin. After that not much happened. After lunch started to see rises and switched to dries. They were in close so could reach them but they sure weren't interested in what we were offering. Looked like they were taking emergers not anything off the surface. Probably a 26 or something we didn't have. Ed landed a nice 18 inch brown on a dry but that was about it. River was covered with BWOs but they didn't seem to be interested. Oh well there's always tomorrow. The condo provided cards and chips so we played Texas hold em for a couple of hours and turned in.

Day Two. Sunny, warm and absolutely gorgeous. Ed tied up a bunch of zebra midges for everyone since they seemed to be working. Fished the lower section of A down at the Little Hole. Nile and Ed went down and Bill and I headed up river. Again took a nice fish (brown) on second or third cast. Next one I lost and totally fouled up line to the point I actually tied on another leader. Downstream there was a nice run that brought another rainbow about 17 inches. Bill and I had lunch and then I found the motherload. Between two large rocks a little stream of water poured into a large pool with about a dozen very large fish. They were definitely feeding and happily took the small midges I floated down into the pool. There was also a great shallow area that I could work them into to land them. Mostly nice fat rainbows here (this section of river is supposed to be about 70% rainbow). About the 4th one took the fly and took off around the two rocks like it had jet fuel in it. It got into the current and took off down stream. This was either the largest fish I had caught or I had foul hooked it (most likely) about one minute later I saw my backing (this never happens). Oddly the fish went into shallow water way downstream. I start running down the bank winding in line as fast as I can. Somehow I get a net on it. I'm amazed, there in the corner of its mouth is a 22 midge. As I take it out I notice my line isn't attached to it. My two midges are attached but elsewhere in the net. Must have been foul hooked and my midge came loose, but I did

gain another fly! Back to the same hole and surrounding riffles. Two fish later I hook an amazing rainbow. After a good fight I get to the shallows to net it. I take the time to actually measure this one, 19 ½ inches and so fat you can't get your hands around it. I get a few more in the surrounding waters and actually lose count of what I've caught. A great day but almost all of them from one short stretch of water. That night dinner, beer and Texas hold em.

Day Three. Sunny, and even nicer than yesterday. Hike up again from little hole. See some nice fish hiking up and stop to fish. After losing the first fish in the current a fat 18 inch rainbow takes #22 juju midge (Charlie Craven flie). Down stream a nice run brings in two browns. The browns here jump like crazy. I think nearly everyone I caught jumped out of the water once or twice. A third one is a monster, before I can get him on the reel he's in the fast current and I've lost him. I take Nile to the motherlode hole. It's now after lunch on the third day and he still has to hook a fish. He's pretty new to fly fishing and this can be tough fishing. A little like taking a friend new to skiing on double black diamond run and saying here you'll like this (not so much). He's in good spirits (I sure as hell wouldn't be) but really wants to get a fish. I put him in the hole and fished down stream in a nice run. Of course the hole produces nothing and the run I'm fishing is amazing. After landing a few I hook one that takes off downstream in a big current. He's really big but running like crazy and I can't stop him. I try to follow him downstream but as soon as I step off the rock I lose him. Damn. A couple of minutes later a really big rainbow takes it and comes right at me. I mean really big. For a second I think I can scoop him up quick. Nope. He sees me and take off into the current and across the river. Still on, a drift boat starts coming down the middle of the river. Shit. They shout wow that's a big fish! I think briefly of the scene in A River Runs Through It where he jumps into the river after a huge fish. Not going to do it. I jump off the rock to try and move down river to get a better angle on him and immediately lose him. Damn. A few minutes later I have another fish on and words come out of my mouth that I have never spoken and probably have never spoken by any fisherman, "god I hope its not a big one." It wasn't. We brought Nile to the rock I was on, let him use my rod and within 10 minutes landed a nice 17 inch brown. All was good.

Salida

by Dan Sullivan

My wife Linda and I had lunch at the South Park Fudge Factory in Fairplay recently, which relocated from Jefferson and brought its loyal fans with it. They make a couple of dozen flavors of fudge, with dark chocolate being our favorite so far. We found this place after discovering our original destination, the café on Main Street, was closed. Happy accident.

The South Park Fudge Factory is located on Front Street, which is one block south of Main Street. The mother and daughter who run the place are delightful people, with that down-home mix of cheerfulness, common sense, and self-confidence that often seems to come with living in a very small, remote, close-knit community. I found it interesting to learn that they like Front Street better than Main Street because it has a lot less hustle and bustle. I suppose everything is relative.

We were on our way to Salida for a float trip on the Arkansas. Absolutely the best river in the world, the Arkansas, according to folks who live along the river. It offers excellent water, exceptional scenery, and angry fish. We've floated these waters more than a few times in the past and have always found the experience exhilarating. The guides from Ark Anglers have exceptional expertise in all aspects one would expect from a guide: spot-on fly selection, expert fly presentation, uncomplaining casting instruction, assistance in knowing when to try to set a hook, patience in understanding when you do not set the hook at the proper instant, trying not to grit their teeth when they untangle a wind knot for the umpteenth time, and, most importantly, just being folks you would like to hang out with. We've

never regretted booking a trip out of this angler shop.

Salida, where we stayed for our trip, jumps to the top of the list of places you should stay near the Arkansas. It's a great old western town, with century-old buildings, surrounded by brilliant scenery. Linda's shopping genes were absolutely electrified by all the little shops and boutiques that displayed uncountable numbers of treasures in their windows. A lifetime could have been spent there without scratching the surface. By the way, spies have told us that this town is expecting exponential growth in the near future, so try to enjoy it while you can.

In our travels around Colorado, we've come to find that we absolutely love those century-old hotels that look like the ones you've seen in Westerns, reviving the spirit of gun fighters, card sharks, and ladies of the evening. People of substance. The Palace Hotel in Salida offers all of this: a great lobby that no modern hotel could possibly offer, an enormously wide staircase that conjures up speculation as to why they need such a huge access, rooms that define what a room should be (separate bedrooms, a kitchenette, a comfortable living room and 12-foot ceilings). If that is not enough, a breakfast is delivered your room. This place is beautiful. You really need to stay here and try to imagine what it would have been like to live in what seems like a more romantic and interesting era.

All over Colorado, treasures are just waiting to be discovered and relished. I think it is just a matter of committing to explore, enjoy, and be enchanted by the jewel that we call home.



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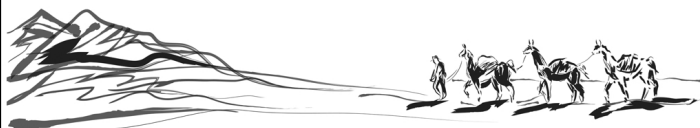
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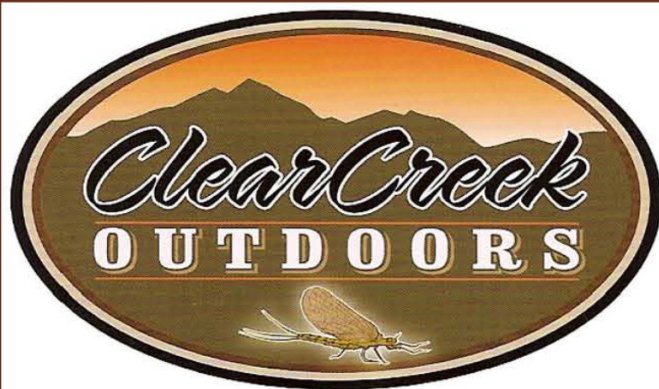


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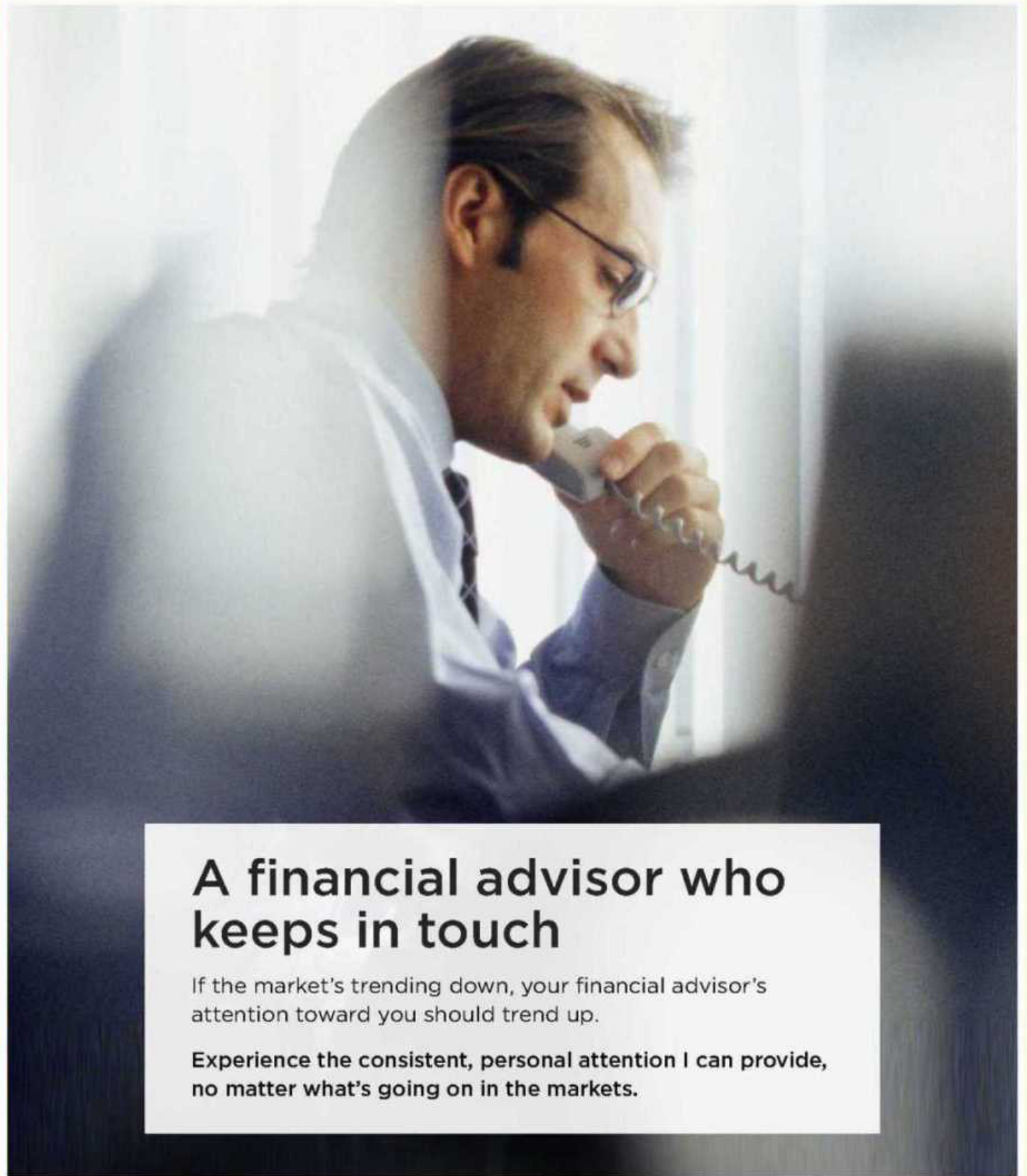
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Retreats are conducted over a two-and-a-half day period at a fly-fishing facility/lodge with onsite or nearby fishing access.

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Retreat Participant

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Retreat Participant

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Retreat Participant

GOALS

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- **Provide beginning fly-fishing instruction** that enables the participants to learn a new skill, form a healing connection with nature, and participate in a sport they can continue throughout their recovery and lifetime.
- **Provide participants information about cancer-related resources**, both in the local community and nationally to facilitate networking and enhanced management of their recovery.

If you would like to be a participant, volunteer, or make a donation please contact us.

National: Toll Free 800-699-4490 www.reelrecovery.org info@reelrecovery.org

LOCAL RETREAT: Shawnee, CO April 30-May 2, 2018 Kremmling, CO Sept. 28-30, 2018

Local Contacts: Kevin Stromberg at 925-487-4535 or Jerry Arni at 303-791-1932

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fantasy Raffle Tickets

One of the major fund raisers for our chapter is the annual "Fantasy Raffle". This is a winner-takes-all contest in which the person holding the winning ticket wins a fabulous prize consisting of 35+ items ranging from big to small.

The highlight items: a handmade bamboo fly rod setup, which includes 2 tips, a reel, extra spool; a Tenkara fly rod with case. Other items are a handmade wooden fly box, 20 dozen flies, a guided river fly fishing trip, a camera, and a plethora of gadgets that every fly fisher needs. Retail value is over \$4,000.

Ticket prices:

One Ticket: \$5.00

Five Tickets \$20.00

The drawing is held at the May Chapter meeting each year. You need not be present to win. This year's May Chapter Meeting is on May 2nd. We have been conducting the raffle since 1993, and many people look forward to buying tickets at the Fly Fishing Show, International Sportsmens Exposition, chapter meetings and events, and several other venues.

The funds raised are used for chapter projects and operations. Examples are the annual Joseph's Journey fishing day for terminally ill children, and several stream habitat improvement projects on Clear Creek. So, when you purchase a ticket you benefit whether you have the winning ticket or not. That's a true winning combination.

Direct questions to Bob Clark at ridenfish@msn.com, or contact one of the chapter officers.

Canned Food Drive

Bring a non-perishable food item to our Chapter meeting and get a raffle ticket for a chance to win a fabulous prize. All food items donated will be given to the Arvada food bank. Please be generous.

Volunteer Work

Colorado Parks & Wildlife has a volunteer program. You can sign up for volunteer opportunities at their web site. They will send you emails about the opportunities. If you volunteer 40 hours a year, they will give you a Colorado Parks Pass. River Watch volunteer time also qualifies under the CPW Volunteer Program.

River Watch

We take water samples at three sites on Clear Creek. In September we will also take bug samples. We meet at the Mayhem Gulch parking lot at 9:00 and will car-pool to the sites. River Watch dates: April 18, May 16, June 20, July 25, August 29, September 26, October 31

Volunteer Days

The Pikes Peak Chapter of Trout Unlimited (formally Cheyenne Chapter) has a number of project volunteer days coming up this Spring and we would like to invite your chapter to participate in these events.

The project dates are:

Saturday April 23 - River Cleanup in 11 Mile Canyon
Friday May 4 - Willow Harvesting, Charlie Meyers SWA (Dream Stream)

Thursday May 10 - Willow Planting, Charlie Meyers SWA (Dream Stream)

Saturday May 12 - Willow Planting, Charlie Meyers SWA (Dream Stream)

Because lunch will be provided for the willow planting days, we request that volunteers sign up in advance by sending an email to Don Logelin d2jm@msn.com (or sign up in our chapter website ppctu.org)

When signing up, please provide a phone number so that you can be reached if any plans change. Once signed up you will be sent the complete details for these volunteer days.

Thanks, Don Logelin, VP Conservation
Pikes Peak Chapter of Trout Unlimited
C 719.648.8863

ABOUT TU

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.”

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.

A Note About Email Address Changes

Please notify at least one of us whenever you change your email address, snail mail address and/or telephone number so we can communicate with you quickly and efficiently.

Jackie Edwards
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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.

WDTU Chapter Board Meetings

Note:

Chapter Meetings are held at the
American Mountaineering Center, 710
10th Street, Golden, Colorado 80401
6:30 - 7:00 PM: Welcoming-Fly Tying Demo
7:00 - 7:30 PM: Chapter Business
7:30 - 8:45 PM: Speaker

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

Nominations for the Chapter Officers will begin at the April Chapter Meeting. Nominations for the President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary will be accepted. If you or someone you know who would like to serve as a Chapter officer, you may make the nomination at the Chapter meeting or any time up to the Chapter Meeting in June when the election will be held.

