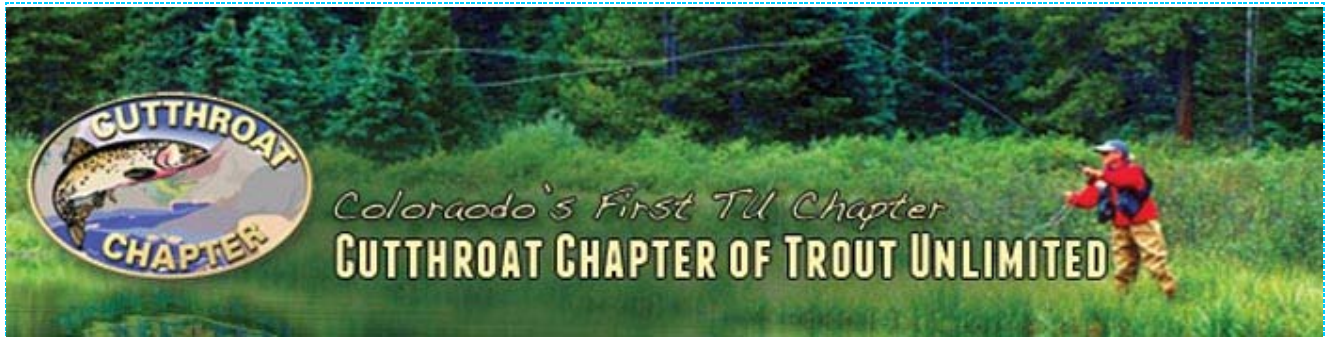


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## Cutthroat Chapter Trout Unlimited Newsletter

Welcome to the March CCTU Newsletter.

March 1, 2011

### Mike Myers,

Are you ready? The fishing season is just around the corner. And if the rest of winter is anything like it's already been, it'll be here sooner than you think. I'm not ready but I've been longing to get in the water lately. Probably all the nice weather we've been having here on the Front Range. I say I'm not ready because I just spent three hours sitting on an old couch at Larry's getting my ski boots customized to my foot. So now I'm invested and need to spend some time on the slopes so I don't feel too guilty when I start to spend all my weekends fishing.



If you're like me and excited to get on with another season in the river, check out a chapter trip to the Green or Big Horn rivers. At least it will give you a legitimate excuse to hang around the fly shop pimping everyone for the go to fly for your destination.

Or maybe you want to share your fly fishing fever with others. There are plenty of volunteer opportunities to spread the addiction to the next generation of fly fishers. We've got the CTU Youth Camp where you'll spend a week on the West Slope helping teach 14 to 18-year-olds about all aspects of fly fishing. If you're inclined to stay local, we have a course in the Highlands Ranch area that will teach a child and their fishing partner about the many facets of fly fishing, ending with a day on the water. Or you could join the newly-formed [Greenbacks](#) whose primary goal it is to induct the next generation of fly fishing conservationists.

Like me and my ski boot guilt, you could use a volunteer event to feel good about all the enjoyment you get from the rivers. There is a new study measuring the water temperature in various locations throughout the South Platte drainage that you could help monitor. We have the long-standing River Watch program that

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could always use another hand. And the River Cleanup days are fast approaching. All of these opportunities will help you give back to the rivers that give so much to us.

And if none of that tickles your fancy, you could just join us at our monthly meeting where you can hear the latest and greatest destinations and fish stories. Get there a little early as that's when everyone trades fishing news and reports. Who knows you just might find the next hot spot or even make a new friend or two.

Normally I include some revelation or experience I've had recently but sadly, work has been dominating my life as of late. It's this new normal where everyone is doing more with less. And the last thing you or anyone else wants to hear about is my job. Here's hoping it will slow down enough in the near future for me to whip up that last dozen flies or sneak out to the river. Then I'll have something to share!

I hope you can join us at one of the many events!

*Mike Myers - Newsletter Editor*

*Here fishy, fishy...*



### **March Monthly Meeting, Twice as Entertaining March 15th at 7pm with CTU President Sinjin Eberle and Mike Kaul from Two Rivers Emporium in Pinedale, WY.**

Our March Chapter Meeting introduces a new format we're testing out. The first few minutes will feature a conservation angle followed by the main event speaker.

This month's conservation speaker will be Sinjin Eberle, President of [Colorado Trout Unlimited](#). On a note of 'hometown-pride', Sinjin started out as a CCTU member before getting called up to the State level. Sinjin will speak on CTU's key initiatives and efforts to connect with local TU members.

The featured speaker will be Mike Kaul from [Two Rivers Emporium](#) in Pinedale, Wyoming. Mike will give an oral and visual presentation on fishing the lakes, streams and rivers in the Bridger Wilderness area of western Wyoming.

Please check out the Events page of the [CCTU website](#) for more details about the speakers.

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**March Raffle Sponsor and Tyer**  
*Angler's All is this month's sponsor and Juan Ramirez this month's guest tyer.*

The Shop Sponsor this month is [Angler's All](#), who have provided a dozen flies and a shop gift certificate. Angler's All is an authorized dealer for almost every major brand in fly fishing, and they carry a wide range of products from smaller companies as well. Angler's All looks forward to servicing your every fly fishing need from the smallest fly to booking you a dream trip to one of our many destinations.



This month's guest tier is Juan Ramirez. Juan guides and teaches fly tying in Colorado Springs for [Angler's Covey](#) and [Ghillies](#) fly shops. Visit his blog [The Hopper Juan](#). He will be providing a dozen flies towards the raffle.

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

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### ***Fishing on the Fly Course Starts***

***Both volunteer and participant opportunities.***

The "Fishing-on-the-Fly" course provides an introduction for middle school-aged youth to the sport of fly-fishing. The program consists of a series of four, classroom sessions, culminating in a half-day of actual fly-fishing on a local water body.

The focus of the program is to gain an understanding of coldwater fisheries and associated environmental stewardship, while learning the basic skills of fly-fishing. Participants will learn about angling ethics and sustainable fishing, about the trout's life cycle and about the insects that fish eat. Fly-fishing tackle, rigging, and knots will be described. The youth will also tie their own flies and practice fly-casting. All handouts and class materials are provided. Fly-fishing equipment will be available for use during the class. In partnership with Highlands Ranch Community Association, volunteer instructors from the Cutthroat Chapter of Trout Unlimited will teach the course

The first session starts on March 26th from 8am to 10am. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact [Jim Ives](#). If you know someone who would like to attend, you can also contact [Jim Ives](#) or the [Highlands Ranch Community Association](#) at their website.

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### ***Temperature Sensors Installed in Cheeseman Canyon*** ***Volunteer Opportunity***

Jeff Spohn of the [Colorado Division of Wildlife](#) and CCTU have joined together to gather more detail on water temperature trends in the Cheeseman Canyon section of the South Platte. A small group of volunteers gathered at the lower Gil trailhead last Thursday and made the



hike into Cheeseman Canyon to place the sensors at specific locations along the river. The temperature data will be gathered monthly and that's where you come in.

We have a small group of volunteers but there's still room to join in gathering the data each month. If you're interested, please contact [Joe Snoy](#) or [Jim Rassmussen](#).

Also, if you see one of the devices pictured, please avoid disturbing it. If you find one that's been dislodged, please bring it to the [Flies n' Lies](#) shop in Deckers.



**February Fishing Trip Recap**  
*An excerpt from an email sent to me by trip host, Gary Thompson.*

"Man, yesterday (Feb. 19th) was awesome. We missed the stonefly molt (boo!). The water temperature was too low and the flow too high. It will be coming along shortly though and I'll be returning on my own. I was joined by two other anglers. Based on their remarks and the traffic I'm getting from TU, it appears folks are starting to think about fishing but not quite ready to pull

the trigger."

"I can't say the fishing was fantastic. We got one to the net, the first fish Rod had ever caught on a fly rod, Yippy!!!! We had several others on the line but missed getting them to the net. The weather was gorgeous though and a couple new friendships were formed."

"I'm looking forward to having you join us next month, first Saturday after the monthly meeting!"

To find out more about this month's fishing trip, visit the [CCTU website](#). If you'll be at the March meeting, Gary usually announces the trip and details then. Or you can also check [Gary's website](#) where he posts the trip details and reports.

**CTU's Annual Gala is March 11th**

The Colorado Trout Unlimited Annual Gala & Auction will be held Friday evening, March 11, 2011 at the Arvada Center. Gala highlights include a sit-down dinner, complementary beverages, live music and entertainment, and a wide array of silent and live auction items and raffles. From fishing trips and gear, to artwork, dream vacation packages, and performing arts tickets, there will be something for everyone, angler and non-angler alike.

All proceeds from this auction will be dedicated to our conservation efforts: protecting instream flows, improving habitat, and preserving water quality.

Check the [CTU website](#) for more details and tickets.

### ***CCTU's Annual Big Horn Trip May 22 - 27***

***It's not too early to sign up for this great trip!***

The 2011 Big Horn River fishing trip is scheduled for May 22<sup>nd</sup> through May 27<sup>th</sup>. This has been an annual event for the Cutthroat Chapter for over 20 years and for good reason: The fishing is great, the scenery spectacular and the cost very reasonable (unless, of course, you get carried away at the fly shop!)



We plan to arrive on Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, fish Monday through Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, checking out Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. We have reserved up to 4 drift boats to float either the upper 3-mile stretch or the lower 9-mile stretch.

We generally stay in a sprawling facility affectionately known as the "condo", which will accommodate up to 15 people. **This trip fills up quickly**, so sign up early. Visit the [CCTU website](#) for more details and to sign up.



### ***CTU River Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp***

***June 12-17, 2011 at [High Lonesome Ranch, DeBeque, CO.](#)***

The Colorado Trout Unlimited River Conservation & Fly Fishing Youth Camp is a 6 day learning experience introducing students, age 14-18, to the principles of science-based conservation and

the art of fly fishing.

Participants will learn from experts in various fields of environmental science representing agencies such as the [U.S. Forest Service](#), [Colorado Division of Wildlife](#), the [EPA](#), and [Colorado State University](#).

Applicants between the age of 14-18 must submit an application and a brief essay on why the student would like to attend the camp. Applications must be received by April 15, 2011.

Please see the Education page on the [CCTU website](#) or the [CTU website](#) for more information or to submit an application.

### ***CCTU Lending Library Update***

***Temporary change to the Lending Library procedures.***

Typically, Duane lugs a box full of books and DVDs to the Monthly Meetings for you to peruse and check out. For a duration yet to be determined, Duane will only be bringing books or DVDs by request. So if you see something interesting you'd like to read or watch, check out the [Lending Library](#) List to make sure we have it and give Duane a call.

We have nearly 85 books, DVD's, and tapes about trout fishing, and they're all available for borrowing! Items may be checked out for 30 days free of charge. Contact Van VanDeVenter at 303-935-4403 and he'll bring the selections you'd like to the next meeting.

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

#### **Colorado TU**

- Annual Gala and Auction at 7pm on March 11th. See [Colorado Trout Unlimited website](#) for details.

#### **Alpine Anglers**

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

#### **Boulder Flycasters**

- Fly tying clinic at Front Range Anglers. Time and date to be determined. See [Boulder Flycasters website](#) for details.

#### **Cherry Creek Anglers**

- Fly Tying Group on March 1st. See [Cherry Creek Anglers website](#) for details.
- Monthly Chapter meeting at 7pm on March 10th. See [Cherry Creek Anglers website](#) for details.
- Fly Tying Group on March 15th. See [Cherry Creek Anglers website](#) for details.
- Fishing Trip to the Big Thompson River on March 19th. See [Cherry Creek Anglers website](#) for details.

#### **Cheyenne Mountain Chapter**

They've re-done their web page and it looks great! - Monthly Chapter meeting at 7pm on March 22nd featuring Eric Billmeyer, Director of the Rocky Mountain Field Institute, will be discussing the success of the Fountain and Bear Creek restoration projects. See [Cheyenne Mountain Chapter website](#) for details.

#### **Denver Trout Unlimited**

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

#### **Evergreen Trout Unlimited**

- Monthly Chapter meeting at 7pm on February 16th featuring Ned Parker of [Breckenridge Outfitters](#). See [Evergreen Trout Unlimited website](#) for details.

#### **West Denver Chapter**

- Monthly Chapter Meeting March 2nd at 6:30pm featuring Lori Nicholson. See [West Denver Chapter website](#) for details.
  - River Watch at 9am on March 26th at Lion's Park in Golden. See [West Denver Chapter website](#) for details.
  - Monthly Chapter Meeting April 6th at 6:30pm, speaker is yet to be determined. See [West Denver Chapter website](#) for details.
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### ***Other Fishing Stuff to Do in March***

**Anglers All**

- Fly tying demo with Rick Takahashi at 10am on March 5th. See the Events page on the [Anglers All website](#) for details.
- Fly tying demo with Lori Nicholson at 10am on March 19th. See the Events page on the [Anglers All website](#) for details.
- Fly tying demo with Al Ritt at 10am on March 26th. See the Events page on the [Anglers All website](#) for details.
- 2nd Annual Anglers All Clave at 9am on April 16th and 17th. See the Events page on the [Anglers All website](#) for details.

**Blue Quill Angler**

- Tying and Fishing Tiny Dry Flies with Jim Cannon at 10am on March 5th. See the [Blue Quill Angler website](#) for details.
- Fly Fishing Rocky Mountain National Park with Steve Schweitzer at 10am on March 12th. See the [Blue Quill Angler website](#) for details.
- Learn to tie flies for free every Saturday from 1pm to 2:30pm. See the [Blue Quill Angler website](#) for details.

**Charlie's Fly Box**

- Fly tying demo with Casey Dunnigan at 11am on March 5th. See the [Charlie's FlyBox website](#) for details.
- Fly tying demo with Eric Pettine at 11am on March 12th. See the [Charlie's FlyBox website](#) for details.
- Fly tying demo with Luke Bever at 11am on March 19th. See the [Charlie's FlyBox website](#) for details.
- Fly tying demo with Pat Dorsey at 11am on March 26th. See the [Charlie's FlyBox website](#) for details.
- Fly tying demo with Mark McMillan at 11am on April 2nd. See the [Charlie's FlyBox website](#) for details.

**Denver Flyshop**

- A new (to me), local fly shop I found on the back of the High Country Angler magazine. 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**

- Fly tying and fly fishing clinic with John Bruning at 10am on March 5th. See the [Front Range Anglers website](#) for details.
- A Guide's View of Entomology with Wallace Westerfeldt at 10am on March 12th. See the [Front Range Anglers website](#) for details.
- Fly tying and fly fishing clinic with Frank Smetherst at 10am on March 19th. See the [Front Range Anglers website](#) for details.
- Introduction to Fly Fishing every other Sunday at 9am on March 13th. See the [Front Range Anglers website](#) for details.
- Fly tying and fly fishing clinic with Rick Takahashi at 10am on March 26th. See the [Front Range Anglers website](#) for details.
- Beginning Fly Tying classes every Wednesday in March. See the [Front Range Anglers website](#) for details.
- Fly tying and fly fishing clinic with Richard Pilatzke at 10am on April 2nd. See the [Front Range Anglers website](#) for details.

**Hook**

- Fly tying demo with Chad Gauerke at noon on March 7th. See the [Hook website](#)

for details.

- Fly tying demo with Steve Schweitzer at noon on March 26th. See the [Hook website](#) for details.
- Fly Tying 101 on the 2nd Monday of every month from October through April. See the [Hook website](#) for details.
- Fly Tying 201 on the 2nd Tuesday of every month from October through April. 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.

#### **REI - Lakewood**

- Beneficial Bugs Class with park naturalist Jody Morse at 6:30pm on March 14th at the Lakewood REI. See the [Lakewood REI website](#) for details.

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

#### **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 ...](#)

#### **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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