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Cutthroat Chapter Trout Unlimited Newsletter

Welcome to the August CCTU Newsletter.

August 1, 2010



Mike Myers,

I'm super sorry about the delay in sending this month's e-newsletter. I've been laid low with a respiratory flu for more than two weeks. Just wiped me out. One day I slept for more than 14 hours! I haven't done that since college and that was usually self-induced the night before. So it's taken a few days to get on top of my jobs but now I'm back!

Just a glance to the left at our 'contents' section shows quite a few things coming up. I know this month's speaker, Kirk Deeter, will be entertaining if his writing is any kind of clue to his personality. I'm also excited about this month's Saturday Fishing Trip on the Blue River. Sadly for me, I'll be on a tour of the Northwest contingent of my family for both events. But I hope you can make them as they both sound fun.

Also make room on your calendar for the September cleanup day as well as the rescheduled Big Horn Trip.

Due to my illness, I did not include the 'What's Going On' part of the newsletter this month as that is the most time consuming section. So I apologize if you were looking forward to that. It will be back for next month's newsletter.

Finally, there's nothing like being sick to make you feel prematurely old. May you all be blessed with contagious good health going forward!

Mike Myers - Newsletter Editor

Here fishy, fishy...

August Monthly Meeting - Kirk Deeter



***Co-Author of "The Little Red Book of Flyfishing" with Charlie Myers
Tuesday, August 17th at 7pm***

If you recall, Kirk was to be the May speaker but a conflict prevented his attendance. Thankfully, he is able to 'makeup' the missed meeting and will be speaking in August.

Kirk Deeter is an editor-at-large for Field & Stream magazine, and co-writer, with Tim Romano, of the "Fly Talk" blog on Fieldandstream.com. Deeter is also the publisher/editor of [Angling Trade](http://AnglingTrade.com), the trade magazine covering the fly fishing industry in North America. He is known for his gonzo story angles such as fly fishing for mako sharks out of kayaks, or fishing in the remote Bolivian jungle with natives in dugout canoes, or free-swimming Class IV rapids, to scuba diving (a.k.a "Going Deep") with trout and bass.

Deeter has earned various awards, including "Excellence in Craft" top honors for his fishing and conservation stories from the [Outdoor Writers Association of America](http://OutdoorWritersAssociation.com). His travels have taken him from Tierra del Fuego in Argentina to Alaska, and throughout the United States and Central America. His next book, [The Little Red Book of Fly Fishing](http://TheLittleRedBookofFlyFishing.com), (co-written with Charlie Meyers of The Denver Post), will be released by Skyhorse Publishing in 2010. He is also the co-author of two other fishing books, Castwork and Tideline. In addition to writing for various publications, he has appeared on ESPN, ABC's "Good Morning America", and on numerous other television and radio programs. He lives with his wife Sarah and son Paul in Colorado.

If you've read any of Kirk's stuff, you know this should be an entertaining presentation. Hope to see you there!

(Map to location of meeting at bottom of the newsletter.)

***CCTU Picnic a Success
Despite the unsettled weather!***

If you missed it, the July 20, 2010 CCTU Picnic at Clement Park was a great time! Even with the rain and clouds we had most of the night, about 50 members and family showed up for the event. We had plenty of fine food and drinks, maybe even a little bit too much, considering that the rain probably discouraged attendance somewhat. But the shelters kept us dry, and after a few libations, many members weren't even aware of the inclement weather conditions.



We did settle one point for sure: Even if we don't schedule a casting contest or a demo, Colorado weather on a July evening can be, and usually is, about as predictable as a Rockies game.

Many thanks to Sharon and Mark Lance and Nick Hoover for bringing the gas grills, Bill Richards for toting the drinks & coolers up the hill, Rich Pilatzke for standing over the hot stove, and everyone who brought a delicious side dish.

Make it a point to join us next year, third Tuesday in July in lieu of the regular meeting again.

Rick Webb



Saturday Fishing Trip
Blue River w/Kent Higgins (retired
Orvis guide)
Saturday, August 21st

Participants will meet at 7 AM at our normal monthly meeting location (Southwest Realtors Building) and carpool to Silverthorne where all will meet Kent at the Police and Town Hall Building. He will already be up in Summit County that Saturday, so you can always reach him on

his cell phone at 303-550-0972.

Directions to Police and Town Hall Building: exit from I-70 at the Silverthorne exit and go north on Highway 9 (Blue River Parkway) approximately 1/3 mile to 6th street, turn right at the signal light, cross the bridge and the Silverthorne town hall is on your left with the parking lot on the east side of the building. Kent will be on the north end of the lot. We will leave from this lot at about 8:30 a.m. to our fishing location.

As of July 27th the Blue River below Lake Dillon still remains at 50 degree F or colder, thus limited hatches and bugs. Kent will continue to monitor the lower Blue and if it warms up he will host the trip over a three-four mile area just north of Silverthorne. If bug life conditions remain slow on the lower Blue, Kent will host the trip at the upper Blue River "steps" which are located adjacent to Highway 9, south of Lake Dillon and just north of Breckenridge.

Also, if anyone is interested in fishing for brookies at ponds west of Frisco, Kent will finish out the late afternoon at some of these fun ponds. If interested bring a few Quigley cripples Callibaetis or other Callibaetis dry fly patterns sz. 14-16.

Flies should include: green and tan body caddis sz. 14; green caddis emergers sz. 14-16; bead head pheasant tails sz. 14-16; Barr emergers sz. 16-18; BWO's & PMD sz. 14-16; and a few olive or brown woolly buggers sz. 12-14. Bring a 5wt 8 to 9 foot rod, leaders and tippet materials should be 4x and 5x.

Kent T. Higgins

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY - Annual
Stream Cleanup Day
September 25th in Idaho Springs

The Cutthroat Chapter, in conjunction with the [Cherry Creek Chapter](#) will be conducting a stream cleanup along Clear Creek Saturday, September 25th. We have been doing this for several years and it has yielded very worthwhile results and community appreciation. It is almost unbelievable the things we pull from the banks and



the stream itself. Our efforts really do make a difference as the stream is in a high traffic area vulnerable to lots of trash pollution.

We will meet at 9:00 a.m. at Courtney-Ryley-Cooper Park @ 2331 Colorado Ave. in Idaho Springs, have a doughnut (or two!) along with fresh Starbucks coffee, get our stream section assignments, work for two or three hours and have lunch. This year we will have hot pizza from [Beau Jo's](#) followed by a great door prize raffle.

After lunch, plan to spend a few hours fishing or hiking in the area.

Courtney-Ryley-Cooper Park is easy to find, just take the first exit into Idaho Springs from I-70. Follow the street-Colorado Ave.- to the park.

Please plan to support this rewarding conservation/fishing event, sign up by sending an e-mail to [Ray Carney](#) (click his name) or call him at (303) 972-2976.

Additional Information will be provided at the August 17th membership meeting.

Thanks,

Ray Carney

Big Horn Trip Back on the Calendar! ***Rescheduled for October 3-8***

As many of you know, our annual trip to Big Horn River, which is generally around Memorial Day weekend, got blown out by extremely high flows. This trip has been rescheduled for October 3 -8, which according to Kent Higgins is prime Baetis time! Fishing should be excellent!

We generally stay in a sprawling facility affectionately known as the "condo", which will accommodate up to 15 people. As of August 1, we only have 5 people confirmed for these dates!

We plan to arrive on Sunday, October 3, Fish Monday through Thursday, October 7, checking out Friday, October 8. We have reserved up to 4 drift boats to float either the upper 3 mile stretch or the lower stretch which is about 9 miles.

The fishing is great, the scenery spectacular and the cost very reasonable (unless, of course, you get carried away in the fly shop!) If we are close to capacity in the Condo, the cost per person is less than \$20/night and the drift boats are about \$45/day for 3 people/boat!

This is an opportunity not to be missed!

Please contact Jim Ericson if you are interested in joining us!

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Environmental Impact Study Available for Comment

Christo's Over The River project in review

Officially, TU (National and Local) does not have a stance on Christo's Over The River Project. As a concerned Chapter, we urge you to review the [Environmental Impact Study](#) by the BLM as well as the pro's ([Over The River Project](#)) and con's ([Rags Over the Arkansas River](#)). If you'd like even more info, Google "[christo over the river project](#)" for a lot more links. After you develop your opinion, please let CTU know how you feel by emailing any of their officers (their addresses are available [here](#)).

If you are so moved, here is a list of public meetings you may also attend:

Cañon City - Monday, August 9, 2010 Harrison K-8 School 920 Field Avenue, Cañon City, CO Open House: 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. / Hearing: 6:00 p.m. - last comment

Salida - Tuesday, August 10, 2010 Salida High School 905 D Street, Salida, CO Open House: 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. / Hearing: 6:00 p.m. - last comment

Cotopaxi - Wednesday, August 11, 2010 Cotopaxi School 345 County Road 12, Cotopaxi, CO Open House: 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. / Hearing: 6:00 p.m. - last comment

Denver - Thursday, August 12, 2010 Doubletree Hotel Denver 3203 Quebec Street, Denver, CO Open House: 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. / Hearing: 6:00 p.m. - last comment



Make Plans Now to Attend Our 2010 Conservation Auction! ***Mark Your Calendars for November 16th***

This year's CCTU Conservation Auction will be held on November 16th in lieu of our regular membership meeting. The venue will again be Terrace Gardens, south of Arapahoe Road and east of I-25. Admission, as always, is free.

The auction is always a fun event with lots of outstanding outdoor items up for auction, including trips, fishing equipment, art work, professionally tied flies and who knows what else? There will also be a cash bar with plenty of time for socializing and for inspecting the various items up for auction.

There's another important reason for you to participate. The Auction provides most of our Chapter's annual income. It makes it possible for us to run our monthly meetings, to carry on our Cheesman Canyon maintenance, river clean-up and river testing activities, to fund a graduate fellowship at Colorado State University, to carry on youth education, and to cooperate with National Trout Unlimited and Colorado Trout Unlimited in their various conservation programs. In other words, it's a win-win evening. You'll enjoy it and we'll get the financial support that we need.

Something else for you to consider: We depend on donated items and will try to sell almost anything related to the outdoors. Big items such as cars, boats and

trips can be donated to us as a 501-b organization and you can take significant tax deductions. Smaller items like fishing tackle, restaurant vouchers, art work, fly tying and rod building lessons, tickets for sport events, etc. also qualify as charitable contributions. And, of course, cash donations are never refused.

To donate auction items or volunteer, contact [Bill Richards](#) or [Steve Bailey](#) (303) 888-5104 for instructions and donation forms.

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

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