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## Cutthroat Chapter Trout Unlimited Newsletter

Welcome to the March CCTU Newsletter.

March 1, 2010

### Howdy Mike Myers,

I hope you were able to attend one of the fly tying events last month. I had a good time at the WDTU Fly Tying Clinic watching the likes of Pat Dorsey, Charlie Craven and Rick Takahashi. I also spent a fair bit of the event watching Rim Chung tie his world-renowned fly, the RSII. I learned that his dubbing technique creates a segmented body without having to rib or otherwise create the effect. That's something I'll have to incorporate into my future RSII's.



The CCTU Fly Tying Extravaganza was another tying event you should have attended. Unlike the WDTU event, there was no need to stand four deep to see the tiers work their magic. I learned a new technique for building wire-body midges from local tier Jim Neiberger. As the crowds were smaller, I was able to pick Jim's brain practically one-on-one. It was a real treat to get that kind of focus. In addition to the face time, all the proceeds from the evening went to the Jonathan Keisling Memorial Fund.

This month's meeting headliner, Dave Sweet, will be giving us the low-down on the Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout and it's perilous status in Yellowstone Lake. I'm interested in learning some of the techniques they're using to restore the balance to the lake.

The "warm-up band" for Dave Sweet will be a brief presentation from the Coalition for the Upper South Platte and the status of their projects and the watershed as a whole.

The newsletter also includes a couple of opportunities for you to get more involved. We've got a continuing event where you can pass on some of that long-accumulated knowledge to a new generation. And there's another opportunity in the reactivation of the monthly fishing Saturday where you'll be able to meet other anglers and head to a river. Read on to see if either event tickles your fancy.

And if you're anxious to get out, there are a couple of sources you can use to plan the next few months such as event calendars and our website.

Finally, if the robins and woodpeckers haven't gotten the message to you yet, the fishing season is just around the corner. So come on down to the monthly meeting or join us on one of the many trips and catch the Spring fever!

See you there,

*Mike Myers - Newsletter Editor*

*Here fishy, fishy...*



### ***Dave Sweet Speaks at March Meeting*** ***Save the Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout in*** ***Yellowstone Lake***

Dave Sweet, Chairman of the Wyoming Council of TU, will speak at the March 16th Monthly Membership Meeting. Dave's presentation will focus on the history of the decline of Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout in Yellowstone Lake and the upper Yellowstone River system, focusing on the principle cause of that decline (illegal lake trout introduction), and the efforts to reduce the lake trout population in that system.

Removal efforts, to date, have focused on gill netting and spot electro shocking of the lake trout spawning grounds. A description of the research efforts (primarily being conducted in Bozeman, MT) to develop new technology used to target lake trout and lake trout eggs will be presented along with the fundraising efforts to support that research.

Besides being the current Chairman of the Wyoming Council of TU, Dave's qualifications include Past President of the East Yellowstone Chapter in Cody (Silver Trout award winning Chapter); Chairman of the ["Save the Yellowstone Cutthroat"](#) Committee which has been set up to (1) raise awareness of the plight of YCT in Yellowstone Lake and the upper Yellowstone River system and (2) to raise funds for research and mitigation efforts.

Dave received a PhD in analytical chemistry from the University of Colorado in 1970 and worked for Syntex (now Hoffman LaRoche) in Boulder for 9 years before moving to Arizona for 5 years and then Cody, WY for the past 22 years. He was a member of the St. Vrain Anglers TU Chapter in Lyons/Longmont in the late 70's and early 80's.

We hope you'll join us for this informative presentation on March 16th at 7:00pm at our [regular meeting place](#).

### ***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 available on the [CTU website](#).



### ***Volunteer Opportunity*** ***Help Pass on the legacy of fly-fishing to today's youth***

The Cutthroat Chapter in conjunction with the Highlands Ranch Community Association is teaching an introductory course on fly-fishing to middle school-age youth. "Fishing-on-the-Fly" is a five-session program ([see the flyer](#)). The first four sessions are held at the Recreation Center at Eastridge, 9568 University Blvd., Highlands Ranch, CO 80126. The last session is a field trip to a local, private body of water.

Here are the specific dates and times we need volunteers:

- On Saturday morning, March 27, 2010 between 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM, we are looking for a number of fly tiers to assist the kids to tie some basic fly patterns (Woolly Bugger, San Juan Worm, and others). This session is being held in a classroom in the Eastridge Center.
- On Saturday morning, April 10, 2010 between 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM, we are looking for a number of fly casters to help the kids learn to make basic casts (Overhead Cast & Roll Cast). This session is held outside along the edge of the ball fields at the Eastridge Center.
- On Saturday morning, April 17, 2010, we are looking for a number of fly fishermen for a half-day (8:00 AM until Noon) to help by being fly-fishing mentors to the youth as they apply what they have learned. We will be fishing on Lake Lehow at the mouth of Waterton

Canyon.

If you are interested in volunteering for a rewarding couple of hours or a half-day, please contact Jim Ives via [email](#) or phone (303-843-0593).



**CHARLIE MEYERS**  
Denver Post Outdoors Editor

### **Charlie Meyers State Wildlife Area?**

***DOW may rename the Dream Stream section of the South Platte River in Charlie's honor.***

On March 11th, the Colorado Division of Wildlife will cast the final vote on renaming the "Dream Stream" section of the South Platte river in honor of author and fellow fly fisherman Charlie Meyers.

Here are some links to articles in The Denver Post about the renaming:

["DOW has Meyers in mind"](#)

["DOW closer to renaming 'Dream Stream' for Meyers"](#)

["Meyers tribute moves closer to final adoption"](#)

### **Another Volunteer Opportunity**

***Saturday fishing trip.***

The Chapter is looking for a few volunteers to help out in reactivating the Saturday fishing trips of the past. The volunteering would consist of assisting in the organizing of the trips and may include driving to the destination. As we don't yet have a leader for this activity please email [me](#) if you are interested in volunteering.

### **Looking for Something to Do?**

***Check out the Calendar of Events on our website***

Yesterday I was in my favorite fly shop talking to the owner and we were commiserating about the weather and how ready we were to get out on the river. Sadly, we both agreed, that time is further off than either of us would like. If you're like me and unwilling to brave the elements just to get skunked on the Blue again, there are a lot of other options on the Cutthroat Chapter website.

There are the regular Monthly Meetings which I'm sure you're aware of, but did you know there are several trips planned over the next nine months? There are trips to the Green River (just around the corner in April!), the Big Horn in Montana, the Frying Pan and the San Juan in New Mexico. Plus, we're reactivating the monthly Saturday fishing trip (for which we're looking for a couple of volunteers). The Saturday fishing trip is a casual event where weekend warriors can meet and head to the river together. Not only a great way to meet other Chapter members but a chance to learn from some of the masters in our chapter.

All of this information about trips and any upcoming Chapter events is available on the website in the links-bar on the left side of the website, as seen in the figure above.

Also, if you use Google Calendars to manage your life like I do, you can go to the Chapter Event Calendar and click on the +Google button in the lower right to add our calendar to your own. Very handy.

Hopefully, some of these trips, or just the anticipation of them, will help us make it through until we get on the river next.



### **April Monthly Meeting - Rick Takahashi and Jerry Hubka**

***The co-authors talk about their new book "Modern Midges: Tying"***

• [Chapter Event calendar](#)

• [BOD calendar](#)

[Monthly Meeting Programs](#)

**Chapter 2010 Fishing Trip Schedule**

• [Saturday Local Area Hosted Trips](#)

**Multi-day Trips** (for 10-12 people)

~ [Green River, UT Apr 10-14](#)

~ [Big Horn, MT May 30-Jun 04](#)

~ **NEW** [Frying Pan, CO Sept 16-19](#)

~ [San Juan, NM Oct 27-31](#)

***and Fishing the World's Most Effective Patterns"***

April 20th, 7:00pm at the regular Monthly Meeting location.

**About the book:**

Midges may be small, but in many streams and lakes around the world they are the most important year- round food source for trout. Rick Takahashi and Jerry Hubka team up to provide readers with the most comprehensive midge pattern and fishing techniques resource to date. Stunning photos and detailed illustrations show the life cycle of the naturals, fishing and rigging techniques for a wide range of waters, and over 1,000 midge patterns. Whether you tie or buy your flies, this collection of cutting-edge advice from experts around the world will help you catch more fish.

***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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