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Cutthroat Chapter Trout Unlimited Newsletter

Welcome to the February CCTU Newsletter. *February 1, 2010*

Mike Myers,

Hello, my name is Mike Myers and I'm a fly tying addict. This is a difficult time of year for a guy like me - long hours of dark, nothing on television and a warm, well- lit room filled with an inexhaustible supply of fly tying materials. As if that weren't enough, there were two expositions last month with an overwhelming number of fly tiers to observe. And now this month, there are two more events outlined below which are sure to escalate my addiction to clinical levels (our own Fly Tying Extravaganza and West Denver's annual Fly Tying Clinic).

This month we honor another fallen outdoor advocate in Charlie Meyers, who passed away after valiantly fighting, and ultimately succumbing to lung cancer. I know I will miss his regular articles about places I should visit and his obvious love for our beautiful state.

Also included is a thank you to all the volunteers who participated in the joint effort at South Platte Park. We had the maximum turnout, classic Colorado winter weather and surpassed expectations for the tasks completed.

Are you planning March yet? There are a couple of options I've included in this month's newsletter including a CTU event and the March speaker.

Finally, I'm probably telling you old news, but did you know you can read TU's Trout magazine online? I didn't and am excited to be able to pull it up whenever I have a free minute on the computer. If you haven't checked it out and spend as much time as I do in front of a computer, you can check it out here.

I am a fly tying geek and will see you, my fellow freaks, at both of the tying events this month.

Mike Myers - Newsletter Editor

Here fishy, fishy...

Fly Tying Extravaganza/Auction & Swap

February 16th at 7:00pm

This month's regular meeting will be replaced by a couple of simultaneous events: a free fly tying demonstration and a swap meet. Some of the tiers participating in the demo include Pat Dorsey, Al Makki, Jay Core, Bob Dye, Bud McAllister, Richard Pilatzke, Kent Higgins, Richard Mead and Jim Neiberger. (And the list continues to grow.) If you have

any interest at all in fly tying, this is a great event to attend. You'll be able to get up close to the tiers and witness first hand their hard-earned techniques for creating the masterpieces that allow us to catch fish. The resulting flies will be available for a small donation to the Jonathan Keisling Memorial Fund.

The featured tiers are also donating one dozen flies that can be purchased through a silent auction. The proceeds from these silent auctions will also be donated to the Jonathan Keisling Memorial Fund.

As if that wasn't enough entertainment, we're also having a Swap Meet! You'll be able to get rid of that pile of unused equipment that's currently burried in the basement. I can confirm that Richard Pilatzke is personally putting out over 20,000 Mustad hooks marked at rock-bottom prices (as low as a penny a hook)! The proceeds from the Swap Meet will also be donated to the Jonathan Keisling Memorial Fund.

So please join us for the meeting turned Fly Tying Extravaganza and Swap Meet at our regular meeting location.

West Denver Chapter Fly Tying Clinic

February 13, 2010; 8:30am to 3:00pm

Don't forget the West Denver Chapter of Trout Unlimited is having their annual Fly Tying Clinic this month at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. They'll have over 50 tiers tying various patterns with new techniques and materials. The tiers will also be discussing how and when to fish the flies they are tying.

Tickets for the event are available at the door for $10. Discount coupons for $2 off are available at local fly shops or on the WDTU website.

If you have questions or need more details, call Jon Weimer at (303) 830-1609.

I'm a big fly tying geek, so I'll see you there!

Outdoors Author Charlie Meyers Dies at 72

(October 30, 1937 - January 5, 2010)

We are sad to report that Charlie Meyers passed away on January 5th after a 2 year battle with lung cancer. Charlie was 72 years old and had been composing outdoor articles for the Denver Post for four decades. The Denver Post has a number of articles available on their website here .

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that anyone wishing to make a donation in Charlie's name send it to Colorado Trout Unlimited, 1320 Pearl St., Suite 320, Boulder, CO 80302; or the Colorado Division of Wildlife, 6060 Broadway, Denver, CO 80216.

South Platte Park Fish Habitat Restoration

Thanks to all the volunteers!

As a reminder, this was a joint effort between CCTU, Denver TU and South

Suburban Parks and Recreation to restore fish habitat in one of the lakes near Carson Nature Center at South Platte Park. The event was well attended as we maxed out the recommended number of participants by getting 30 volunteers for the day! We were also graced by one of the warmest days in weeks - as evidenced by the third and fourth layers of clothing scattered about the shore.

The event resulted in placement of 32 'reefs' (felled, non-native trees strapped to enormous cinder-blocks) along approximately 1 mile of shoreline around Lake 2 or Eagle Watch Lake. If you hurry, you might be able to see and mark their locations before they fall through the ice. The goal is to create habitat for smaller fish to increase their survival rate which would improve the quality of the fishery.

A big Thank You goes out to all the volunteers, organizers Jim Klug of CCTU and Todd Fehr of DTU, and Slaton Brothers for providing the cinder-blocks.

CTU Annual Dinner & Gala

March 19, 5:00pm at the Arvada Center

Mark your calendars for the evening of March 19th to attend the Colorado Trout Unlimited Annual Dinner & Gala. This event is CTU's most important fund raising event of the year. The Dinner and Gala includes a silent auction, a sit-down dinner, a live auction, live entertainment and an "after-party". More details are availble on the CTU website; click here.

Next Month's Speaker: Dave Sweet

Save the Yellowstone Cutt's in Yellowstone Lake

Dave Sweet will speak about a project to identify and develop better methods to control lake trout populations in Yellowstone Lake. It's a joint effort between the East Yellowstone Chapter of Trout Unlimited, Yellowstone National Park, and the US Geological Survey (USGS). You can read more about it here.

The meeting will be March 16th at the monthly meeting location.

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.

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