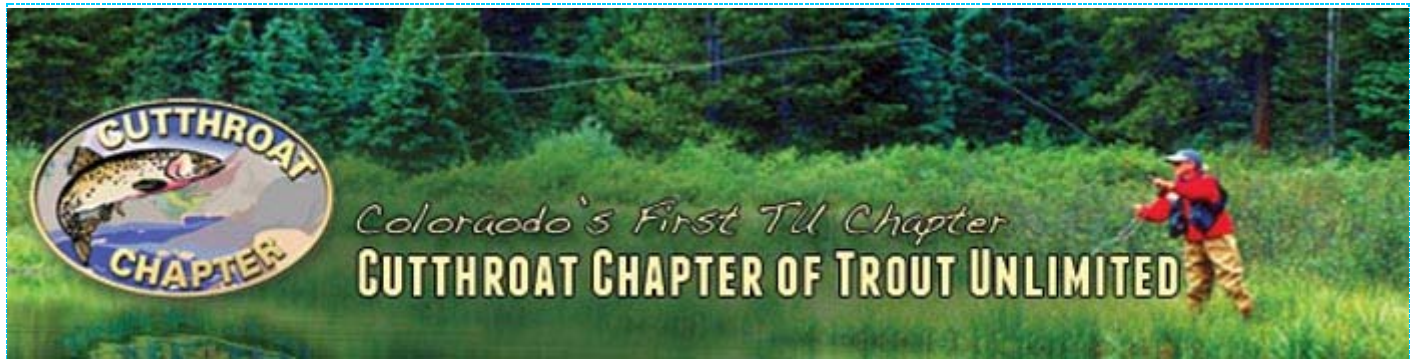


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Cutthroat Chapter Trout Unlimited Newsletter

Welcome to the June CCTU Newsletter.

June 1, 2010

Mike Myers,

The headline could have read "May's Saturday Trip Blows" or "Gale force winds can't keep these guys out of the water". I've lived in Colorado a long time and I've never fished in conditions like there were for the May Saturday Fishing Trip.

Regardless of the weather, a small group of addicts (pictured at right) joined Gary Thompson and czech expert Rob Colunda on May's Saturday Fishing trip to the South Platte River near Lake George. After arriving at the river, Rob gave a mini-clinic on rigging for Czech nymphing out of the back of his truck. With the 'breeze', it took three extra people to keep the leader from either blowing away or turning into a bird's nest before he was able to tie on a fly. 10 minutes after getting rigged, Rob pulled a nice brown from a spot you or I would have waded right through. That was enough pep-talk for the rest of us and we scattered like roaches to get in on the action. I borrowed more than one technique from the mini-clinic that aided in my half-dozen fish on the day.



Gary's location scouting and vigilant observation of flows set the stage for us players so that no one came away skunked (which, if you've followed my adventures, is difficult with an angler like me). Gary and Rob also made themselves available for, and were taken up on, one-on-one tutoring. Jim Klug had "one of (his) best days on the Platte" and the highest fish count of the group. Be sure to ask him about it at the Monthly Meeting!

Despite the direction-changing, wind-knotting, hat-stealing, knock-you-down-in-shin-deep-water winds from the clear blue sky, my first Saturday Fishing Trip was an absolute success. Rest assured I will be on more of these and I hope you will too.

Given that we should all be spending whatever free time we have on some body of water tricking the trout, there are a lot of things going on this month. Just look at the length of the 'In this issue...' sidebar! There is a volunteer event for stream cleanup or a couple of opportunities to try some new water with either of our Saturday Fishing Trips. Or you could travel to Fairplay to attend a charity event and the dedication of the new Charlie Meyers State Wildlife Area. Maybe you want to plan your trip to Eagle to attend the CTU Summer Meeting. You could even enter a game of chance to win the trip of a lifetime with the Catch A Memory raffle. And speaking of trips, this month's speaker will surely spawn a few destinations to try out this summer in the high country. I think if you take the time to check out the newsletter and follow any of the links that catch your attention, you'll find more than enough to take up your precious time.

I hope you enjoy the newsletter and I'll hopefully see you at one of this month's events.

Mike Myers - Newsletter Editor

Here fishy, fishy...



June Monthly Meeting - Ernie Oetter on Flyfishing High Mountain Lakes
7pm Tuesday, June 15th at [South Metro Denver Realtor Association Building](#)

This month's speaker at the June Monthly Meeting will be Ernie Oetter. Ernie will be discussing fishing high-alpine lakes, which he does twice a week in the summer months. This has given him a great deal of experience that he will be sharing during his presentation. A little web research has revealed that he chooses evening fishing over morning fishing which means he doesn't have to get up early. Now that's a program I can get behind!

Besides being experienced in high-alpine fishing, Ernie owns Panache Catering and the Terrace Gardens Event & Conference Center, and has made the facility available for CTU and the CCA and Cutthroat Chapters several times for auctions and fly tying clinics. In addition, he also has donated guided alpine fishing trips to raffles and auctions.

I hope you can join us and if you listen carefully, I bet you can find some seldom-visited lakes to put on your list of summer destinations.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY - South Platte River Cleanup
June 26th from 9am to Noon (with fishing afterwards!)

The South Platte River cleanup (Deckers area) is scheduled for Saturday, June 26th, 9:00-12:00 with a barbeque to follow. Two additional events (stream entomology and River Watch) have been added after the BBQ.

After picking up trash we will have a BBQ at the picnic table near the parking lot behind [Flies & Lies](#) at Deckers. The leader for this event is [Doug McFarland](#), 303-771-3299. Please contact Doug to sign up. June's River Watch collection/sampling activity will be conducted in conjunction with the cleanup and BBQ.

Two "Saturday" Fishing Trips
June 19th to Williams Fork Res. and June 23rd to Lilly Lake

Williams Fork Reservoir for Pike on Saturday, June 19th

Call John Aaron at (303) 697-1491 if you'd like to attend. (Hurry! Trip limited to 8 people!)

Meet at 7am in the West parking lot off I-70 at the Morrison exit.

[Map](#). Can carpool from there.

Things to bring:

Lunch and drinks of your choice.

6-7 weight rod with a weight forward or rocket taper line.

Long Lip Grippers of some sort.

Rain jacket.

Waders - not going to be wading deep.

Camera - for that 50-inch monster!

Recommended flies:

Double Bunny/Clouser Minnow or other bait fish imitators in large sizes like 4's, 2's, 1/0, 2/0 or 3/0 (with barbs flattened)

For those who have not done this type of adventure, I will have some flies, show you some tricks with steel leader material, and have a long net. Slot limit is 28-34 and after that you can



take 'strong home. Very good baked with garlic and onions.

Lily Lake for Colorado Greenback Cutthroat Trout on Wednesday, June 23rd

Contact [Richard Pilatzke](#) at (303) 979-8425 if you'd like to attend (click his name to email him). The lake is just outside of Rocky Mtn National Park on highway 7. [Map](#).

Meet at the [Board of Realtors](#) building and leave at 7 AM sharp.

Recommended equipment:

9 foot 5 or 6 weight rod with a double taper line. Lake can be easily fished from shore or you can bring a float tube or pontoon boat.

Recommended flies:

callibaetis Quigley cripple 14-16, callibaetis nymph 14-16, damsel adult 12, damsel nymph 10, beadhead prince nymph14. First four patterns are on the [Fly Tying Clips](#) website under Richard Pilatzke

Dream Stream Dedication to Charlie Meyers

10:30am June 12th on the South Platte, Dream Stream section

It's actually going to happen. The 'Dream Stream' will be no more. Don't worry; it's not going away, just getting renamed. It will heretofore be known as the 'Charlie Meyers State Wildlife Area'. The Division of Wildlife's dedication will be taking place at 10:30am on, or near, the river. In addition to the actual dedication ceremony, there are several other events occurring.



At 5:00pm the night of the dedication, there will be a charity event titled "Fish On! An Evening of Storytelling Honoring Charlie Meyers". The event will be held at the historic American Safari Ranch in Fairplay, CO. You can purchase tickets [online](#) or email [Erica Stock](#) at CTU to RSVP. Proceeds go to the Trout In the Classroom project.

What will you do between the dedication and the evening event besides fish with everyone else? Well, the Town of Fairplay has joined forces with FishExploer.com, the Colorado Division of Wildlife and Colorado Trout Unlimited and created the Hooked on Fairplay Fishing Festival. Lunch will be available while you participate or watch competitors try to catch the biggest fish from the Fairplay Beach.

For more information on all events, visit [FishExplorer.com](#).



Trout in the Classroom Releases First Trout ***Thompson Valley students spawn successful Trout in the Classroom program***

At the end of May, students from Thomspson Valley High School released trout they raised from eggs to fry into the Chasteens Grove Water Treatment Center in west Loveland as part of Colorado Trout Unlimited's first Trout In the Classroom program.

Through Trout in the Classroom, students raise trout from eggs to fry, engage in water quality and habitat studies, and eventually release them into state-approved waters near their school. As the result of their participation in this program, students learn to see connections between the trout, water resources, the environment, and themselves, fostering awareness of Colorado's water resources and establishing a strong conservation ethic. Read more about Thompson Valley's Trout in the Classroom program in the

[Loveland Connection](#).

Trout in the Classroom is part of Colorado Trout Unlimited's Youth Conservation Education Program and is made possible through a partnership with the Colorado Division of Wildlife. Because of the program's early success, Trout In the Classroom will expand to three more schools this fall in the Durango, Ft. Collins, and Colorado Springs areas. Read more about Trout

in the Classroom [here](#).

***July 20 is Our Annual CCTU Picnic
And Again This Year We're Providing All the Food!***

July is the month when we hold our Annual Picnic in lieu of an inside meeting. It will again be held on the third Tuesday of July, the 20th, at [Clement Park](#), on West Bowles Avenue in Littleton, in Shelter #6. Folks can start to arrive about 4, and the food should be ready by 5 or 6. We usually stick around until 8 or later, depending on the weather.

Last year, we tried "sweetening the pot" to expand the attendance by providing not only the soft drinks and condiments, but ALL THE MEAT AS WELL! And it worked so well we're doing it again.

The Chapter will provide the hamburgers and hot dogs, along with buns, cheese, kraut, and chili. PLUS, soft drinks, water, condiments, plates, utensils, napkins, someone to do the cooking, and a wealth of good companionship. All you need to bring is any "adult beverage", as they say, and your own charming presence.

You could also bring a side dish to share, like potato salad, slaw, beans, dessert, tomatoes and lettuce, or, for you culinary-challenged individuals, a bag of chips will always work. But don't let that stop you from dropping in after work. We'd rather have you come empty-handed than not at all.

And bring the spouses and kids if you can, or even a neighbor. Clement Park offers plenty to do before and after dinner. Adults can walk off their meal with a sunset stroll around Johnson Reservoir. And the older kids can skateboard on the Clement Park Skateboard facility while the younger ones climb on the playground equipment. If we decide to hold another casting competition, bring a kite, as the wind never fails to blow when we do.

Clement Park is located south of West Bowles Ave. just east of Wadsworth Blvd. We'll be in Shelter #6, which is best accessed behind the library at West Long Drive and Bowles Ave. Take the first left south of Bowles off Long Dr and then right at the Stop sign. Then bear left where the road turns into the library. Click on the trout picture above to get to a Mapquest of the site. Shelter 6 is on the hilltop and overlooks Johnson Reservoir to the west.

***Don't Forget to CATCH A MEMORY
Time Is Running Out to Catch the Memory of a Lifetime-
-Drawing Scheduled for June 30th!***

We're talking private jet, shopping spree, guided fishing, deluxe accommodations and gourmet meals - for you and 3 friends!



TU's Catch a Memory raffle is amazing! Here's how it works if you win: You and 3 friends meet in Denver (round trip airfare from anywhere in the lower 48). Next you go on a \$1,000 per person shopping spree at [Charlie's Flybox](#). Then you and your pals hop a private plane bound for a Wyoming guest ranch and 4 days of guided fishing with 3 nights accommodations and gourmet meals!

At the very least, your \$20 ticket(s) will benefit Trout Unlimited and Colorado Youth Outdoors. This isn't a raffle... it's the buddy trip of a lifetime! [Click here to read more and buy tickets.](#)



***Colorado Trout Unlimited Summer Meeting
July 10th in Eagle, CO***

Looking to get the low-down on the state-wide activities of Colorado Trout Unlimited? Join them in Eagle for their summer meeting where you can find out what's going on. I'm sure you'll be able to find at least one person interested in fishing after the meeting.

Here's some info from David Nickum:

CTU's summer meeting will be taking place in Eagle on Saturday, July 10th, at the Eagle Public Library, 600 Broadway. The meeting will begin at 10 am. As we get closer to the meeting date, I will provide an agenda and supporting materials.

We have a block of rooms reserved at the Holiday Inn Express - Eagle (970-328-8088) for a rate of \$94.56, which includes their complimentary breakfast. Rooms are being held under the block until June 18, so if you are planning to stay for Friday or Saturday nights, please make your reservations soon.

A big thank you to the Eagle Valley Chapter for hosting our summer meeting and setting up all of the local arrangements!

Other Trout Unlimited Chapter Events

[Alpine Anglers](#)

Summer kickoff meeting from 7pm-9pm on June 16th at Mary's Lake Lodge with speaker Rick Takahashi. See website for details.

[Boulder Flycasters](#)

Liars Club Happy Hour from 5:30pm-8:00pm on June 16th @ [Southern Sun Pub & Brewery](#) on the Patio(off South Broadway in Boulder)

[Cherry Creek Anglers](#)

Family Picnic and Flycasting Clinic at 6pm on June 10th at Utah Park pavilion in Aurora. See website for more details.

Day Fishing Trip to Lily Lake in RMNP on June 19th. See website for more details.

[Cheyenne Mountain Chapter](#)

2010 Parent Youth Day from 8am-5pm on June 12th at Catamount Institute in Woodland Park, CO. See website for more details.

Membership Meeting at 7pm on June 22nd with speaker Randy Schneider, High Plains Rods. See website for more details.

[Denver Trout Unlimited](#)

Membership Meeting at 6:30pm on June 22nd. See website for more details.

[Evergreen Trout Unlimited](#)

Buchanan Fishing Clinic from 8am-2pm on June 12th at Buchanan Lake. See website for more details.

Monthly Meeting and picnic at 6pm on June 16th at Buchanan Ponds. Food and soda provided by ETU; bring a salad or dessert if you want to. Free fishing for family; casting demos and fishing tips from fellow ETU members. See website for details and to RSVP.

Free fishing at Buchanan Ponds for volunteers in past year on June 18th and 19th. See website for details.

Camp Comfort on June 26th and 27th. See website for details.

[West Denver Chapter](#)

[Joseph's Journey Fishing Derby](#) from 10am-3pm on June 5th at the Waterton Canyon Ponds - Volunteers Needed

Beginning Fly Fishing from 9am-4pm on June 12th at Piney Valley Ranch. See website for details.

River Watch at 9am on June 19th in Golden. See website for details.

Other Stuff to Do in June

- Gunnison River Weekend Getaway with Anglers All June 18-20. See the Events page on the [Anglers All](#) website for details.

- Delores River Weekend Getaway with Anglers All June 24-26. See the Events page on the [Anglers All](#) website for details.

- On-Stream School on June 26th. See the Events page on the [Anglers All](#) website for details.

- Getting Started in Fly Fishing Class at Blue Quill Angler every Saturday from 10am to noon. See the [Blue Quill Angler](#) website for details.
- Fly Fishing Class at Charlie's Fly Box on June 9th. This class is designed to introduce beginner anglers into the sport of fly-fishing. See the [Charlie's FlyBox](#) website for details.
- Fly Casting Class at Charlie's Fly Box from 11am-1pm on June 12th. See the [Charlie's FlyBox](#) website for details.
- [Front Range Anglers](#) is offering Intro to Fly Fishing classes every other Sunday from 9am to 1pm. This month's dates are June 6th and 27th.
- Every Sunday, [Hook](#) hosts a free "Round Table Fly Tying Participation Group" at noon. You can bring your own gear or use a loaner to join in.
- 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 at [The Denver Post's Outdoors Calendar](#).

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

Vote for the South Platte Project

Cast your vote for Denver Trout Unlimited in the Pepsi Challenge

Denver TU needs your help! Only the top two vote getter in our prize leve receive funding for their project. Please visit the [Pepsi Refresh Project](#) and cast your vote for the South Platte Project. You can vote up to once a day for the rest of the month!

Thanks in advance for your time!

T.U.N.E. for Kids is Coming in July

TU is Teaming to Host a 4-Day Camp for Boys & Girls

TU and Pheasants Forever, another nationally-known conservation/education organization, and the CBA are joining to host the second Colorado "The Ultimate Nature Experience", a 4-day, 3-night camp for kids at the beautiful and famous Cal-Wood Education Center in Jamestown, CO on July 10-13. This camp was a tremendous success last year, drawing kids from hundreds of miles away.

Students will learn not only about trout and fishing, but about the shooting sports, dog training, water biology, archery, survival, falconry, land use ecology, and even career opportunities in the out-of-doors. Some of the students in attendance will be 'at-risk' youths on scholarships provided by the supporting organizations like CCTU.

T.U.N.E. underscores PF's No Child Left Indoors® initiative, which is part of a national movement aimed at getting youths unplugged from electronics and turned on to the outdoors, nature and wildlife. Leaders of the sponsoring organizations recognize the need to recruit more youths into our outdoor sports.

Adults from Cal-Wood, TU, CBA, and PF will be on hand to assist at the camp, and outside expertise from the 4H, CDOW, RMEF, and others will ensure a quality educational experience.

The camp is open to all youths ages 10-15. Cost is \$350, but sponsorships are available if the cost is a hardship. For more information or an application, contact Bob Hix at (303) 743- 8957 or BHix@pheasantsforever.org

The Camp also needs volunteer help on Monday, July 12th to instruct the kids at trout fishing on the Cal-wood pond. Kids will be using either fly or spinning gear, depending on their experience and skill level, and instruction will be one-on-one if enough volunteers are on hand. Lessons will include knots, casting, playing a fish, and catch & release techniques. Contact Bob Hix above as soon as possible if you can help out.

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.cutthroatctu.org/).

Follow up Links

- [Interested in previous CCTU newsletters? Here they are ...](#)
- [You Can Renew Your TU Membership On-line Here ...](#)
- [See What's New at the State TU Level ...](#)

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