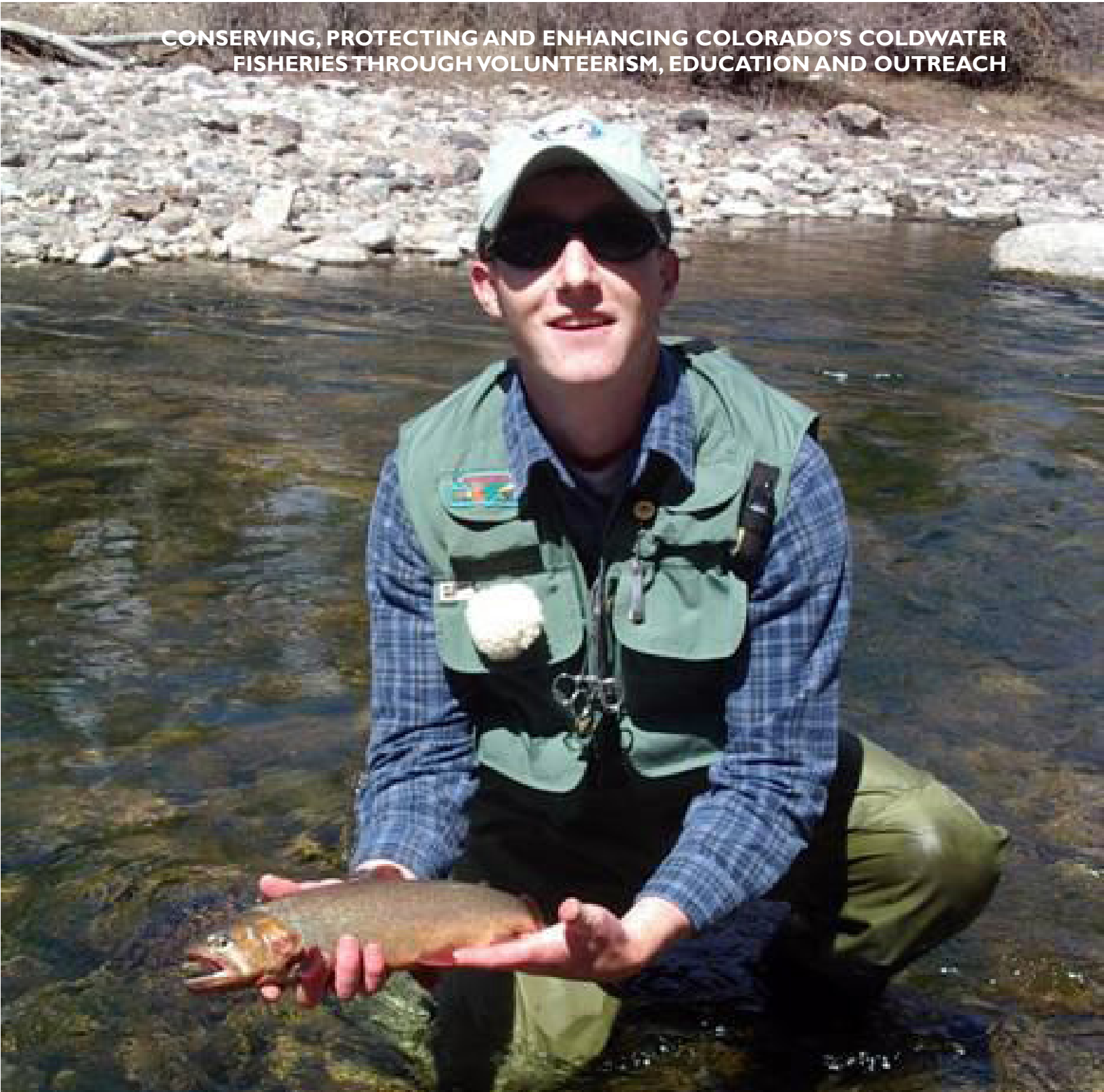




# ANGLERS' EDGE

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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 cold-water 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.

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on the cover:  
a catch from last year's  
Golden Games

## A Sweet Sense of Loss by Kenneth Knezic

The soft pink light of dawn  
penetrates the morning haze.  
A lone man glides along in his wooden craft  
as though suspended in the mist.  
Small ripples echo silently  
across the glassy surface.  
A wisp of bamboo flicks a  
transparent gossamer  
in a series of delicate loops  
that land silently on the water.  
Instantly, the glassy surface is shattered.  
The fly disappears being  
engulfed by an eruption from below;  
shattering the mornings stillness.  
The rod flexes rapidly, bowing to  
the strength of sheer muscle,  
taking the fine line to its limit.  
In a powerful surging leap  
the tension ends abruptly.  
The battle is over as quickly as it began.  
The rod hangs limp at the fisherman's side.  
But his smile is an acknowledgment  
to the victors savvy maneuver.

# The President's Message

Father's Day as you know, is just around the corner. For those of you, who are or were fortunate to have a father still living even several years ago can relate. Difficult thoughts many times goes into deciding what your father may wish to get for this special day. What, oh what would a nice gift be?

My father was lucky enough to live long enough (98 years) the gifts were maybe another box of chocolates or . . . . Dad began more and more cherishing just being with his family on special days. My thought to spend a day with him was aimed at his enjoyment of fishing. I picked a day that he was free from his coffee shop visits and my work schedule. I made sure he had his fishing rod (he still called it a "pole"). I packed two float tubes and their gear, and made sure we had a healthy lunch. I drove 3 hours to pick him up. We started out the next morning for the drive to Lake City. Just getting into the mountains west of the San Luis Valley brought many memories back to him about his early farming years. I learned new history about the western mountain range in the next several hours. How some of the rail tracks were laid and why or how "that" mountain is slowly moving so many feet each year.

We arrived in Lake City and drove slowly through the main part of town, to find changes like "I wonder what happened to the hardware store that used to be on that corner?" We then found an easy access to the "Lake". We picked a quiet area in one of the coves where we would be safe. This was his first experience with a float tube and showed excitement while getting geared up and then giggled while awkwardly climbing into this new world to him.

I do not recall anything thing about numbers or kinds of fish we caught. The important thing was just being where we were. I do recall him acknowledging the relief the water had on his newly replaced knee. Certainly not like walking on the rocky lakeshores to fish. The day lingered on with knowing the thrill of just letting him experience a new way of fishing he had only been able to dream about. His recent years of watching fishermen bobbing around near the edges of a lake did help Dad realize yet another perspective and relaxing way of fishing.

Of all the father's day special gifts I had given him, none matched what a few hours of his bobbing around at the edge of a mountain lake did for him. This experience gave him weeks and weeks of proud coffee shop chatter with his old farmer friends.

Have a Happy Father's Day!!!!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jackie".

*If the fish aren't biting, find a soft rock and relax your weary bones only to think about how you should have accepted that invitation for a fishing trip with an old friend but did not – learning that it is now too late – they are gone.*

# Worst Trip

by Duane Van De Venter

**M**y trip to Alaska didn't work out.

We were going to do it on the cheap. After flying there, we rented a SUV to carry our fishing and camping gear. My friends and I were going after Kings.

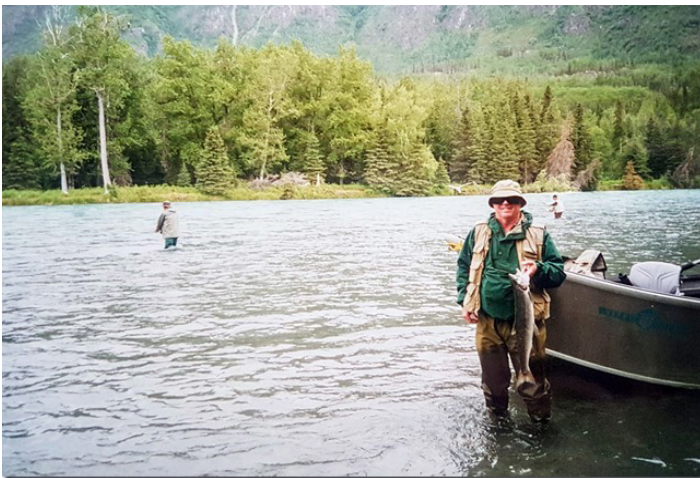
The Russian River was elbow to elbow with fisherman. One of my friends kept hooking fish but couldn't land any (they had bought king spinning rods with 15 lb. test in Alaska). The lines kept breaking and the other fishermen were not happy because they had to bring in their lines when a fish was on.

A waitress told us where they always got Kings at Bush Creek. So the next day we went there, a two-mile walk. There were submarines in sight and bushes. Three other fishermen and our three. We hooked fish but they would wrap around

bushes until they broke off, they had to be horsed. The locals all got a Kings, one used a 12 wt rod. The season closed at midnight for Kings. Met a State Ranger on the trail out. He had a shotgun and a bandolier of shells. He asked if anyone was still fishing but I didn't know because I left before midnight. He went back to his vehicle.

We tried the Kenei and a few fish were coming through. The locals said to snag them in the mouth and they could do it and land it. I snagged one and about lost a finger, no landing. No fish until we hired a guide and fished the Kenei. Three of us landed 4 reds, I caught 2.

We slept in B&Bs, I didn't sleep. When we got back I called my wife to bring a cooler, a 6 pack. Five hundred dollars a fillet, 4. I expected more from Alaska. We saved money but it wasn't worth it.



*Duane with a red salmon (left) and the King Duane's friend tailed, being held by the man who caught it (right)  
photos courtesy Duane Van De Venter*

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## Sharing My Love of Fishing

by Mary Manka

**S**haring my love of fishing is like sharing my life. Lots of folks talk about "being alone on the river." But I find that while I may be the only person on a stretch of a stream or river, I'm never alone. There are always the people you pass in the parking lot or along the river, with a quick stop to say "How you doing?" "How's the fishing?" This always leads to a longer conversation about where the

best fishing is, what flies you're using, where you're from, great dog—all kinds of topics. Rarely have I met someone carrying a fly rod that doesn't seem to mind a bit of easy conversation. And of course, there are the friends you meet along the way, on all the trips, activities, and crazy stuff we get involved in. I share my love of fishing with the people I meet on the way and the wonderful friendships we build.

# Who Owns the Bottom of a River?

## Ramifications of a Lawsuit

by Jon Weimer

Apparently, a fly fisher from Colorado Springs, a Roger Hill, got fed up having to forego wading on a stretch of water that passed through private property—specifically, a stretch of the Arkansas River that courses through a piece of property that runs between Texas Creek and Cotopaxi. So, he decided to file a federal lawsuit against the landowner who has argued that he owns the bottom of that stretch of river that flows through his property. Because the landowner asserts that the river bed is private property, he claims Hill is trespassing when fishing that stretch of river bottom adjacent to his property. Hill is arguing, of course, that the bottom of the Arkansas River is actually public property and that he should be allowed to fish anywhere on the river bed. The outcome of this lawsuit, no matter how it is determined, is going to have consequences for a number of people.

There are some concepts that may be key to determining the outcome of the lawsuit. Hill's lawyers reference a federal doctrine called "navigability for title" which states that if a waterway was used for commercial activity at the point of statehood (1876 for Colorado), the State owns the stream bed and, thus, the public has access. According to Hill's lawyers, there are historical records, including contemporaneous reports from local newspapers, that document loggers sending hundreds of thousands of railroad ties and logs down the Arkansas River before, and at the time, Colorado became a State in 1876, proving "navigability for title", therefore allowing unfettered public access. Stream-access issues have surfaced periodically in Colorado. However, no State law has defined navigability. The landowner's lawyers, however, point to a legal opinion rendered in 1983 by the then-Colorado Attorney General's office that individuals may float on the surface of waters through private lands without committing criminal trespass, so long as they do not touch the beds or banks. This legal opinion is not binding and has not been tested by a Colorado court.

The ramifications from Hill's lawsuit are myriad. If, for example, Hill wins his suit, an issue that will have to be addressed is whether the State has a legitimate claim to riverbed property that was previously considered private property and, if so, whether or not landowners should be reimbursed for that riverbed that is now deemed public.

Also, If the lawsuit is adjudicated in favor of Hill, it could conceivably have an adverse impact on guiding/outfitter companies and fishing clubs in that anglers could simply enter the river via a public access venue and then wade upstream/downstream to wade-fish a stretch of water previously forbidden—i.e., an angler would no longer have to pay an outfitter or fishing club that had made leasing arrangements with a property owner to fish the river bottom adjacent to private land. I talked to Chuck Prather, a principal with the Rocky Mountain Anglers Club (RMAC), an organization comprised of about 1,900 anglers who pay an annual membership fee in addition to paying a rod fee for whenever they fish a RMAC-leased property (RMAC has leased about 40 properties in the State). Chuck feels that if Hill wins this suit, it could signal the death knell for RMAC and similar enterprises.

Finally, I approached David Nickum, Executive Director of Colorado Trout Unlimited (CTU) to ask if CTU has taken a position on this issue. David indicated that CTU, thus far, is simply "observing" the lawsuit and has not yet taken any definitive stance at this point in time. He says that under National Trout Unlimited policy, if CTU wishes to get involved, it would have to go through a National board review process but, as of now, he has not received any suggestion from a CTU board member that it should do so. However, David did direct me to a position statement on access issues that was disseminated by CTU in 2002. The gist of this position statement is that CTU has never supported measures to claim additional public access at the expense of landowners and that "...riparian landowners should have legitimate concerns about trespass by anglers that walk on the bed and banks of the river, drag anchor while passing through private land, and/or engage in other acts of trespass or vandalism". If this 2002 position statement is going to serve as a guideline for CTU if they are asked to take a stance on this lawsuit, my sense is that CTU would favor the landowner.

At the time that this newsletter is being published, I had not been able to obtain a definite timetable as to when this federal lawsuit will be adjudicated, hearing estimates ranging from 1 year to 5 years. However, even this time frame could be modified given that, just recently, the State of Colorado (i.e.,



*The wide river bottom  
by Gerry Thomasen*

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Attorney General) in a complicated (and, to me, confusing) argument, has moved to dismiss the case, averring that it cannot go forward without the State's participation. The

State also claims that because it has not consented to being sued, the case must be dismissed. Regardless, it should prove to be an interesting journey. Stayed tuned.

# ADVERTISER'S SPOTLIGHT

by Jon Weimer

## Charlie's Fly Box— Charlie Craven

*(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).*

Charlie has become an iconic figure in the world of fly tying. He has written numerous books on the subject, and is a regular contributor to fly fishing magazines, writing about how to tie various fly patterns. Several years ago his shop, Charlie's Fly Box, was given a national award as the best fly shop in the USA. He continually teaches classes on fly tying, and his shop's website is nationally acclaimed as he displays recipes for tying a plethora of fly patterns. He has been an advertiser in our newsletter for a dozen years.

Charlie is a Colorado native, born and raised in Northglenn. He picked up fly tying at the suggestion of his father, who was fed up with Charlie using and losing his expensive lures. His father thought that he could salvage his lures if Charlie could tie his own flies. On his eight birthday, Charlie's parents gifted him with a basic fly tying kit, and Charlie says he's been running down that rabbit hole ever since. With the enthusiasm of a typical 8-year old, he dove in, tying all sorts of flies on old bait hooks, using everything in his gifted kit and his mother's sewing supplies, and supplementing his materials with backyard songbirds. After several years, 12-year old Charlie answered an ad from someone looking for fly tyers.—specifically, a local fly supplier named Monte Andes.

Monte supplied Charlie with materials and a bit of instruction as well as orders from anywhere from five to ten-dozen flies a week. Charlie recalls that for his very first order, he was to tie about ten-dozen Hornbergs—an old-time favorite. Charlie says he slowly mastered the pattern, while at the same time learning to hate it. He still hates tying them. As his proficiency expanded, Charlie started picking up other tying jobs from local shops. He says that during his teenage years, he tied flies for nearly all the shops in the Denver metropolitan area. He said during these years he became a voracious student of fly tying, reading anything about the art he could get his hands on. Soon after finishing high school, he started working AND guiding for a local Denver fly shop.

He says this job had dire consequences on his college career. He said he was all too anxious to skip a class in order to guide a client on the water. And over the next few years, he spent thousands of days guiding and fishing the South Platte up and around Cheesman Canyon—back in the pre-fire days when you could stand high up on the trail every morning, look down on crystal pools loaded with big rainbows.

Charlie remembers working for a Dick Reeves up at Front Range Anglers in Boulder. According to Charlie, Dick was one of the finest men for whom he's ever worked—a man who had extremely high standards and held everyone to them, and who taught Charlie a lot about hard work and doing a job the right way. He also cites a Ken Walters who owned the Flyfisher shop in Cherry Creek and who also taught Charlie so much. Both Dick and Ken gave Charlie opportunities to teach fly tying classes, work in the shop, and tie flies to his heart's content.

In 1998, Charlie was offered a job out of the clear blue to help open and run a new shop in Boulder—Rocky Mountain Anglers. He worked with Ted Black at the store located in a tiny building on Pearl Street; the store eventually moved to its present location on Arapahoe. However, Ted passed away and things fell apart for Charlie. By his own admission he was at a loss what to

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## June 6th Chapter Meeting

6:30pm to 9:00pm

American Mountaineering Center



**Guest Speaker:**  
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Steve Schweitzer has been part of the fly fishing retail and conservation industry for over 25 years, including a key position as the V.P. of Sales & Marketing at Whiting Farms, where he created the popular products “Bird Fur”, “Fly Tyer’s Variety Pack” and the “Whiting Hackle Gauge.”

Steve Schweitzer was born and raised in Ohio and spent his younger years fishing his parents’ farm pond for bass and bluegill with poppers. At age 7, his grandfather taught him the craft of lure-making and he was hooked ever since.

Now, an avid fly fisherman and noted fly designer, Steve enjoys backpacking, hiking and writing about fly fishing and fly tying. Steve is author of the award-winning “A Fly Fishing Guide To Rocky Mountain National Park”, and co-authored, “A Fly Fishing Guide to Colorado’s Indian Peaks Wilderness Area” with Mike Kruike. His latest book is: “Designing Poppers, Sliders, and Divers.”

**Guest Fly Tier:**

**Walt Mueller, the developer of the “milking egg” patterns**

**Special Addition: Fly Fishing Books**

Ever thought about buying a book on fishing or fly patterns but wished you could flip through it first? Ever bought a book only to get it and find out it really wasn’t what you were looking for?

We’re going to try to address both of these situations at the June chapter meeting. You’re invited to bring 2 or 3 of your favorite fishing or fly pattern books to the meeting. We’ll set up a table and allow everyone to browse the selections. Also, I’ll put together a bibliography that can be downloaded or emailed out.

We’re not going to buy, sell, or loan these books - just peruse. You’ll take your books home with you that night. So, if you’re interested in bringing some books for people to look at, please affix your name to the front cover of each book.

**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.

**Nomination of Officers**

Nominations for the Chapter Officers began at the April Chapter Meeting. Nominations for the President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary will be accepted. We still need someone to volunteer to be nominated for Vice President.

## Windy Peak

June 7th, 7:45am to 5pm

Windy Peak Outdoor Lab School, Bailey, CO

## Fly Tier’s Night Out

June 19th, 7pm to 8:30pm

Grand Lake Brewing, 5610 Yukon Street, Arvada

## WDTU Colorado River Watch

June 20th, 9am to 11:30am

Mayhem Gulch Trailhead Parking Lot

## WDTU Colorado River Watch

July 25th, 9am to 11:30am

Mayhem Gulch Trailhead Parking Lot

## Wheat Ridge Lanes Auto Show

August 11th

9am to 3pm

Wheat Ridge Bowling Lanes, 6595 W 38th Ave,  
Wheat Ridge, CO 80033

Join West Denver TU for a cookout at the Wheat Ridge Lanes annual Auto Show. This event held in conjunction with the Wheat Ridge Carnation Festival Parade. Check out the cool cars, and enjoy some of the fine food prepared by WDTU volunteers. The food will be for sale at about 10 am.

For more information about the Auto Show, call the Lanes at 303-420-2523.

To help with the cook out, call Linda at 303-437-3032.

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

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## 2018 Colorado TU Youth Camp

June 10 - June 16

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For more information, please visit the CTU Youth Camp Website.  
<https://coloradotu.org/youthcamp/>

## WDTU Colorado River Watch

August 29th, 9am to 11:30am

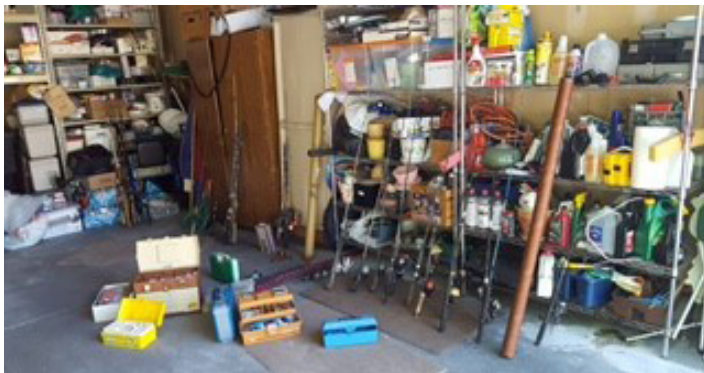
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## One Nation Walking Together

For the 3rd. year in a row West Denver TU collected fishing equipment – spinning and casting rods and reels plus hooks, sinkers, and nets. The equipment is given to a group called One Nation Walking Together. ONWT is an organization about people helping people. The group provides needed services to between 30,000 and 40,000 Native Americans in Colorado and 7 surrounding states.

3 years ago Bob Bear and his wife Lynn contacted WDTU about donating new and used fishing equipment to be given by ONWT to Native American youths. The equipment is used by these kids to supply food for their families on the reservations. The first year WDTU donated about 15 rods and reels we had in storage. The 2nd year WDTU started a drive among our members and collected between 40 and 50 rods and reels. This year thanks to our members we collected about 100 rods and reels, plus other fishing gear that was donated.

Once collect and donated Bob Bear goes through the equipment and makes sure it is in working condition. He then donates it to ONWT at their Colorado Springs headquarters to be donated to different tribes.



# Charlie

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with his life since he had been used to working in the fly fishing industry his entire life. Friends and family suggested that he open a shop of his own and offered to help him. According to Charlie, it was a giant leap of faith on their part as well as on his part. He opened Charlie's Fly Box in December of 2004. And, according to Charlie, it's been Mr. Toad's wild ride ever since.

Charlie says he recognizes that a stereotype of a fly shop owner is of someone getting paid to sit around, yaking about fishing to clients and tying flies all day. However, being an owner of a fly shop is a lot harder and more work than anyone anticipates. He says he learned quickly that those four accounting classes he failed in college would have come in real handy. His daily grind includes writing dated orders for upcoming seasons, anticipating the new hot products in rods and reels, budgeting, coping with cash flow problems, managing the online side of the business and, yes, lots and lots of accounting as well as talking fishing and occasionally tying flies. Charlie says that the business side takes up much more of his time than the fun part, but he wouldn't trade his job for the world. He has taken the approach that it's always good to learn something every day and strive to make each day better than the last. He doesn't plan on going anywhere and remains optimistic about the Olde Town Arvada area where his shop is located—an area he feels has changed for the better over the past decade. He's been steadily expanding his business and customer base. The shop features the largest assembly of fly tying material he has personally ever seen, conducts intensive fly fishing classes and demonstrations, and features a broad range of rods, reels, hard goods and clothing. He admits that the fly fishing market has become much more competitive, what with other local shops, box stores, as well as online stores, but he thinks that's a good thing in that it keeps him and his staff working harder to improve themselves and enhance their clients' skills and enthusiasm for fly fishing.


Bob offered this thanks and this picture: "Thanks a lot. Now my two-car garage is a one-car but we love it. You will make one hundred Native children very happy. But in all humbleness—We fisherman are cool.

WDTU will be doing another drive this year starting in September.

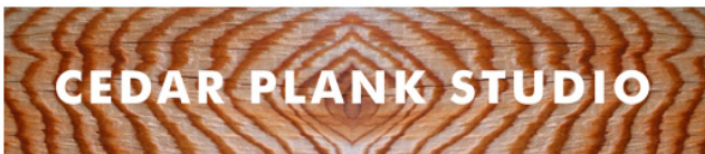
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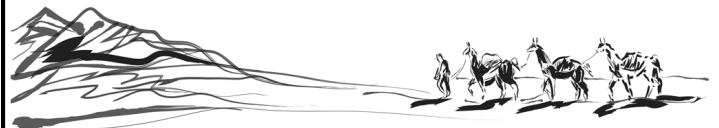
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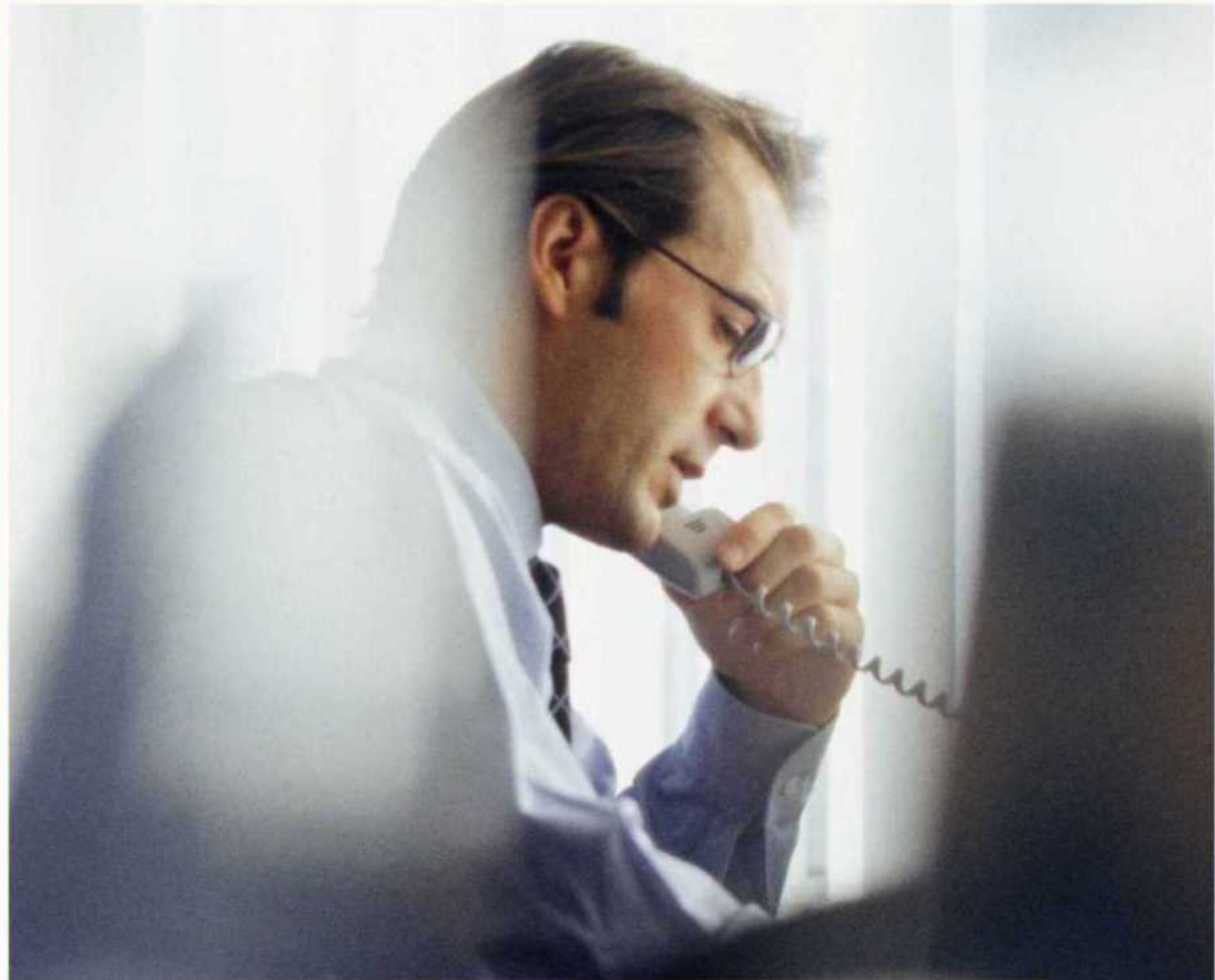


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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 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: 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

## Fantasy Raffle Prize Winner 2018

The winner of the 2017 Fantasy Raffle was drawn at our May 2nd Chapter meeting. His name is Randy Garcia. He is from Aurora, Colorado. Thanks to all who bought tickets and supported the educational and conservation efforts of West Denver TU.



Show your support for Colorado's rivers by displaying this ultra cool license plate on your vehicle! 100% of the money raised goes toward the conservation, protection and restoration of rivers and streams in Colorado. The Protect Our Rivers license plate shows that you're willing to put your money where your interest lies! But hurry--you only have until the end of June!

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# 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.

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Linda Miyamoto [sullimoto@gmail.com](mailto:sullimoto@gmail.com)

## 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 Golden Library, 1019 10th St, Golden, CO 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.