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## Cutthroat Chapter Trout Unlimited Newsletter

*Welcome to the May CCTU Newsletter.*

*May 8, 2011*

### **Michael Myers,**

Welcome to yet another month in the rapidly progressing year that is 2011. We've got a lot of things to share and events for you to take part in.

This month's speaker is one of our own chapter members, Rick Webb. He'll be sharing his secrets on stillwater fishing in the South Park region. And we've got more flies and a gift certificate for the raffle. Also, if you have a friend who's not a TU member, bring them and they'll get a free raffle ticket.



There is a long list of conservation events for this summer just waiting for you to sign up. This month's is particularly important as it contributes directly to the quality of our very own home water, the South Platte. Be sure to check out the list and see what you can squeeze into your schedule.

If you're more interested in sharing your passion with some newcomers, there's an opportunity or two to do that. Orvis is still looking for volunteers for their Fly Fishing 101 classes. The list of other TU chapter's activities also includes an opportunity to share your passion for the sport with kids. Read on for details.

Also in this month's newsletter are a couple of items to help you find your next favorite fishing spot: A new State Wildlife Area and a new map of the Arkansas River drainage.

Am I the only one who can't believe it's already May? Seems like it was just March a couple of weeks ago. We all remember how slow time passed when we were young and anticipating the milestones like becoming a teenager, getting your driver's license and reaching the drinking age. Then it seems to pick up speed as you whip through your post-high-school career, be that college or the workforce. Next thing you know, you've bought a house and started a family and if you think time was clicking along before, you've got another thing

coming.

Time is speeding along for me despite my not having the multiplier that is a family. The weekends whip by in the blink of an eye and thankfully, the work week passes pretty quickly too. I'm fortunate in that my wife and I can make time for vacations more often than a lot of people, and those vacations have a way of slowing the passage of time. Maybe it's the reconnecting with a loved one, or catching up on the valuable commodity that is a good night's rest. More likely it's the lack of a schedule and the list of daily duties like dishes, yard work and the never-ending responsibilities of parenting.

I imagine, even for parents, retirement will slow the clock back down again. For parents, the kids are out of the house and if you have grand-kids, you get to give them back to their parents at the end of the night. I anticipate not having to work but working by choice doing what you love. On second thought, if I was working at what I loved I bet time would go by way too quickly. And I bet the grand-parent's time with their grand-kids goes by too quickly also.

I guess the moral I've just stumbled across is that I should live now and not for retirement. Maybe I kind of am and that's why time is flying by?

Now get out there and gobble up this summer because next thing you know, it'll be September!

*Mike Myers - Newsletter Editor*

*Here fishy, fishy...*



### **May Speaker to Discuss Stillwater Flyfishing in South Park**

**Come see Rick Webb's presentation on May 17th at 6:30pm at [SMDRA](#).**

Rick Webb is a Cutthroat Chapter member and former newsletter editor for the Chapter. As you might have guessed, Rick is also an avid fly fisherman and has graciously accepted our invitation to share his hard-earned knowledge on Fly Fishing

the Stillwaters of the South Park area here in Colorado. Rick's presentation will include the many techniques used to trick and land the wily stillwater trout. He'll also be sharing some of his favorite locations in the South Park area from the obvious like Spinney and Antero reservoirs to the not-so-obvious, which I'll let him reveal.

Don't forget new members and first-time attendee's get a free ticket in our monthly raffle for a gift certificate and/or flies. I hope you'll join us.

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***May Raffle Sponsor and Tier***

***Colorado Skies Outfitters in Parker is this month's sponsor and Pat Dorsey is this month's featured fly tier.***

Any new members or first-time attendees get a free raffle ticket for a chance to win one of the prizes below! So bring a friend to the monthly meeting.



The Shop Sponsor this month is [Colorado Skies Outfitters](#), who have provided a dozen flies and a shop gift certificate. Colorado Skies Outfitter is a locally owned and operated fly fishing retailer specializing in teaching fly fishing. They're located in Parker, CO.

This month's guest tier is [Pat Dorsey](#). Pat is co-owner of the Blue Quill Angler in Evergreen, CO. Since 1992, he has been guiding the Gold Medal waters with emphasis on pursuing selective, hard-fished tail-water trout. Pat is a guide, author, speaker and an Umpqua contract fly tier. He will be providing a dozen flies towards the raffle.



Check out the CCTU [Fly Box page](#) for more information.



***VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY - Horse Creek Restoration Project***

***Saturday, May 21st at 9am in Deckers, CO.***

Horse Creek, which joins the South Platte River at Deckers dumps a tremendous amount of Hayman fire generated sediment in the river every time it rains in the area. As a small start to recovery of the South Platte in the Deckers Area, the Cutthroat Chapter is

joining with the [Coalition for the Upper South Platte](#) (CUSP) to plant willows in an infamous section of Horse Creek known as 'the swamp'. A few years ago the swamp filled with logs and debris and the loggers of CUSP removed much of the wood, leaving the area denuded of vegetation. The purpose of this day's work will be to plant native willow slips in this area.

The day begins at 9am in Deckers, CO behind Flies n' Lies fly shop. Lunch will be provided and the day's work usually ends around 3:30pm, which leaves plenty of time to fish.

If you'd like to join us, contact Jim Rasmussen by phone (303) 773-2772 or [email](#). Also see the [CCTU website](#) for additional details.

***Upper Colorado River Success Story***  
***A landmark water settlement is reached.***



On April 28, Denver Water and a collection of Western Slope governmental and water entities announced the terms of an historic agreement over Colorado River headwater issues. The new agreement is a great step forward and offers promise for the future - but it addresses only a part of the problems facing the Colorado and its tributaries, and we still have much work ahead of us if we hope to defend our state's namesake river and its gold medal fisheries.

Please check out the article and video on the [CTU website](#). Also worth reading is an article in the [Denver Post](#) about the same settlement.

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### **2011 Conservation Event Schedule**

*Hopefully, you can join us on one of the events.*

Please take a look at the following listing of Cutthroat Chapter Conservation Projects. Mark your calendars and plan to participate in these important volunteer opportunities to restore and improve our local fisheries. The first few projects are in conjunction with [CUSP](#) (Coalition for the Upper South Platte) and the dates are firm.

This year LUNCH will be provided at most of the projects and there will be time for FISHING as well, after the work is done!

- **May 21st - Horse Creek Willow Planting.** See details in the article in this newsletter or check our [website](#) for the most recent updates.
- **June 11th - Horse Creek Restoration.** This will be similar to the May 21st event. Watch for details on our [website](#).
- **July 23rd - South Platte Cleanup.** This event will be at Deckers in conjunction with the United Methodist Church Volunteers. Lunch will be provided by CCTU. Check the [website](#) for the most recent updates.
- **August 20th - Gil Trail Maintenance.** We will be joined by the Boy Scouts for our annual home trail maintenance day. Check the [website](#) for the most recent updates.
- **September 17th - Clear Creek Cleanup.** This one really makes a difference what with the river's proximity to a major highway. Check the [website](#) for the most recent updates.

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### **Orvis Fly Fishing 101**

*Volunteers and participants needed!*

Orvis Park Meadows store manager, Tucker Bamford has asked me to tell you about free events to introduce more people to fly fishing.

They will be just about every weekend beginning on May 21st. Orvis is offering two different classes, a [Fly Fishing 101](#) and a [Fly Fishing 201](#). The 101, as you might have guessed, covers the fly fishing basics like knots, casts and terminology, among other things. The 201 builds on the 101 and puts it in practice on some local water. The 201 class may require a nominal fee and Orvis asks that you contact the local shop to find out.

Tucker is still looking volunteers to help teach and assist the students. You need not be an expert to help out. Not only is it a great opportunity to share your



passion but Orvis will be giving gift certificates to the volunteers. As I mentioned above, there are 12 weekends just for the 101 class so there's surely a weekend that will work with your schedule. And a gift certificate for your time? When don't you need something from the fly shop?

If you're interested in volunteering or attending, please contact Tucker Bamford at the Park Meadows store via phone (303) 768-9600 or [email](#).

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### ***Arkansas River Fishing Map***

***Provided by Collegiate Peaks Anglers chapter of TU.***

Looking for the inside edge on fishing the Arkansas River this year? Check out the new map from the Collegiate Peaks Anglers chapter of TU. It lists all free and pay river access points, surrounding streams, creeks, tributaries and high mountain lakes. Sounds like there's something for everyone!

Visit the [Collegiate Peaks Anglers website](#) for more details and where to buy the map.

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### ***New State Wildlife Area***

***Looking for a new spot to fish?***

The Colorado Division of Wildlife recently received property that will complete land acquisition for the new Tomichi Creek State Wildlife Area just east of the town of Gunnison.

Ownership of the 248-acre parcel was transferred to the Division from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation on April 1 in order to provide for more efficient management of the property. The new state wildlife area, which totals 458 acres, encompasses wetlands and riparian area, and straddles more than four miles of Tomichi Creek. The property provides substantial recreation opportunities for anglers, small game hunters and wildlife watchers. The area also provides important wildlife habitat for waterfowl, various bird species and small mammals.

Visit the [Colorado Division of Wildlife's website](#) for the rest of the article.

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### ***Other Trout Unlimited Chapter Events***

#### **Colorado TU**

- River Conservation and Flyfishing Youth Camp accepting applications. Camp takes place in DeBeque, CO June 12th - 17th. See [Colorado Trout Unlimited website](#) for details.

#### **Alpine Anglers**

- Youth Learn to Flyfish Day at 8:30am on June 4th in Rocky Mountain National Park for boys and girls ages 11 to 15. Each participant will get to take home a Cortland fly rod, reel and flies! See [Alpine Anglers website](#) for details.

#### **Boulder Flycasters**

- Summer outing to Trappers Lake June 27th - 29th. See [Boulder Flycasters website](#) for details.

**Cherry Creek Anglers**

- Monthly Chapter meeting at 7pm on May 12th featuring Cameron Cipponeri of Frying Pan Anglers. Cameron will be speaking about "Seasons of the Roaring Fork". See [Cherry Creek Anglers website](#) for details.
- Fishing Trip to Hartsel to fish the Middle Fork of the South Platte on May 21st. See [Cherry Creek Anglers website](#) for details.
- Annual CCA Casting Clinic for the whole family at 5:30pm on June 9th. See [Cherry Creek Anglers website](#) for details.
- Teach the Next Generation to Tie Flies at 8am on June 11th at the 2011 Fishing Frenzy at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge. See [Cherry Creek Anglers website](#) for details.

**Cheyenne Mountain Chapter**

- 25th Anniversary Happy Hour with Ed Engle at 6pm on May 19th. See [Cheyenne Mountain Chapter website](#) for details.
- Monthly Membership Meeting at 7pm on May 24th featuring Bill Edrington of Royal Gorge Anglers. Bill will be speaking about the "Summer Hatches on the Arkansas River". See [Cheyenne Mountain Chapter website](#) for details.

**Denver Trout Unlimited**

- Monthly Chapter meeting at 6:30pm on May 24th. See [Denver Trout Unlimited website](#) for details.
- Carp Slam 2011 August 27th - 28th. See [Denver Trout Unlimited website](#) for details.

**Evergreen Trout Unlimited**

- CDOW Outdoors at 8am on May 14th at Pine Valley Ranch where members will instruct on flytying and casting for kids ages 7 to 16. See [Evergreen Trout Unlimited website](#) for details.
- Monthly Chapter meeting at 6:30pm on May 18th featuring Chris Schauder, EMD on Bear Creek stream health. See [Evergreen Trout Unlimited website](#) for details.
- Free fishing at Buchanan Ponds for volunteers at 9am on May 20th - 22nd. See [Evergreen Trout Unlimited website](#) for details.
- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - Kid's Fishing Clinic at 7:30am on May 21st. See [Evergreen Trout Unlimited website](#) for details.
- Free fishing at Buchanan Ponds for volunteers on June 3rd - 5th. See [Evergreen Trout Unlimited website](#) for details.

**The Greenbacks**

- Currently, nothing scheduled. See [The Greenbacks website](#) for details.

**West Denver Chapter**

- Monthly Chapter Meeting June 1st at 6:30pm featuring Johnathan Walter. See [West Denver Chapter website](#) for details.
- River Watch at 8:30am on May 28th at Lion's Park in Golden. See [West Denver Chapter website](#) for details.
- Joseph's Journey Fishing Derby at 10am on June 4th. See [West Denver Chapter website](#) for details.
- River Watch at 8:30am on June 25th at Lion's Park in Golden. See [West Denver Chapter website](#) for details.

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***Other Fishing Stuff to Do*****Anglers All**

- Fly Fishing School at 9am on May 28th. See the Events page on the [Anglers All](#)

[website](#) for details.

- On-Stream School on June 4th. See the Events page on the [Anglers All website](#) for details.

- Fly Fishing School for Kids with Tyler Befus at 11am on June 18th. See the Events page on the [Anglers All website](#) for details.

- Fly Fishing School at 9am on June 25th. See the Events page on the [Anglers All website](#) for details.

#### **Blue Quill Angler**

- Book signing with John Gierach. See the [Blue Quill Angler website](#) for details.

#### **Charlie's Fly Box**

- Introductory Flyfishing Class on at 6pm May 11th and 12th and at 7am on May 14th. See the [Charlie's FlyBox website](#) for details.

- Fly Casting Class with FFF instructor Jonathan Walter at 11am on June 4th.

See the [Charlie's FlyBox website](#) for details. - Introductory Fly Fishing Class at 6pm June 8th and 9th and at 7am June 11th. See the [Charlie's FlyBox website](#) for details.

#### **Denver Flyshop**

- Currently, nothing scheduled. See the [Denver Flyshop website](#) for details.

#### **Discount Fishing Tackle**

- Currently, nothing scheduled. See the [Discount Fishing Tackle website](#) for details.

#### **Front Range Anglers**

- Introduction to Fly Fishing at 9am on May 15th. See the [Front Range Anglers website](#) for details.

- Introduction to Fly Fishing at 9am on June 5th. See the [Front Range Anglers website](#) for details.

- Introduction to Fly Fishing at 9am on June 19th. See the [Front Range Anglers website](#) for details.

- Kids Camp - Fly Fishing I June 20th - 24th for kids ages 9 - 11. See the [Front Range Anglers website](#) for details.

#### **Hook**

- Fly Fishing 101 every week. See the [Hook website](#) for details.

- Fly Fishing 201 every week. See the [Hook website](#) for details.

#### **Orvis Rod and Tackle Centennial**

- Free Fly Casting Clinics at Orvis Rod and Tackle Centennial every Saturday at 9am. See the [Orvis Rod and Tackle Centennial website](#) for details.

- Flyfishing 101 and 201 clinics every weekend beginning May 21st. See the [Orvis Fly-Fishing 101 website](#) for details.

- Additional Orvis seminars and classes are available and can be found on The Denver Post's Outdoors Calendar.

#### **Rocky Mountain Anglers**

- Kids Fly Fishing Camp, multiple dates. See the [Rocky Mountain Anglers website](#) for details.

Check out the Denver Post's online [Outdoors Calendar](#) for additional events.

#### **Follow up Links**

- [Interested in](#)

#### **Monthly Membership Meetings**

Don't forget to attend our monthly Membership Meetings on the third Tuesday of

[previous CCTU newsletters?](#)  
[Here they are...](#)

- [See What's New at the State TU Level...](#)

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](#).

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