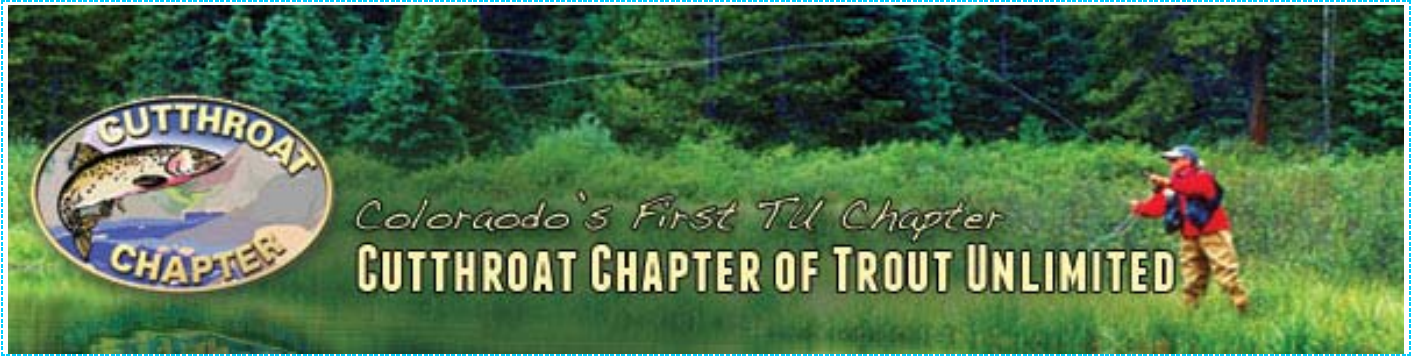


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## Cutthroat Chapter Trout Unlimited Newsletter

Welcome to the April CCTU Newsletter.

April 1, 2010

### Howdy Mike Myers,

You can see from the length of the sidebar on the left, we have a lot to cover this month. Of particular interest to me are the April Monthly Membership Meeting with Rick and Jerry, the volunteer opportunity on Trail Creek and the various trips the Chapter has planned. I'll also be joining the Catch A Memory raffle and imposing on Lady Luck to work her magic for me.

Speaking of luck, does anyone have a little extra you could throw my way? For the fourth time, I've come up empty on my fishing attempts this year; three times in Cheesman Canyon and once on the Blue River in Silverthorne. Clearly, I'm not in the right state of mind. I still enjoyed a wonderful Colorado Spring day in the Canyon last month where it snowed pretty steadily all day without getting too cold.

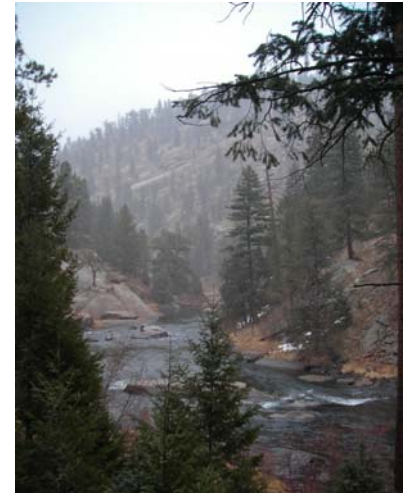
There's something triumphant about standing in the middle of a river and being comfortable while getting pelted with snow and rain. I don't know if it taps into the ancient battle with Mother Nature or it's being in balance with Mother Nature. Either way, it always leaves me more peaceful and more thankful than before. Surely that's a big part of why I keep trying despite only getting my skunk on this year. And I guess it shows me that it's not just about fish but about the stunning environs in which they thrive. I also know that we've all heard that before but I guess I just need to be reminded every-so-often.

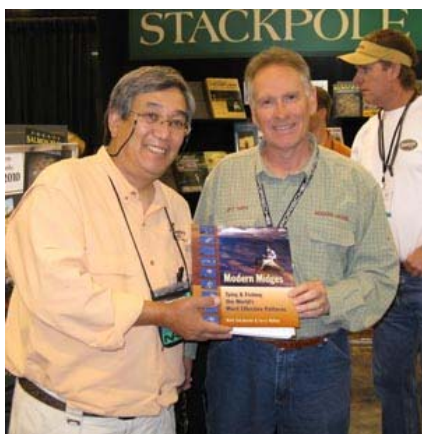
Well, I hope you find lots of useful stuff in this month's newsletter. Hopefully, some of it will inspire you to join us on one of our projects or outings.

One last note, if you have a short, fishing-related article you'd like to share, please email it to me and we'll see if it fits in one of the newsletters.

*Mike Myers - Newsletter Editor*

*Here fishy, fishy...*





### **April Monthly Meeting - Rick Takahashi & Jerry Hubka**

#### **"Modern Midges: Tying & Fishing the World's Most Effective Patterns"**

Be sure to join us for the April Monthly Meeting where Rick Takahashi and Jerry Hubka will be speaking about their new book "Modern Midges: Tying & Fishing the World's Most Effective Patterns". Charlie Meyers wrote a good review of the book and you can read it [here](#). I own the book and can tell you it's inspired me on more than one occasion this winter.

If you're not familiar with Rick, he is a demonstration fly tier often displaying his skills at local and regional venues such as the Denver Fly Show, International Sportsmen Exhibition, Federation of Fly Fisherman Conclave and at a various regional fly shops near Denver. He is an illustrator and contributor to Fly Fisherman Magazine.

Rick's goal is to share with others all of the various aspects of fly fishing and fly tying he's learned, "it's the teacher in me that wants to share knowledge on an activity that has meant so much to me".

Rick is a retired art educator and former Art Department Chairperson at Rocky Mountain High School. He teaches a fly tying course for Angler's Roost and makes his home in Fort Collins, Colorado.

Having retired as a teacher and chairman of Poudre High School art department, Jerry Hubka is currently a logo designer and commercial artist. While an educator, he only found time to feed the fishing addiction occasionally. When he met Rick, he began tying, designing and fishing midges and traveling to tail waters all over the Rocky Mountain West.

Jerry's goal when writing Modern Midges was to share his knowledge of midge fishing with other fly fishermen. Jerry also makes his home in Fort Collins, Colorado.

I hope to see you all there!

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY- Trail Creek Willow Planting** **Sunday, May 16th in Westcreek Colorado**

For the past two years the Cutthroat Chapter of TU has worked with the [Coalition for the Upper South Platte](#) to help restore Trail Creek, located near West Creek Colorado. The Trail Creek drainage was devastated by the Hayman fire in June of 2002. The Hayman fire burned over 130,000 acres in its march from Hayman, North of Lake George, to Deckers. Trail Creek is located near the center of the burn area.



Willow planting on the banks of the stream will be the order of the day. Last year we planted 1,100 willows in one day. This year we will only have 1,000 to plant! Bring a lunch. Car pooling will be available. The road running along Trail Creek, Douglas County Road 64, can best be described as a four wheel drive road. On our work day last year we forded Trail Creek many times. Detailed information will be available as we draw

closer to May 16th. It is my hope that a Cutthroat member will catch a fish from Trail Creek this year. Rising fish have been seen in the past couple of years.

Please contact me, Jim Rasmussen at (303) 773- 2772 or [email](#) to volunteer or if you have any questions.

Thanks,  
Jim

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### ***Saturday Fishing Trips***

***Join us for a day of fishing!***

With Harry Hall in the lead, the Saturday Fishing Trips are starting to take shape. The plan is to have one trip, one Saturday each month. So far, we've got five trips planned to destinations like the Arkansas River, Blue River and Williams Fork Reservoir. The details of each trip, where to meet, and who to contact, are posted on the website [here](#). Check it out and see which of them float your boat.

And if you don't see a Saturday Trip to a destination you like, we still need a leader/destination for a May and a September trip. So if you're interested, please contact Harry Hall at (303) 221-0048 or [email](#).

Also, if you're an experienced rafter, there is need for you on the April 24th trip to the Arkansas River. Without you, they will only be able to offer one raft instead of two. Please contact Ray Carney at (303) 972-2976 or [email](#) to volunteer your services.

I hope to see you on some of the trips!



### ***Catch A Memory Raffle***

***Win a Trip of a Lifetime and Help TU and Kids!***

How does this sound? You and 3 friends meet in Denver (round trip airfare provided from anywhere in the lower 48), take a detour for a \$1,000 per person shopping spree at Charlie's Flybox, then hop a private jet bound for a Wyoming guest ranch for 4 days of guided fishing and 3 night accommodations with gourmet meals. Would you pay \$20 bucks for all this? Of course you would!

All proceeds for this amazing raffle package benefit Trout Unlimited and Colorado Youth Outdoors. Click [here](#) to learn more and buy your tickets!

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### ***Special Chapter Offer Honoring Jonathan Keisling***

The Cutthroat Chapter is offering four Fly Boxes, each containing 4 dozen flies tied by some of our Chapter's premier fly tiers. The price for each box is \$70 and sold on a first come, first served basis. Check out pictures of the fly boxes on our [website](#). Contact Richard Piltazke at (303) 979-8425 or [email](#) to purchase. Proceeds go the the Jonathan Keisling Memorial Fund.



Jon died in a tragic auto accident just before Thanksgiving last year. He was an active Cutthroat chapter member, professional guide, fly tier and best known for his advocacy of the Czech nymphing technique.

The flies are tied by notable tiers (in no particular order) Pat Dorsey, Richard Mead, Al

Makkai, Kent Higgins, Richard Pilatzke, Bud McAllister, Jim Neiberger, J Core, John Keefover, Bob Dye.

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***Tell the DOW What You Think***  
***DOW wants anglers' input as it reviews regulations.***

The Colorado Division of Wildlife is reviewing their fishing regulations which will be in place for the next five years. You can let your voice be heard by attending one of many round tables throughout the state. Or you can also email your comments and concerns to any of the regional or statewide biologists. Click the sub-heading above to read an article written by Karl Licis with all the details at the DenverPost.com.



***Upcoming Chapter Trips***  
***Or good reasons to get out of Dodge.***

There are several Chapter fishing trips in the near future, if you need a reason to get on the water. They range from day trips on near-by waters to more organized, multi-day trips beyond the borders of Colorado. The first on the horizon is a four-day trip to the Green River below the Flaming Gorge Dam in Utah, April 10th to the 14th. Read the details on our website [here](#). The

next is the first in our recently revived Saturday fishing trips. Saturday, April 24th folks will be heading down to the Arkansas River to partake of the legendary Caddis hatch. Again, details are available on our website [here](#). Then there is another multi-day trip to the Big Horn River in Montana, May 30th to June 4th. Details on this trip are available on the Cutthroat website [here](#).

Also on the horizon are these multi-day trips in 2010:

[Frying Pan, CO](#); September 16th - 19th

[San Juan, NM](#); October 27th - 31st

All the details are on our website and can be reached by clicking the specific trip above.

And if none of these are reason enough for you to get on the water, call me and I'll help you come up with any number of excuses.

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***Other Stuff to Do in April***

- 1st Annual Trout Clave! At Anglers All on April 17th and 18th from 9am to 5pm. The event includes a collection of signature fly tyers, guides, authors, angling personalities and industry reps. Admission is free. See the [Anglers All](#) website for details.
  - Getting Started in Fly Fishing Class at Blue Quill Angler on April 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th from 10am to noon. Admission is free. See the [Blue Quill Angler](#) website for details.
  - Tying Demos at Charlie's Fly Box on April 3rd and 10th from 11am to 1pm. Admission is free. See the [Charlie's Fly Box](#) website for details.
  - Free Fly Casting Clinics at Orvis Rod and Tackle Centennial every Saturday at 9am. See the [Orvis Rod and Tackle Centennial](#) website for details.
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### ***Don't Miss Trout Unlimited: On the Rise***

Great trout fishing almost always has a great conservation story behind it, and Trout Unlimited: On the Rise, the television show from the nation's largest coldwater conservation group covers both big-fish and big-habitat stories in spades when it makes its debut on [Sportsman Channel](#) March 30th.



Beginning Tuesday, March 30, [Trout Unlimited: On the Rise](#) ([watch a promo of the 2010 season](#)) airs at 11 p.m. From salmon fishing in Alaska's Bristol Bay to searching for brook trout in suburban Long Island, N.Y., host Frank Smethurst fishes around the country where TU is making a difference. Here's a [full line-up](#) of the season's episodes.

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### ***CCTU Lending Library Continues***

We have nearly 85 books, DVD's, and tapes about trout fishing, and they're all available for borrowing! Items may be checked out for 30 days free of charge. Contact Van VanDeVenter at 303-935-4403 and he'll bring the selections you'd like to the next meeting.

[Click here for a link to the library's contents...](#)

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### ***May Monthly Meeting Preview***

Don't miss May's Monthly Meeting where Field & Stream editor-at-large Kirk Deeter discusses tips and tricks from the forthcoming "[Little Red Book of Fly Fishing](#)," which he co-authored with the late Charlie Meyers.

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### ***Monthly Membership Meetings***

Don't forget to attend our monthly Membership Meetings on the third Tuesday of each month (except July and November). They start at 7:00pm and are held at the South Metro Denver Realtors Association building at the corner of South Broadway and West Mineral Avenue. Here's the address: [7899 S. Lincoln Ct., Littleton, CO 80122](#).

#### **Follow up Links**

- [See previous CCTU newsletters here...](#)
- [You can renew your TU Membership online here...](#)
- [See what's new at the State TU level...](#)

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