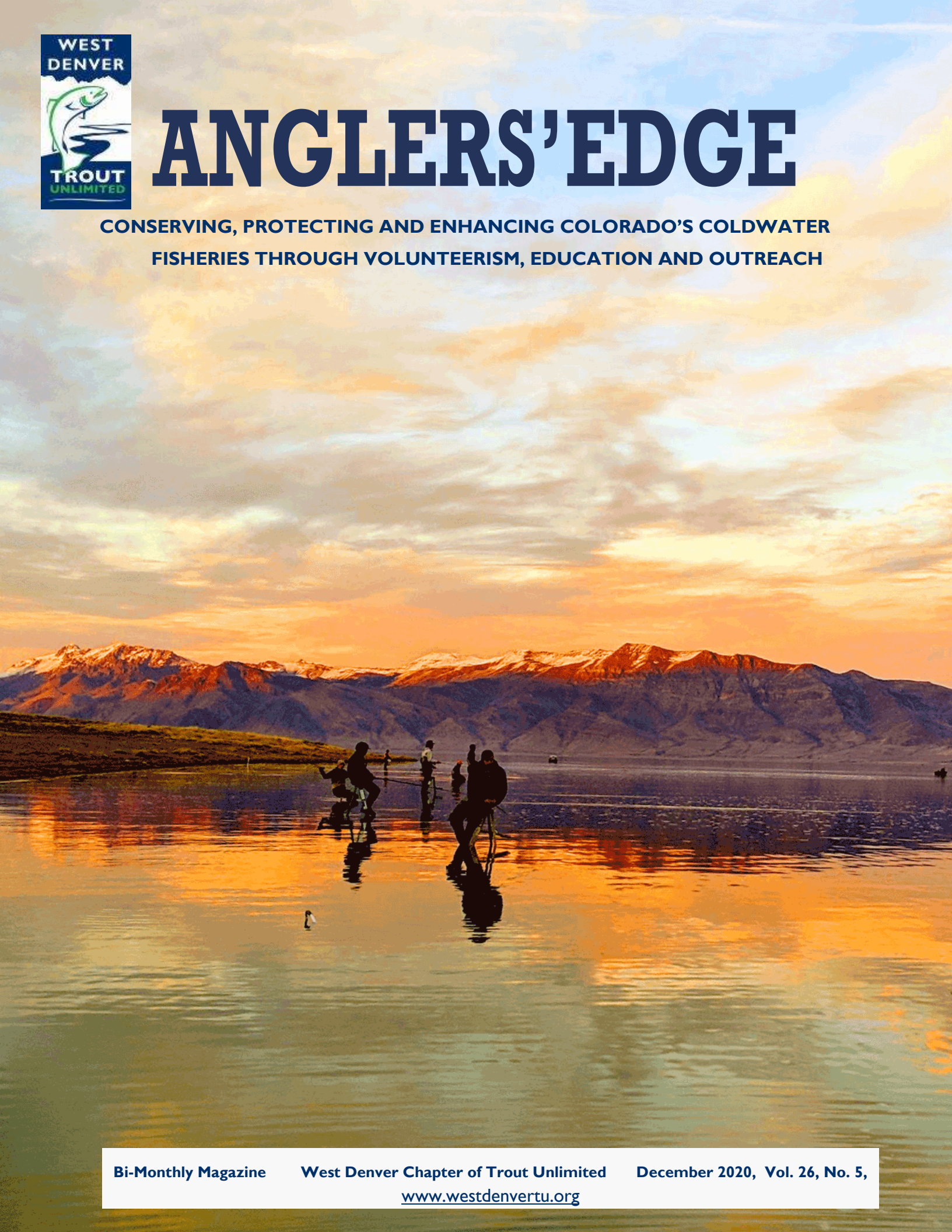




ANGLERS' EDGE

CONSERVING, PROTECTING AND ENHANCING COLORADO'S COLDWATER FISHERIES THROUGH VOLUNTEERISM, EDUCATION AND OUTREACH



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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The President's Message

Now What?

Covid 19 continues to rage, forcing the cancellation of our in-person events at the American Mountaineering Center (and most other kinds of events, for that matter).

What are we doing? We are conducting business and Chapter meetings via Zoom, and restricting in-person meetings to small groups outdoors.



Our chapter meetings have been replaced with webinars. On December 9 Rachel Jones, TU scholarship recipient and Masters student at CSU, is updating us on her research. She is working to determine which fish passages placed in the Northern Front Range after the floods have been the most effective. In November we heard from Dr. Brett Johnson discussing *Mysis Shrimp: What Are They and Why Do They Grow Such Large Trout?*

Our mini-raffle fundraisers have been very well received. We are raising money to fund our ongoing costs, like our subscription to email management software and our storage unit rental expenses. Watch our email blasts for more exciting mini-raffles coming soon.

We are planning the future of the Chapter after the pandemic. We have long sought to attract a younger, more diverse membership. We are planning new events and activities driven by, and attractive to, our new volunteers.

Our conservation efforts, River Watch, limnology, temperature monitoring, and monofilament collection are continuing, conducted solo by dedicated board members.

Stay safe,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ed Cameron". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Cutthroat in the Desert with the CSU Fly Fishing Club

by Collin Metscher

A collective sigh floated down the road as our three cars made the turn out of Fort Collins in March of 2019. We were just 14 hours, 7 gas stations, 4 Redbulls, and 3 state lines away from our first casts at Pyramid Lake. Spring break was finally here.

Six hours into the night, we found ourselves talking to a tired gas station attendant just east of Evanston, Wyoming. There was a major accident West of us on I-80 that closed down the interstate, and we found a potential detour to get around the 40-mile closure. With no trepidation, we ventured on, following county roads and our phone's directions. The road quickly turned from pavement to dirt to snowpack. Only one driver (Isaac) got one car (mine) stuck in the deep drifts along the shoulder. Ben pulled us out, we cracked a few jokes, I took the wheel, and we went on our way; this time much slower, with the truck in 4WD. The road came to an abrupt end in a snow drift. So much for trusting the GPS. The fork to our right seemed to go on, but after a little exploration on foot, we deemed it impassable and turned around.

Those mid-morning hours were a blur of headlights and caffeine. When we finally turned off the interstate, our anticipation built and the sun kissed the horizon. We crested the desert ridge and saw the deep blue water we would call home for the next week. The salty expanse was much bigger than I imagined; it almost dwarfed the barren snowcapped peaks rising behind its shore. After a short stop at Crosby's for permits, we were ready to wader up.



Beautiful Pyramid Lake

Fishing from a ladder was new to most of our group. We ventured into the water to join Alex Liston, Ben, and Tyler (the only Pyramid veterans on the trip, and informally the “dirtyfrontrangetroutbums” on Instagram) and climbed up the rungs. In our sleep deprived state, we slowly adjusted to casting heavy lines in the increasingly heavy wind. After a few fishless hours, we dragged our ladders out of the water to set up camp and break into the beer supply.

A few beers, naps, and sunburns later, we hit the water once again hoping the evening bite would be more productive. I was shocked that something ate my sloppily tied black and chartreuse popcorn beetle. The colorful Summit Strain Lahontan Cutthroat I reeled in was gorgeous; too gorgeous to fall for such a simple pattern. I had consistent action for about an hour after that, reeling in five or six more fish.

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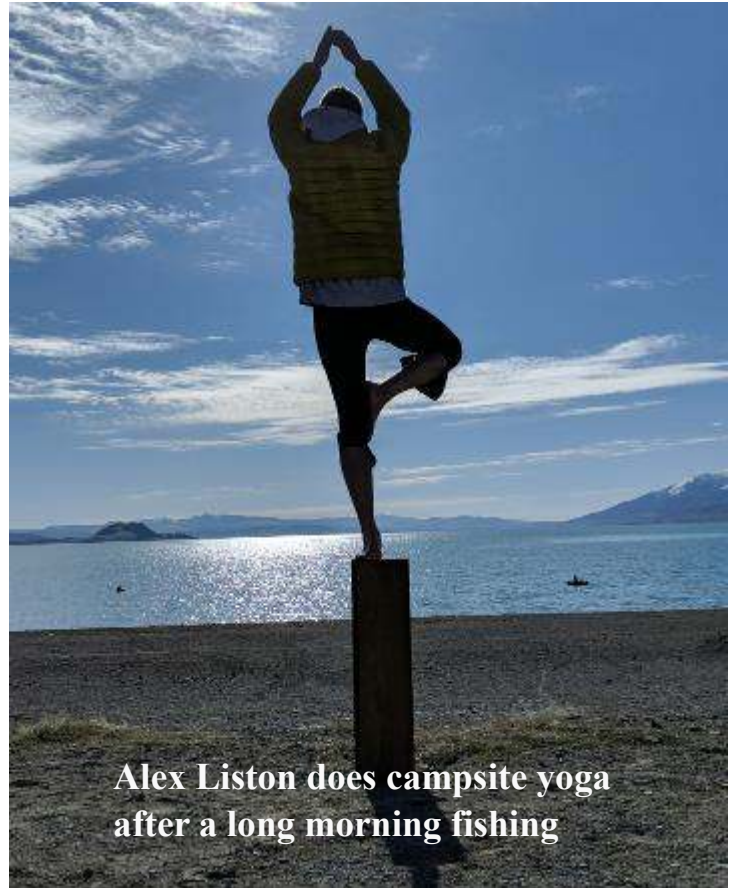


The author with a nice Cutthroat

We stayed until dark; about half the group landed a fish. Our campfire didn't last long that night. Lullabies have nothing on a night of driving and a day on the water (and a little whiskey). We had agreed to get up early to catch the morning bite. Legally, we could start fishing an hour before sunrise at about 6am. Many taps of the snooze button later, I got up around 7:30 to find most everyone still in their tents. Alex Deetjen returned to camp not long after we started the coffee pot. "Did you not get my calls?" he asked. I did not, but wish I did; he went on to tell us that he got up on time and had caught a monster that took him for a 200 yard jaunt along the beach. A gracious angler from the next camp over helped him net the fish and take a picture. It was at least 12 pounds, if not 15. This gave me a new outlook on my relationship with the snooze button.

The rest of the day was fairly slow, as was Monday. Our campsite was close to another group of anglers,

and the beach always had lines of ladders in the mornings and evenings. Still, the other anglers did not detract from the remote feeling of such a dramatic landscape. I never would have known such a beautiful place could appear in the middle of the Nevada desert.



Alex Liston does campsite yoga after a long morning fishing

Monday night, Alex Liston, Tyler, and Ben took off for a night in a hotel and a day or two fishing the Truckee river. In their absence, we made some bold plans. Robert Hagerty ("Cap'n Rob"), the owner of Pyramid Fly Co, was taking Isaac and Greta out on guide trip Tuesday, and had come to check in. Rob told us about a particular boulder in a different spot on the lake; he jokingly called it "party rock." Apparently, a big group of anglers from Wyoming had been waking up at 2am to claim the rock. us to take the rock from them. We were hesitant, but intrigued.

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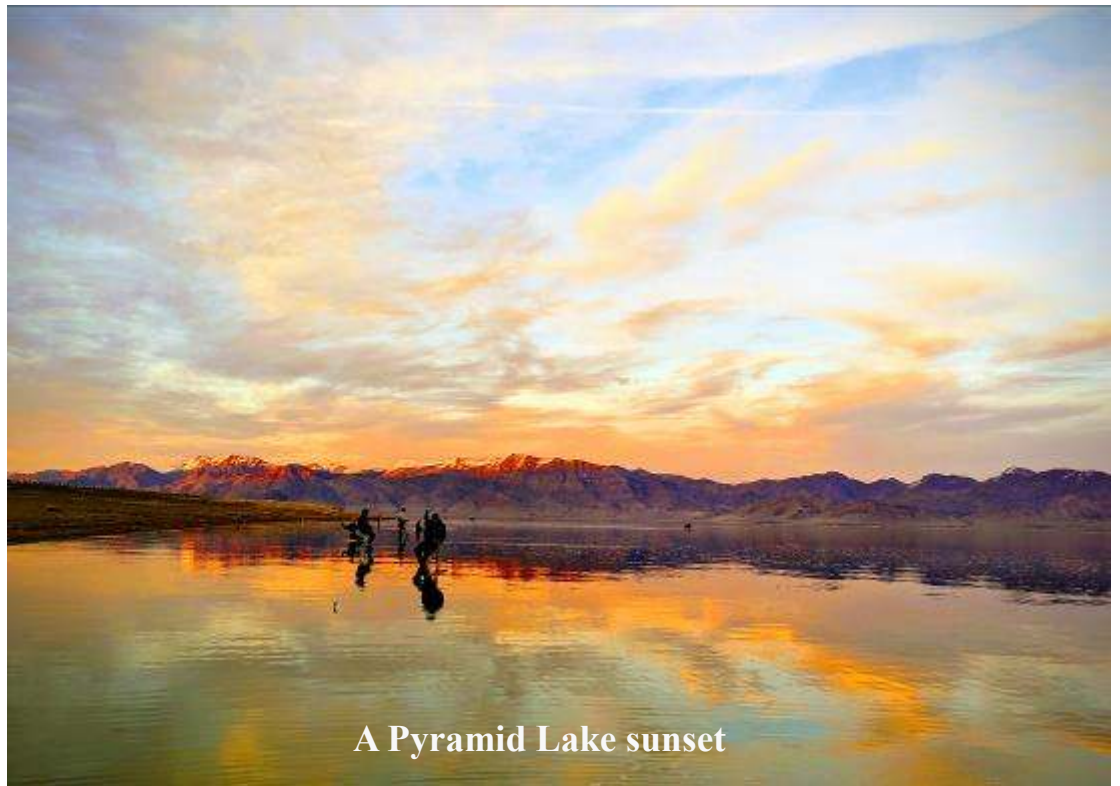
As the stars brightened and the clock read 11pm, Jarrod and Nick began the trek over to take the rock.

Regulations prohibit night fishing and camping on the rock. Unattended gear doesn't mean anything; anyone can still claim the spot. They hunkered down, attempted to take some astrophotography, and watched Talladega Nights on Jarrod's phone. At 2am, the Wyoming group showed up, as expected. "What are you guys doing down there? Are you camping?" they asked, frustrated and confused. Jarrod quickly touted back, "Nope, just hanging out taking pictures." Disgruntled, the group got back in their truck, headlights on, where they remained for the night.

The rest of us joined Jarrod and Nick in the morning. The early morning bite was great, and they roped in fish after fish. JP had his chironomid presentation down, and caught fish throughout the morning. Sometime in the afternoon, we watched one of the Wyoming anglers rope in a 15 pounder down the bank from us. Karma, I suppose. The evening picked up again, and I caught three nice summits back to back. As darkness fell, we headed back to camp and swapped stories with Tyler, Ben, and Alex Liston. They had little success on the Truckee, and less success at the blackjack tables. Everyone was excited for the next day - a big storm was supposed to blow in.

At 4am, we awoke to our tents getting blasted by rain and dirt. The wind shook the nylon violently. The rain and wind slowed down by sunrise; time to fish. The storm didn't turn up the action like we were hoping, and the day was slow.

As the rain picked up later in the afternoon, we remained dedicated to waving our expensive sticks, hoping to net one last cut. JP had consistent action, and the rest of us persevered fishless. As darkness fell, Ben netted two and Alex Deetjen stayed to the bitter end, finally hooking some twilight beetle-eaters. This was the most interesting phenomenon about Pyramid Lake. We saw it all week. One person would, for whatever reason, catch fish back to back while others throwing the same pattern and presentation just 20 feet away had no eats whatsoever. This lake is something special.



A Pyramid Lake sunset

Thursday morning, we loaded up and wished the dirty front range trout bums luck. As we pulled away, I couldn't help but think about all the hours I spent casting into the salty abyss. I didn't catch that many fish, but every single one was absolutely stunning. This is the mainstream appeal of Pyramid - huge cutthroat trout. Yet, the real value of the trip was not just the fish we caught. Learning about the history of this place was fascinating. Cresting a ridge in the desert only to find this lake was breathtaking. Pyramid Lake is truly a special, special place.

A Love for Rivers

by Samantha Voncannon

“My dad was a spinhead,” Ashley Giles told me. “But even as a kid I thought the hooks we used looked aggressive...”

Ashley Giles is an Environmental Consultant and Restoration Ecologist working in wetland rivers and ecosystems. When speaking to Ashley, one can tell she always had an innate appreciation and love for rivers, and an awareness of how connected the different ecosystems in nature truly are.

Ashley grew up in Colorado splitting her time between Boulder and Evergreen. As a ‘mountain kid’, she has been fishing for most of her life.



Nice fish, Ashley!

When she was 19 years old, she landed a job with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) on the Upper Missouri River in Montana. Having never spent any significant time on a river, working as a River Ranger was a profound experience for her. Spending 16 hours a day on the Missouri River led to a new fascination of not only the ecosystem of the river, but also the people along the river: the ranchers, the people whose jobs were to manage the river, the recreational users of the river. Everything about being on the river and the different interactions that occurred on the river was fascinating.

Fast forward some years, add a bachelor’s degree from the University of Colorado at Boulder in Biolo-

gy and Environmental Studies, then a master’s degree in Natural Resources from Colorado State University, and insert a lot of time spent fishing and on rivers. Along the way, Ashley started her own women’s fishing group sponsored by Rocky Mountain Anglers in Boulder. The Rocky Mountain Lady Angler’s Fishing Group included women of all walks of life and created a space for women to learn how to fly fish from each other. As the creator and mentor of the group, Ashley instilled conservative fly fishing techniques, passion for the sport, and developed a strong river ethic that was core to the group’s identity. Having a strong river ethic stems from having a stewardship over our rivers by understanding the ‘whys’ behind conservative fishing practices such as not wearing gloves while handling fish to protect the slime on fish’s skin and talking about how vital that slime is to a fish’s survival.

Spending time on rivers fishing can also be extremely disappointing. As an ecologist and an angler, Ashley couldn’t ignore the trend she kept seeing in the Colorado waterways. “There is nothing sadder than going to a section of an amazing river and finding trash!” Natural systems are being altered and degraded. Rivers seem to be losing their life. Locally, Clear Creek is not immune to such degradation. Starting at the Continental Divide, Clear Creek has a history of having its resources impacted during the Gold Rush. Presently mining towns and companies, traffic on I70, and communities along the river are continually negatively impacting Clear Creek. Ashley lives in the first municipality on Clear Creek, which pulls a ton of water due to the demands of the ever growing population.

Within this area is also a major industry that has some of the most senior water rights on Clear Creek. Ashley shared with me that at this point on Clear Creek, the water temperature rises and the river is no longer considered a cold water fishery.

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Realizing that it's not enough to just fish a river, one has to take action to protect, preserve, and restore a river; Ashley joined the West Denver Trout Unlimited Chapter with the personal goal to get water back into the channel so there is potential for restoring its trout population. As an ecologist, Ashley observed that people did not recognize that rivers and Nature as a holistic system are connected. She observed that people have a tendency to chop a river into sections as opposed to treating a river as a larger, connected system. It is forgotten that each action taken on a river system impacts the entire system.

Ashley has completed the Water Fluency Program sponsored by the Colorado Water Conservation Board. This program covers all things related to Col-

orado waterways. While working on Clear Creek restoration projects, She is currently heading up the Clear Creek Stream Management Plan for the West Denver Trout Unlimited Chapter. Thus far, the actions that have been taken include collecting aquatic samples, applying for grants, and engaging various stakeholders.

Ashley is optimistic and excited about the opportunities that the Clear Creek Stream Management Plan will give to local users of the river and residents along the river. The biggest challenge to water and river conservation is getting people to recognize the importance of taking care of these resources. Ashley is hoping that her work will help people to feel the same love of rivers that she has.



Monofilament Recycling

By Keith Greenwell

Little thought is given to snipping monofilament fishing line when it gets tangled in shoreline trees and shrubs, or when it becomes snagged on submerged vegetation. Monofilament fishing line is one of the most dangerous kind of debris encountered by wildlife. Discarded fishing line routinely entangles *and kills* birds, fish, turtles, frogs, and small animals; and the hooks that are attached to the snagged line cause internal bleeding if swallowed. Common and *protected* species are found tangled in fishing line.

Monofilament line is not *biodegradable* and can last hundreds of years in the water. It therefore presents serious environmental hazards imperiling wildlife for years to come.

West Denver TU has partnered with the US Forest Service, BoatUS Foundation and Berkley-Fishing in building and maintaining several recycling containers in the Clear Creek drainage. WDTU builds, installs and maintains the recycling containers. We typically empty the containers several times during the year and then forward the discarded monofilament to the Berkley Recycling Center in the fall. Berkley-Fishing recycles the

monofilament into park benches, fish habitat structures and other products.

The recycling containers are built from 6" PVC, affixed with recycling labels, and securely mounted near popular fishing access points. The current locations are Georgetown Lake, Urad Reservoir, Chinns Lake, and Clear Lake. We will be adding additional sites in the coming years. Possible future locations may include several parking areas in Clear Creek canyon along the Peak to Plains Trail, Echo Lake, Idaho Springs Reservoir and Loch Lomond Reservoir. The new locations are dependent on getting authorization from landowners or managers.

The following link describes the bin building process.

<https://www.boatus.org/monofilament/build-a-bin/>

If you would like to join our conservation team and assist with this project; either building PVC containers, identifying locations that you frequent or maintaining/emptying them contact Keith Greenwell at

<https://westdenvertu.org/contact-keith-greenwell/>



Smart, Beautiful, and Sustainable Fishing

By Samantha Voncannon

SaraBella is a family owned and operated fly fishing rod manufacturing company founded in 2014 by April Archer (CEO/majority owner), JT Archer (COO), and Scott Griebel (CPO) after hearing feedback from the growing female angler community about a lack of



April at work

quality products that are designed with the female angler front of mind. The production facility is based in Lafayette CO, with headquarters based in Erie CO, and various other team members located throughout the Front Range. The focus of SaraBella is to provide high quality fishing rods that are inclusive to every angler by offering a multitude of options and choices. SaraBella also believes that making a positive environmental and social impact is a fundamental principle to having a holistically successful company.

SaraBella manufactures one of a kind ready-to-fish, semi customizable, and fully customizable fly fishing

rods. The rods are made by using very intentionally sourced materials from local or close to home sources when possible. Having this intention allows each rod to maintain it's one of a kind uniqueness, but also supports other close to home businesses and reduces the carbon footprint that would be caused by a longer shipping distance. The rod blanks are made specifically for SaraBella in North America. The reel seats are hand lathed in CO and made from repurposed CO hard-woods that are milled in a Colorado facility that specializes in removing diseased trees from the environment, never using trees from protected regions. The grips are also hand lathed in CO and are made from unbleached 'floor grade' cork sourced from Portugal without the use of toxic chemicals. The threads on each rod are hand wrapped by the Survivor Team, which consists of disabled veterans and cancer survivors located throughout the Front Range.



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SaraBella is committed to conservation and sustainability efforts throughout the company's operations and core values. In addition to locally sourcing CO materials, having the SaraBella Team as a remote team offers flexibility to its team members work schedule as well as reducing the carbon footprint of travel to an office and eliminates the need of a large office space.

SaraBella is an active supporter of educational and conservation focused organizations and efforts. This support is a fundamental principle to the company's mission of continuously giving back to the community. SaraBella has a long list of non-profit partnerships that they support in various capacities. Their primary non-profit partners are Casting for Recovery, Forever Our Rivers, Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, The Mayfly Project, and Trout Unlimited. SaraBella collaborates and raises funds in various ways for each of these organizations. Additional partnerships include support-

ing the Colorado Parks & Wildlife, public and private schools, and Girls In Science. April also serves on the Board of Directors of Able Women, a Colorado based nonprofit that advocates the emotional, spiritual, and physical healing benefits that fly fishing provides women. Additionally, SaraBella has recently decided to take their sustainability mission to the "important and necessary" next step by looking ahead and partnering with the Fly Fishing Climate Alliance. The Fly Fishing Climate Alliance is a collection of fishing guides, shops, recreation companies, and an assortment of fishing brands that pledge to be carbon neutral by 2030. SaraBella is examining the sustainability efforts that have been made since the founding of the company and exploring opportunities to continuously make a larger positive impact for not only their own efforts, but for the environment and fishing community as a whole.



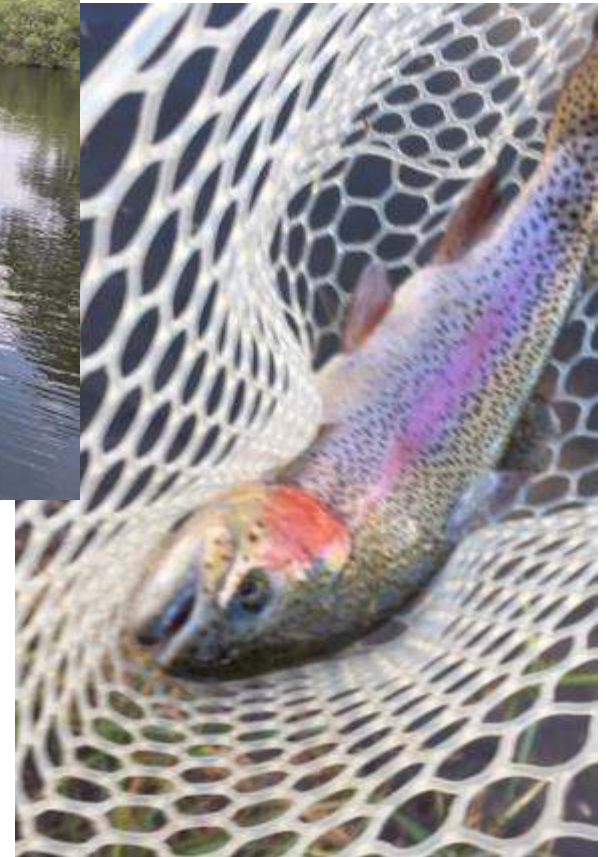
Fishing Through The Pandemic

by Tim Toohey

It had been a couple of weeks since I last fished, so on Tuesday October 13th, I headed up to a small pond near Wellington, Co. Privately owned by my daughters subdivision, this natural creek fed pond is about 1.5 acres and stocked each spring. This year it was stocked with 12” to 14” rainbows.

The day was beautiful. It was in the mid 70’s with a slight breeze. The result was a day of maybe a dozen rainbow in the net. Healthy too, average about 18”.

My wish for all West Denver Trout Unlimited anglers is a place like this to fish that is safe and away from the worries and cares of life as it is now.



I got a late start and got to the lake about mid-morning. That is the perfect time for fall fishing. I have been on this lake about 10 times this year and have not seen another person fishing. I only fish it on weekdays; maybe it gets fished on the weekends.

On this day, my rig of choice was an olive and black woolly bugger - with a nymph tied about 12” off the bend of the hook. I call this my “Dornfeld Special”. A couple of years ago while fishing with Rick Dornfeld, he showed me this setup and when fishing a streamer I now usually tie a nymph on the back. Try it. It does work. The nymph I used that day was a Prince.

(Sorry, this water is a private and members only, so don’t ask. I can’t take anyone there.)

Heritage Village Anglers

by David Chao

Most of the houses in my south suburban neighborhood look pretty much the same. A few different model styles and paint colors – all compliant to tight reins of the HOA board of directors. But it's a friendly place to make a home with plenty of kids and dogs and as it turns out – quite a few who like fly fishing. About a year ago, pre – covid of course, neighbor Don invited to his home, any neighbor who liked fly fishing or who wanted to learn about it. Don provided pizza and a power point presentation on how to read a river and other good trout seeking tips. Oh, Don's a professional high school educator and a darn good fly fisher. Happy to say there was no pop quiz, but the guys who showed up enjoyed talking fishing and agreed that we should form neighborhood fly fishing club. (Too old for secret passwords)

Over the next month's, we learned about streamer fishing from a 5280 Angler guide and how to float the upper Colorado from a pro – Jeff Powell of FishOnColorado, also a neighbor! A spring day on the river was planned for old hands to help newbies and beginners but the virus crashed that party.

Late October worked out for six of us to try a weekend excursion to the Wyoming Miracle Mile. Covid camping protocols in place, we stocked up on streamers and heavier line weights in preparation for big browns. A cold front moved into the central Rockies and we concluded that despite our rugged nature, a trip a little closer to home might be wise.

After a careful review of weather forecasts, wind reports, river flows and fishing data worthy of a National Geographic expedition we decided the Eagle River a better choice for our excursion. With fly boxes stocked, Gypsum came into view Friday about midday. Cloudy but mild temperatures met us and soon a couple of tight lines and bent tips brought that rush that never gets old, even when we do! We fished further upstream Saturday needing long walks to gain a little distance from the all too familiar crowded riverbanks.

But fishing is good, even when not ideal, and our motley crew of experience and novice enjoyed being together. Neighbors became friends, sharing skills and knowledge, cheering on each other for a good cast or nice catch. The evening campfires were battery lantern and propane, Colorado had enough wood burning in progress. Still, the food at dinner was plentiful, enjoyed under a big moon sky and a little sipping whiskey helped take off the chill.

Sunday morning brought warnings of snow moving into the Summit Peaks, which thankfully had been falling in Grand County and Northern Colorado. Time to head home. Group texting confirmed all anglers arrived home to our typical suburban neighborhood, safe and sound. Only now our neighborhood wasn't quite the same. We have a fly fishing club!



Riverside Reader

The Bangtail Ghost, by Keith McCafferty

Book Review by Jon Weimer

Fiction

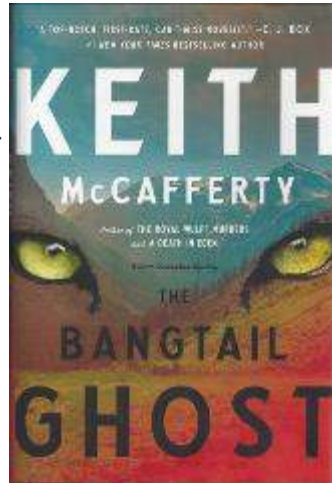
If you're a fly fisher (and, I know you are) AND like reading mystery novels (like I do) boy, do I have an author and a book series for you!

The author is Keith McCafferty. Keith is the survival and outdoor skills editor for *Field&Stream* magazine and the author of eight novels in the Sean Stranahan mystery series.

As indicated, the protagonist in this series is Sean Stranahan, an expatriate from back East who moves to Montana to escape a boring job and a failed marriage. He settles in a place called Bridger, Montana, which appears to be located at the junction where Mayberry meets Twin Peaks, i.e., a picturesque little town, inhabited by largely affable, if not quirky, residents but where grisly events seem to occur with some regularity. In Bridger, Sean engages in his passions of painting and guide fishing, but he also employs his skill as a private investigator to aid Sheriff Martha Ettinger (a budding romance?).

In *The Bangtail Ghost*, Sean and Martha are faced with a dire situation when a young woman is killed and eaten by a mountain lion. The woman is a prostitute plying her trade in a trailer outside of town. And, she's likely not to be the first victim of such an attack-- others have gone missing. Furthermore, once the killer lion of the young lady is identified and dispatched, the attacks continue.

In reading this book, you learn a great deal about mountain lions. The mountain lion is an elusive, mysterious creature, appropriately described as a ghost, thus the title of this book (the word bangtail refers to how the lion's tail is configured, i.e., the end of the tail appears to be cut across horizontally). You learn about the use of dogs to chase them, the tagging procedure, and the circle of people who hunt and study these animals (a strange breed in themselves).



However, as to be expected, the book is more than simply hunting a mountain lion. McCafferty is spot-on in describing rural politics and mindsets so, in addition to searching for a killer lion, Sean and Martha become engaged with some townspeople who know some of the victims, but who also seem to harbor suspect motives and secrets.

This book can serve as a standalone—i.e., you don't need to read all of McCafferty's prior books to familiarize yourself with the main and secondary characters or to immerse yourself in *The Bangtail Ghost* book. But, why not start reading the entire series?—e.g., *The Royal Wulff Murders*, *The Gray Ghost Murders*, *Dead Man's Fancy*, *Crazy Mountain Kiss*, *Buffalo Jump Blues*, *Cold Hearted River*, and *A Death in Eden*. This is simply an excellent and compelling series in terms of the writing which gives you an explicit sense of place (wilds of Montana), superb characterizations, and ingenious plots with twists and turns. McCafferty also manages to expertly blend into his stories a little fishing lore and some fishing scenes that I'm sure you'll enjoy.

Look, it may be a long winter ahead of us, so what better way to while away the time than reading the Sean Stranahan mysteries? And, *The Bangtail Ghost* would be a good start.



Read any good books lately? Fly fishing, nature, environment all good! Please share your recommendations to Mark Shulman at Anglers Edge.


The Drift

By Mark Shulman, editor, Anglers' Edge Magazine

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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 1,100 members across western metro Denver, including Lakewood, Golden, Morrison, Englewood, Littleton, Wheatridge, and Arvada. Our conservation and community outreach projects include the development of a Stream Management Plan for the Clear Creek watershed, water quality and temperature monitoring, Jefferson County Outdoor Lab programs, Trout in the Classroom, and other youth fishing programs. 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 Chapter/ Board Meetings

Note:

Chapter Meetings are temporarily suspended due to Covid-19. We hope to see you at a Chapter webinar! Chapter meetings are the first Wednesday of the month, except for July and August.

Board Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month via Zoom.

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