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Cutthroat Chapter Trout Unlimited Newsletter

Welcome to the December CCTU Newsletter.

December 1, 2010

Mike Myers,

Welcome to the busiest time of year!

The good news is that it's a fun busy (despite my current feelings of being overwhelmed). It's fun because you have to go to the holiday parties where as hard as you might fight it, you'll catch up with old friends or the co-worker you never get to talk to anymore. It's fun because you get to shop and spend money on other people (or you cheat like me and spend some money on yourself). It's fun because you have to give up some of your weekends to put up the holiday decorations which really do make your home a brighter, more festive place to be. And it's fun because it's the end of whatever kind of year you've had and an opportunity to start fresh and make next year even more positive. So let's get to the newsletter and let me see if we've got something to help you get through this season.



Looking for gift ideas? I've found a couple of non-standard but fishing related gift ideas for you. First, I found a list of gift ideas on the [Moldy Chum](#) website which includes things like golf balls, rugs and jewelry. Then there are the tons of fishing related T-shirts available at [Cafe Press](#). You can go from the traditional to the tasteless or anywhere in between. If you've got a friend who's got fishing on the brain to an extreme, try either the [Transparent Toilet Seat for Fly Fishers](#) or the [Cigarette Butt Fly](#). One of these things should get you started in the right direction.

I also found a couple of articles for the fly tyers that I'd like to share. Maybe you already know this one but I saw a video demonstrating how to tie a [Loop San Juan](#)

[Worm](#). That hadn't occurred to me but it seems like it ought to work well. I also came across a good article called "[Let There Be Light](#)" about the various light-curing adhesives and how they're being used in fly tying. But be careful because once you start surfing the fly tying info on the Internet, it can easily eat up precious hours that you could be at the mall or shipping gifts!

As you may know, traditionally, the January newsletter has been the only printed and mailed version we send out each year. In an effort to trim expenses, we're skipping it this year. Instead, we'll have another emailed newsletter and I'll be sending postcards to the other half of the members who haven't yet given TU their email address requesting them to do so. If you know anyone who's holding out, explain to them that we can dramatically reduce our mailing expenses by eliminating the printed newsletter. I know it's a sign of the times and maybe even a bit sad to be moving to all electronic (plus, I think we all know how I feel about change). But it's for a good reason as the money saved can then be reallocated to more directly affect the goals of the Chapter.

I hope you have a great holiday and I'll see you at the CCTU Christmas Party!

Mike Myers - Newsletter Editor

Here fishy, fishy...



Annual CCTU Christmas Party
7:00pm December 15th at South Metro
Denver Realtors Association Building

In December, the regular membership meeting is replaced by The CCTU Annual Christmas Party. Except for the first few minutes of the regular meetings, the December meeting is the only time we dedicate a meeting to just visiting with other members.

In addition to the revery, the Christmas party will also include a voluntary, blind gift exchange where there will be a swapping of gifts in the \$5 to \$10 range. Hand made items like flies and

other fishing accessories are always appreciated.

Also, feel free to bring food to share and we'll provide the soda pop. Personally, I enjoy Costco apple pies and home made cookies; if anyone was wondering.

The final, but most important part of the Christmas party is a **food drive** where you can bring in non-perishable food items (canned goods and such) which will be donated to two local food banks.

I know this is a busy time of year but I hope you can join us, even if only for a little while.

CANCELLED! Annual Cutthroat Chapter Photo Contest
Due to lack of submissions :(

Today I received an email from Don Cushing, the host of the Annual Photo Contest, to tell us that this year's contest had to be cancelled. He said he had only received five submissions this year. I saw the table of submissions last year; there must have been more than twenty!

For those of you looking forward to voting on this year's winner, maybe next year...

Protect Our Rivers License Plate

Sign up to support CTU when you buy your license plates.

During the upcoming 2011 legislative session, Colorado Trout Unlimited is introducing a bill to create the [Protect Our Rivers license plate](#). The

donations generated from these plates will be used to help CTU and our local chapters protect, conserve and restore Colorado's rivers and watersheds - the money will remain local, 100% will be allocated within Colorado.



To help ensure passage of the bill, we need your help to collect 3,000 signatures from Colorado residents that are interested in later purchasing the license plate. Note that signing the petition does not obligate you to purchase - at this time, you are merely expressing an interest.

Once the bill is passed, to obtain the Protect Our Rivers license plate, you must make a one-time, tax-deductible donation of \$25 to Colorado Trout Unlimited. The design of the license plate has not been finalized yet, but it is likely to be very similar to the sample on the website.

To learn more about the Protect Our Rivers license plate, read the [FAQ](#) (frequently asked questions).

For now, we'd really appreciate it if you'd [sign our petition](#)! And don't forget to tell your friends!!

Other Trout Unlimited Chapter Events

Alpine Anglers

- Currently, nothing scheduled. See [Alpine Anglers](#) website for details.

Boulder Flycasters

- Liar's Club Happy Hour on December 8th from 5:30pm to 8pm. See [Boulder Flycasters](#) website for details.

Cherry Creek Anglers

- Monthly Chapter meeting at Gander Mountain featuring [Wallace Westfeldt](#), guide at [Front Range Anglers](#), [Kirk's](#) in Estes Park, [Sylvan Dale](#) in Loveland and fly fisherman for over 50 years. His topic for the night: "I Used to Make Money for a Living". Sounds intriguing. See [Cherry Creek Anglers](#) website for details.

- Fly Tying Group on December 7th. See [Cherry Creek Anglers](#) website for details.

Cheyenne Mountain Chapter

- Currently, nothing scheduled. See [Cheyenne Mountain Chapter](#) website for details.

Denver Trout Unlimited

- Currently, nothing scheduled until January. See [Denver Trout Unlimited](#) website for details.

Evergreen Trout Unlimited

- Holiday party at 5pm on December 11th. See [Evergreen Trout Unlimited](#) website for details.

West Denver Chapter

- Completion celebration from 6pm to 9pm on December 9th. See [West Denver Chapter](#) website for details.
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Other Fishing Stuff to Do in December

Anglers All

- Fly tying demo with Shea Gunkel on December 11th. See the Events page on the [Anglers All](#) website for details.
- Fly tying demo with Marty Bartholomew on December 18th. Fly tying classes are also available with Marty beginning in January. See the Events page on the [Anglers All](#) website for details.

Blue Quill Angler

- Simms Day at the Blue Quill on December 11th. See the [Blue Quill Angler](#) website for details.

Charlie's Fly Box

- Fly tying demo with Al Ritt on December 11th. See the [Charlie's FlyBox](#) website for details.
- Fly tying demo with Tony Spano on December 18th. See the [Charlie's FlyBox](#) website for details.

Discount Fishing Tackle

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

Front Range Anglers

- Currently, nothing scheduled. See the [Front Range Anglers](#) website for details.

Hook

- Fly tying demo with Herman deGala on December 11th from 12pm to 1:30pm. See the [Hook](#) website for details.
- Fly Tying 101-Fly Tying for Beginners begins on the 2nd Monday of every month from 6pm to 8:30pm for three Mondays. 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.
- Additional Orvis seminars and classes are available and can be found on [The](#)

[Denver Post's Outdoors Calendar](#).

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



**Annual CCTU Auction
Wrap-up**

Thanks to everyone who participated!

Were you there? My wife and I were and had a great time. Plus, we came home with some great trips at bargain prices! There were some big-wigs there like Pat Dorsey, J. Core and Dick Nickum not to mention the CCTU regulars. This year, Sharon wrangled her daughter

into a Vanna White sort of role where she showed off the auction item on which we were bidding. Again, the auctioneer was fantastic and kept everyone engaged and laughing. I've included a couple of pictures so you can either pick yourself out of the crowd or see what you missed.

A special thanks goes out to the auction committee who put in a lot of time to make this event come off so smoothly.

See everyone there next year!



2011 Green River Trip

Save the dates!

The Green River trip for 2011 will occur in April from the 16th through the 19th. Save the date as all the stories I heard of last year's trip were how much fun was had!

**January Monthly Meeting Speaker - Greg Feldt of ArkAnglers
Tuesday, January 18th at 7pm**

January's speaker will be Greg Felt of ArkAnglers guide service and fly shops. Greg Felt is co-owner and guide service manager of [ArkAnglers](#). He has guided on the Arkansas for twenty six years, logging over 25,000 river miles in his boat. Along the way he has come to know some great fish and some great people. Bringing those two groups together has been his life's work.

Is it too early to be thinking about the Mother's Day caddis hatch?



Please Renew Your TU Membership On-Line
Avoid Data Errors and Save Postage Too!

TU National has a convenient and secure site where you can renew your TU membership on-line and save the stamps and hassle of mailing off response forms. Just click on the TU logo above to be connected to their site.

Renewing by mail can create errors. The Membership folks at National have to re-input all of your personal data when you renew by mail, including street and email addresses. This results in a high percentage of errors, especially in the email data. The errors then cause your CCTU newsletters and TU calendars to be sent to the wrong addresses and are a lot of trouble to get corrected.

So please try to use the NTU web site when you renew. It's secure, as you can tell from the URL ("https" designates a secure site, as opposed to the more common "http") and is a much faster and easier way to keep your membership current.

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](http://www.littletonco.gov/7899-S-Lincoln-Ct-Littleton-CO-80122).

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