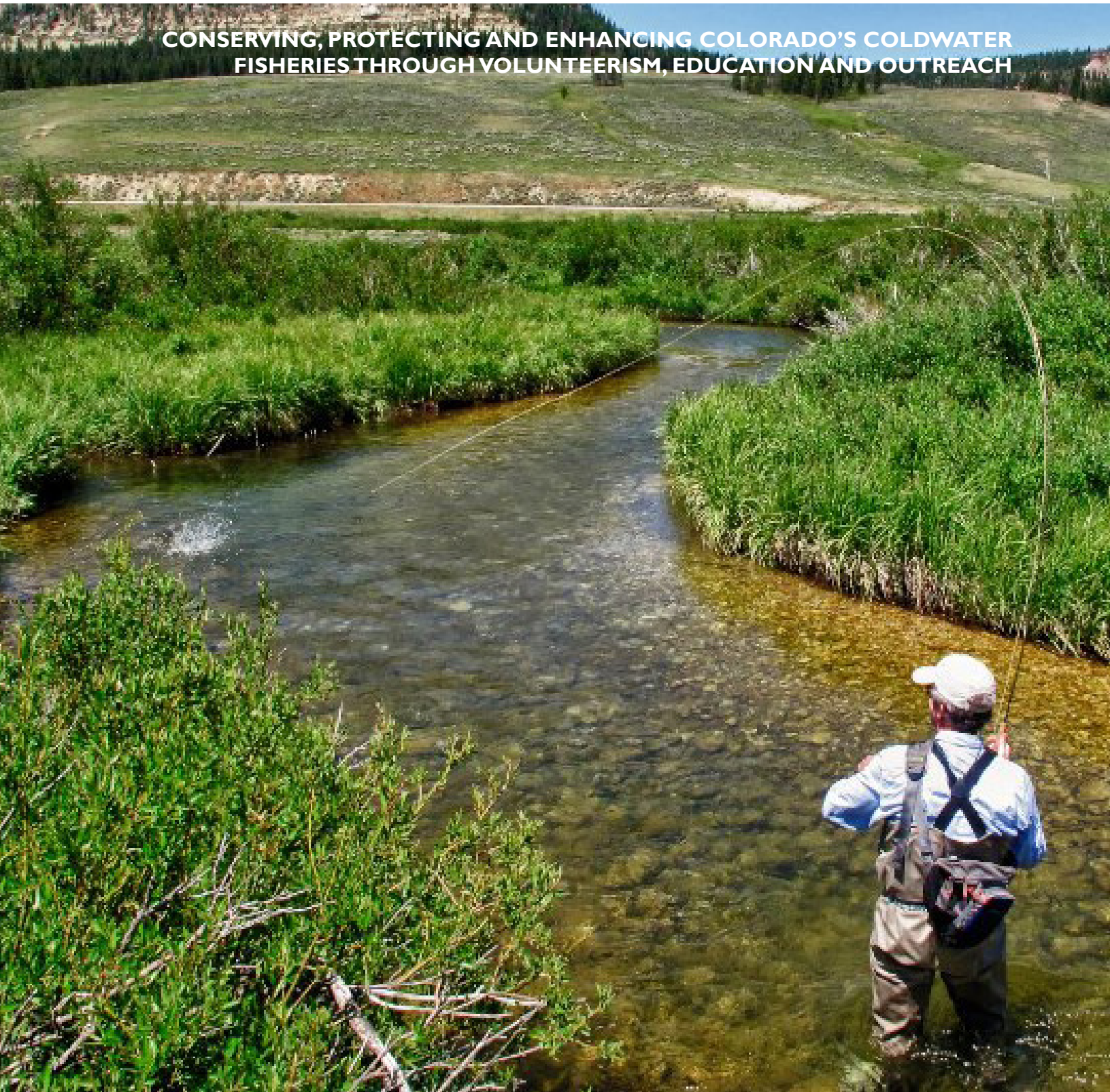




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Our Mission

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.

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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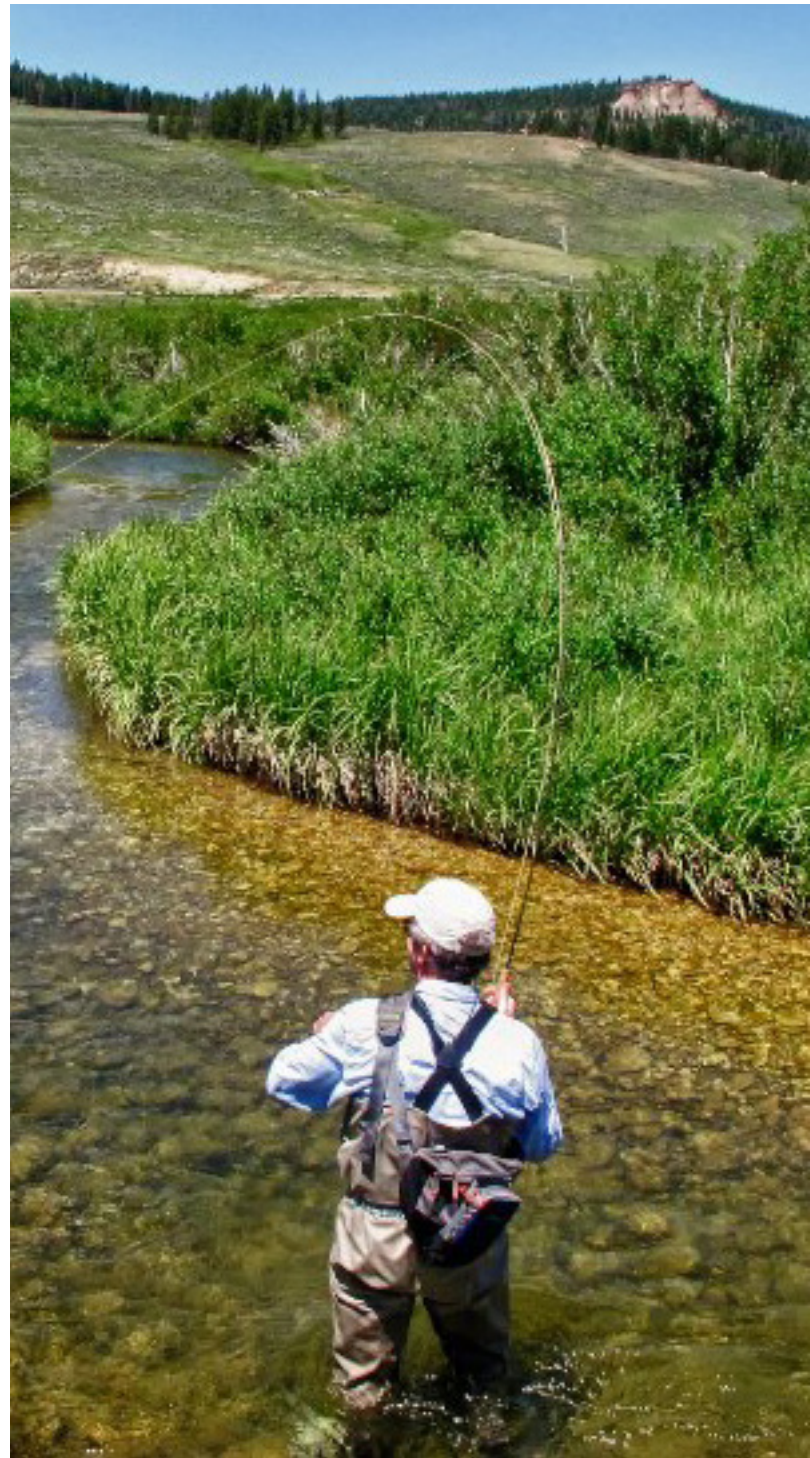
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on the cover:

Jon Weimer's trip to the Red Fork
of the Powder River
Photo courtesy Clark Smyth

The President's Message

The past year has developed into many hours of volunteer work with the West Denver Chapter for clean stream water and fishing lovers. We must continue the diligent work to keep Colorado streams free of high metal levels and other contaminants.

Our high temperatures are not unusual but the high temperatures and the low water flows are not a very good mixture. Thanks to all fisher people who have honored the request for letting the fish have no stress during their experience of having to deal with both elements this summer.

The election of officers for the chapter happened in June as the by-laws required. The gavel will be handed over during the October planning meeting. We have a major change that has been mandated to all of the National Trout Unlimited chapters. This notice requires that the fiscal year will end on March 31, 2019. Our chapter will be making this change and the board is hoping, with little disruption.

The by-laws for our chapter are required to be updated this September so the timing will work out fine for this step of the fiscal year change.

The repair work for the Clear Creek Canyon Reach damage at Mayhem Gulch should be able to get off the ground in a few weeks. We are waiting for a lower water flow.

Before we swing around the corner to face autumn, the chapter will be having its annual family potluck picnic at Lyons Park in Golden. Check the website for further details.

Many thanks for all of the dedicated volunteers in the chapter who have stepped up to help make our projects and annual events a success.

Have a peaceful remainder of the summer and be safe.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jackie". The script is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a small dot above the "i".

If the fish aren't biting, find a soft rock, relax, and sit back to enjoy your memories of the days from the past that were full of excitement about catching the big one, then throwing it back in hopes the next catch will be the biggest one yet.

Joseph's Journey

photos by Dr. John Pern



Greenback Stocking

Over 80 TU volunteers and several Agency partners came together to stock over 1,700 native Greenback Cutthroat Trout into Herman and Dry Gulch this week. Thank you to all of our partners, chapters, and volunteers who make projects like this possible. Photos by Dan Omasta, CTU Grassroots Coordinator



Thanks to Loveland Ski Co. for sending some of your Ski Patrollers to give us a hand for the day!





ADVERTISER'S SPOTLIGHT

by Jon Weimer

Jay Baichi—5280 Angler

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In the spring of 2011, the first 5280 Angler guided fly fishing trip hit the water. The initial core group of 5 guides came together around the idea that they could offer trips that emphasize customer service, value, instruction, adventure, and fun. 5280 Angler has grown into a staff of over a dozen guides, each of whom, according to owner Jay Baichi, is passionate about service and wild about fish.

Each of the founding members of the guide team had years of guiding experience prior to their collaboration so 5280 Angler was able to hit the water running, so to speak, and remain competitive with other long-established and highly-respected shops and outfitters offering guided fishing trips along the Front Range. Jay says that among their early realizations was to place emphasis on customer service and hospitality, equal to their emphasis on helping anglers catch fish. Jay believes that the outfitting/guide business is as much a hospitality business as is a restaurant, hotel, or hair stylist. Going back to the hair stylist analogy, not only does a hair stylist have to deliver a quality cut, but also serve their clients in a lot of other ways. Similarly, a fishing guide should deliver on the angling experience but also connect with the angler. 5280 Angler's business is dependent on repeat and referral anglers, not unlike a hair salon, so its guides strive to make their guests feel like VIPs.

There are quite a few challenges to running any growing business, and the guiding/outfitter business is no exception. One unique feature to 5280 Angler's practice is that it attempts to form partnerships with private land owners to establish private access fishing leases. It must also collaborate with various government agencies to apply for public water permits. Having access to a variety of public and private waters is extremely important and can make or break a business. 5280 Angler now has access to some of the best private water near Denver. It is one of the few authorized outfitters at Boxwood Gulch and Long Meadow Ranches in Shawnee. Other great private partners over the years are Rainbow Falls, Bartle Lakes, and the Rocky

Mountain Angling Club.

Access to certain public lands to provide commercial fly fishing trips is a unique challenge, according to Jay. Many popular public areas such as Cheesman Canyon, Eleven Mile Canyon, the Colorado River, the Eagle River, the Arkansas River, and others are closed to new outfitter permit applications. This past year, however, 5280 Angler was granted permission to apply for the Arkansas tail-water permit below Pueblo State Park; this gold-medal section is a sought-after permit and Jay feels very fortunate and excited that 5280 Angler is one of the few outfitters guiding this fantastic fishery. Another new addition to 5280 Angler's public land permits is Rocky Mountain National Park, fulfilling clients' request for Greenback opportunities. In its effort to make environmental stewardship and conservation an essential component to every trip, it launched the "MIND THE REDD" stewardship campaign—encouraging anglers to watch their step and leave spawning trout unmolested.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

WDTU Chapter Picnic

August 1st, 4:00pm to 9:00pm

Lions Park in Golden

In lieu of our regular chapter meeting, join us for an evening picnic at Lions Park in Golden, Wednesday, August 1, 2018. We are gathering at the East Pavilion in Lions Park. We will set up at 4:00 pm and plan to eat at 5:30 – 6:00 pm.

Attendees are asked to bring a side dish to share. An extra table will be set up for hot dishes near electrical outlets for crock pots, etc. The chapter will furnish chicken, soft drinks and water, and eating utensils, etc. BYOB if you wish, but no glass please. The “No Glass” rule will be strictly enforced by Golden’s park officers.

Please contact Jackie for more information, jaxedw@gmail.com

If you bring canned goods for the Arvada Food Bank, you will be eligible to win a flybox and flies.

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.

WDTU Colorado River Watch

August 29th, 9am to 11:30am

Mayhem Gulch Trailhead Parking Lot

September Board Meeting

September 10th, 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Golden Public Library

Fly Tiers’ Night Out

September 18 @ 7:00pm to 8:30pm

**Grand Lake Brewing, 5610 Yukon Street,
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WDTU Colorado River Watch

September 26th, 9am to 11:30am

Mayhem Gulch Trailhead Parking Lot

October Board Meeting

October 8th, 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Golden Public Library

Fly Tiers’ Night Out

October 16 @ 7:00pm to 8:30pm

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Jay Baichi

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5280 Angler has made quite an impact in its relatively short tenure, expanding its client base exponentially since 2011. This growth, no doubt, can be attributed to 5280 Angler’s emphasis on customer service (and, we hope, to the advertising they have in our newsletter). 5280 Angler

is a thoroughly professional enterprise, having a strong core of seasoned guides that put between 100-200 days on the rivers with their angling guests. If you give 5280 Angler a try, you’ll understand why it is so highly regarded in the fly fishing community.

The Red Fork Redux

by Jon Weimer



Jon Weimer's trip to the Red Fork of the Powder River

Photos courtesy Clark Smyth

Several years ago, my wife and I took a trip to Wyoming and Montana. I'm a western frontier history buff, primarily interested in sites associated with the Plains Indians and U.S. Army conflicts. So, for example, we visited Fort Laramie, Fort Kearny, the Fetterman battlefield, the site of the Wagon Box fight (all Wyoming) and the Little Bighorn Battlefield site in Montana where George Custer met his fate.

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

We went to the Red Fork of the Powder River. The stretch I fished was a private segment of water located on a working ranch. It was one of the most beautiful places I've ever fished. It was the stomping grounds for Butch Cassidy, the Sundance Kid, and their "Hole-in-the-Wall" gang. It's also the site of a battle between the Cheyenne Indians and U.S. troops in 1876. The Red Fork is not stocked—it consists of naturally-reproducing fish. That day, I calculated that I was on the water for about six hours; the guide and I estimated that during that interval, I caught between forty and forty-five fish. I caught a couple of eighteen-inch fish, but most fell between twelve and sixteen inches (mostly browns). It was a wonderful day, and I was determined to get back up there when I could.

In late 2017, I contacted the owner of the ranch that owned the property I had fished and asked if they would have any accommodations this summer for me and possibly a partner—a place we could hang our hat while we fished. She said that they had an old out-building that they may be fixing up, and she would let me know in the spring. Well, that fell through. She said that they had been so busy running the ranch (16,000 acres in size), they hadn't an opportunity to do anything on the structure. So, I decided to go with the Rock Creek Anglers outfit again. A friend of mine from Montana would join me on this trip, but that fell through as well. So, it was just me and the guide (the friend joined me later on to fish Ten Sleep Creek, but that's an article for another issue).

Fishing-wise, this trip was just as successful as the first excursion. I was on the water about five hours and probably caught thirty-five to forty fish, about half of which were browns, and the other half rainbows (with a few cutts thrown into the mix). The fly du jour was a size 14 Madam X. Again, the fish were mostly in the twelve- to sixteen-inch range, with a couple of seventeen- to eighteen-inches being caught.

As good as the fishing was, it was almost secondary to the gorgeous scenery, which looks like the stage set for a John Wayne western. I'm going to try for the ranch house again next year; I feel I know my way around the Red Fork so well that a guide isn't necessary (particularly if the ranch owners allow me to fish on the property). If I can make it up to that area again, I would like to try some of the other creeks/rivers in fairly close proximity, including the Little and Big Piney Creeks, Rock Creek, Clear Creek (Wyoming version), and the Tongue River, in addition to the aforementioned Ten Sleep Creek.

A Trip to the Delaneys

by Kenneth Knezic

Well, my trip to South Delaney Lake was... interesting. I caught five fish the first two days: three stockers about eight to ten inches, one twelve-inch and one about fifteen inches.

So I went in to the local fly shop to inquire what patterns I might need to get some action (actually so I could copy them :-)). In short, he told me that it has been so hot that I probably wouldn't find anything in less than fifteen feet of water or I would have to fish at night or early morning. Well, this guy (me) is not an early riser, so I thought night fishing might be a better option... UNTIL I opened my trailer door around 8:00pm. OMG!!!! Where did all these mosquitoes come from? I mean, they were thick! Things looked so fuzzy I thought I forgot my glasses. They were so bad I made a mad dash to my pontoon to get my locator to charge the batteries. By my return I had to wipe mosquitoes off my arms, legs, and face and as soon as I closed the screen door on my trailer I was wiping them down the screen from the inside.

I hoped I got them all because they can drive you nuts at night. Well, I laid down to bed with the window open right above my head. Then I heard it... bzzzzzzz... It was so close I could almost feel the beat of its wings. After I slapped my face and arms I turned on a light to try to find that sneaky blood sucker. Lights on... no mosquito. After several failed attempts to that pesky bug and slapping my self silly I tried the lights one more time. AH HA! Found that little sucker... he was on the OUTSIDE of the screen right above my head!

HOWEVER, the next morning I went out fishing the deeper water and proceeded to bring fifteen to the net, missed a bunch and lost a few. All in all, a good day. But good things must come to an end and the thunderstorm that rolled through did a good job of it.

The only good thing, other than getting away from house work for a week, was that I was the only one on the South Lake for two days. It was Q-U-I-E-T! I just wish I could have enjoyed the outside a little more. The stars and Milky Way were awesome.

I did try North Lake for a day and got completely skunked. I began question my fishing skills.

Now for the exciting news! I developed a leak in the top deck of my Gigbob and it went nearly flat while I was out on the water. It began collapsing. As the top deck collapsed, the pontoons began to wrap around me like a hot dog being enveloped by the two halves of the bun. I barely made it



Photos courtesy Kenneth Knezic

to shore. Good thing I was only about one hundred yards away and not like Antero or Spinney where I could have been a mile or more. Well I made it back to shore and walked back to get my truck to haul my boat back. Got back to the trailer to start repairs and realized my locator fell off as I was limping back to shore somewhere in about ten to twelve feet of water!

Got the boat patched, although I did it rather hastily because I wanted to go back and see if I could find my \$225 locator. I motored back to the bay to fish a little more and to see if I could find my locator. Well, there it was... floating! Hallelujah! But wait, there's more... my deck was going flat again. Repeat the event in the previous paragraph. Made it back, again, for a second repair. I pulled my boat up on shore and went to town to look for patching material. When I returned I found my left pontoon was completely flat! Not just low pressure but FLAT! It seems that when I dragged it up on to the bank there was something hiding in the grass that tore a nice hole in the bottom of the pontoon. More repair work.

Well, I made it through the next couple days but decided to pack up and limp back home and cut my losses.

Other than that, it was a hell of a trip.

Joseph's Journey

photos by Dr. John Pern



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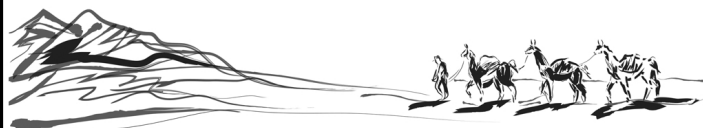
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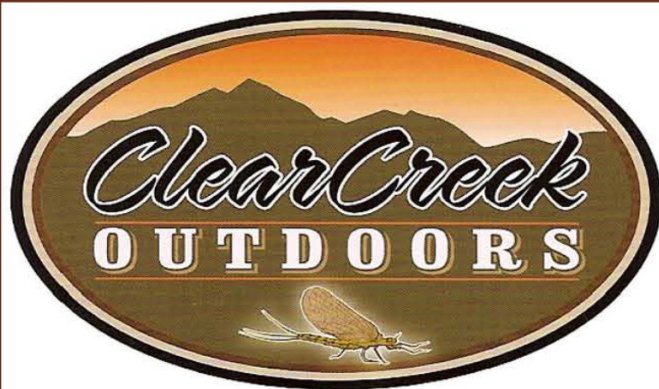
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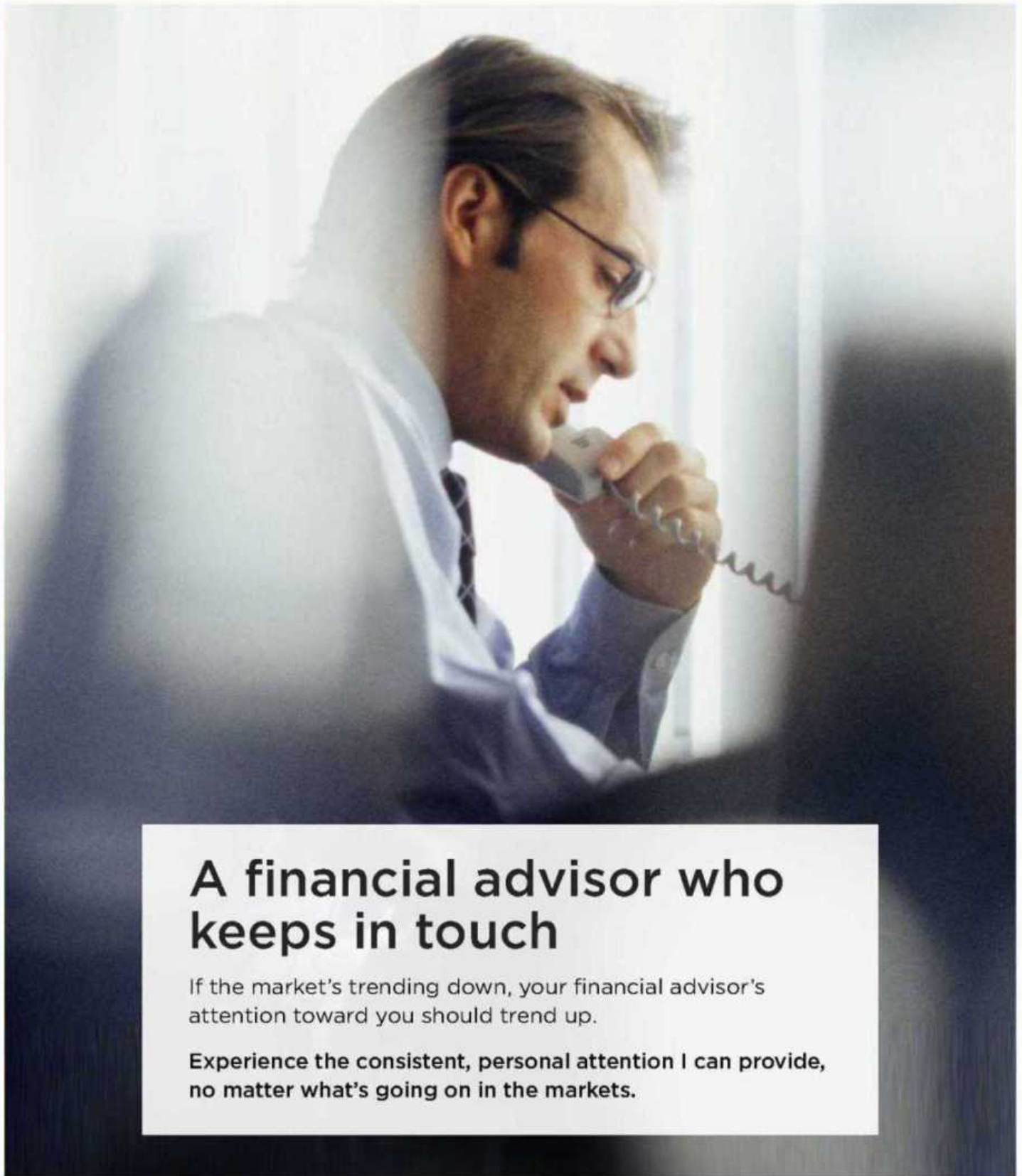


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West Denver Trout Unlimited

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.

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WDTU Shirt Logo

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WDTU Chapter Board Meetings

Note:

Chapter Meetings are held at the
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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.

