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Cutthroat Chapter Trout Unlimited Newsletter - Troy Thompson on Stream Restoration

Welcome to the October CCTU Newsletter.

October 1, 2010

Mike Myers,

Hello again! I'm following a suggestion and trying a little different approach to the newsletter this month. As you know, we have revamped the website in the last month. It's packed with info and is regularly updated anytime we get new info. So, instead of having the newsletter be your primary source of the Chapter comings and goings, we'd like it to work in conjunction with the website. The website is accessible 24/7 and any news that happens in between newsletters or needs immediate attention will be there first. This leaves the newsletter to be more brief and more of a summary of what's going on. The goal is to have the website be the go-to source for your Chapter information. So visit it often and you can start by following one of the links from the articles below.



We're coming up on our last speaker of the year and I think it will be an interesting one. Troy Thompson has had his hands on several restoration projects that you've probably fished. When I was researching him for the newsletter, the list of projects was not only long but I recognized several of them as places that have vastly improved with his help. I hope you'll be there to hear his views on stream restoration and see some of the projects he's worked on.

It's also that time of year when we come down to the finishing touches on the Annual Auction. If you have the time, I know we could use your help in preparing for and hosting the event in November. See the article below as well as the website for contact info and thanks in advance for your time.

Speaking of stream restoration, there's a volunteer opportunity this month on Michigan Creek near Jefferson, CO. This is a special event because it takes place on private land and you'll be able to fish the water after the work is done. See the website and article below for more details.

- [Monthly Membership Meetings](#)

On a personal note, I'm lucky. I write this while sitting in a condo in Telluride overlooking the amazing mountains sprinkled with the varied colors of the aspen trees. My wife and I are spending our 12th anniversary here. Just being in Telluride makes me feel rich in so many ways.

First, there's the obvious way in that Telluride is not inexpensive. The lodgings in this valley are almost as spectacular as the surrounding mountains. You might not believe some of the homes up here, and these are second homes for many of their owners.

Then there's the incredible scenery. I'm going to go against my 'keep it secret' instincts and tell you that if you've never been to Telluride, you need to. A box canyon, legend tells, that was home to notorious outlaws, which makes sense as it's difficult to reach even with today's technology. It's surrounded on three sides by some of the most majestic mountains I've ever seen (in my experience, they're only trumped by the Tetons). Their beauty currently accented by the blanket of golden aspen covering their rolling foothills.

Then there are the locals. I've travelled to a lot of different places within and outside of Colorado that claim to be friendly to all, visitors and residents alike. But in Telluride, they really *are* friendly. We talk to merchants who give us the skinny on the local breakfast joint. We meet workers on the free gondola that turn us on to an unknown trail with great vistas. They really do treat you like you're part of their clan.

Finally, there's the time. We take a long weekend here and there throughout the year. Or we take a week to visit family but there's usually not too much down-time on those trips. Here in Telluride, we have the whole week and we don't have to do anything. As I get older (and I know I'm still young compared to some) I realize how priceless time can be. So having a whole week where I don't have deadlines or calls to return or projects to complete is truly the height of luxury.

But before you go running out the door to Telluride, please check out the newsletter and the revamped website. Maybe you can find something to spend your time on that will make you feel rich too.

Thanks in advance for your time.

Mike Myers - Newsletter Editor

Here fishy, fishy...



**October Monthly Meeting -
Troy Thompson of Ecological
Resource Consultants on
Stream Restoration**
7pm Tuesday, October 19th

This month's speaker will be Troy Thompson, co-founder of [Ecological Resource Consultants](#), Inc. His presentation will cover topics

surrounding stream habitat restoration in Colorado. You've probably already fished one of the many restoration projects Troy and ERC have tackled.

ERC has been responsible for multiple stream restoration projects including the Blue River Enhancement Project in Silverthorne, CO, which was awarded the 'Colorado Trout Unlimited Stream Enhancement Project' for 2003. They provided analysis and recommendations to the Town of Telluride with respect to intelligent and long-term management of Telluride's unique valley floor. They've also provided ecological improvements to a 1.6 mile stretch of the Eagle River from the town of Minturn down to the I-70 overpass for the Town of Minturn, reestablishing the Eagle River as a more productive and balanced ecosystem. Another project provided enhancement of a 1.8 mile stretch of the Middle Fork of the South Platte River in Park County, CO. Check out their website to see a list of other projects.

Troy co-founded ERC based on his desire to combine his technical engineering expertise with his life-long interests in water and stream systems. Troy has a Bachelor's of Science degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering from Cornell University, a Master's of Science degree in Water Resource Engineering from the University of Colorado and is a registered professional engineer. Over the past 17 years Troy has provided consulting services to municipalities, irrigation companies, private land owners and mining companies including projects throughout North America, South America and Asia. His areas of technical expertise include hydrology and hydraulics, geomorphology, stream restoration, mine water management and irrigation facilities.

Troy's professional career closely parallels his personal interests. He loves to take part in the many activities that Colorado has to offer with his wife and kids. Much of Troy's free time is spent in the outdoors, usually around water. To Troy there is nothing more peaceful than fishing a favorite stream, floating down a river or relaxing beside a lake in the summer. When the seasons change and the snow flies, Troy can often be found chasing his kids downhill on a powder day.

Please join us at the [South Metro Denver Realtors Association](#).

***VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY -
Michigan Creek Willow Project
with CUSP***

***Saturday, October 16th near
Jefferson, CO***

Come join us to support CUSP (Coalition for the Upper South Platte) in this stream restoration project on Saturday, October 16th at Michigan Creek near Jefferson, CO.



This stretch of stream was originally straightened to accommodate the highway and has undergone considerable rehabilitation to return it to a more natural state. We will be transplanting willows to help stabilize the stream banks. This project will occur on private property; it is the intention of the property owner to ultimately create a trail and fishing area to be used for disabled access.

This will be a fun, challenging and rewarding project. Additionally, the property owner has given permission allowing all participants to fish on this private property on this date only. Participants may contact the owner personally for permission to fish there in the future.

Jim Klug is coordinating the project for CCTU. Please call Jim at (303.953.8046) if you plan to attend. Carpooling will be arranged as appropriate. Volunteers will be meeting at the Jefferson Market in Jefferson, CO at 9:30am for a pre-project safety talk and demonstration. See the [CCTU website](#) for an attachment with additional details and directions.



2010 Cutthroat Chapter Annual Auction

Save the date: November 16th, 2010 at 6pm

Mark your calendars for November 16th at 6:00 PM to be sure you'll be available for our Annual Conservation Auction. It's a fun event with lots of outstanding items up for auction. There will also be a cash bar with plenty of time for socializing and inspecting the various items available for auction.

The event is free and held at the [Terrace Gardens](#). Bring your wives, daughters and girlfriends (probably not your wife and girlfriend) as there will be a door prize for the ladies.

The auction items are still being finalized so if you have something to donate, whether it be an object or service (not necessarily fishing related), please contact [Bill Richards](#) (303.909.1375) or [Steve Bailey](#) (303.888.5104) for more information. Also, check the [website](#) regularly as we'll be updating the list of auction items as they get firmed up.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: We are also in need of your time to aid in running the event. If you can spare the time, please contact either Bill or Steve above.

Last year was my first year and I had a blast! I hope to see you there!

Also, check the website regularly as we'll be updating the list of auction items as they get firmed up.

Sharon's Hard Work Recognized

CCTU President Sharon Lance wins National TU award!

Sharon Lance has been awarded the Ray Mortensen Award for Outstanding Volunteer Leadership by National TU! The award is given annually to a "one in a thousand" individual who



has made an extraordinary contribution to local coldwater fisheries conservation efforts.

I think that sums up our Sharon. Check out the full story on the [website](#) and don't forget to give Sharon a pat on the back (she likes hugs, too).



2009 CCTU South Platte River Bug Report Published

Great info available on our website

The Conservation group of CCTU has been taking and recording macroinvertebrate samples from various portions of the South Platte River over the last year. The results have been compiled and published to the CCTU website by Jim Rasmussen. There is a ton of info on the various bugs collected, concentrations and their locations. If you fish the South Platte even occasionally, there is great insight into the locations and concentrations of 'fish food'. This information is particularly insightful following last month's presentation from CDOW Biologist Jeff Spohn. [Check out the full report on the website.](#)

West Denver TU's Special Events Night---November 3

On November 3rd, the [West Denver Chapter](#) of Trout Unlimited is holding a Special Events Night at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds which promises to be an extremely entertaining and enjoyable evening.

There will be dinner, a silent auction featuring guided trips and great equipment, wine tasting, dancing to the 50's and 60's, and a "casino event" where you'll have the opportunity to try your luck at black jack, poker, craps, and roulette (play money only).

Doors open at 5:00 PM, dinner kicks off at 5:30PM, and the party continues until approximately 10PM. Tickets are \$30 per person or \$50 a couple, a great deal given the dinner and entertainment available. If you want tickets and/or more information, please contact Linda Miyamoto (303-423-5616), Jackie Edwards (303-278-2282), or Jon Weimer (303-830-1609).

2010 Annual Cutthroat Chapter Photo Contest **Entries due by December 1st!**

Do you have a great picture of your fishing buddy and his monster fish (that he would not have landed if it wasn't for your considerable net skills)? Maybe a picture of an excited child, grandchild or spouse standing in



a river with a fish on? Or a great shot of the wonderful scenery in which our lovely streams and rivers flow? Then dig through that shoe box or computer folder of pictures and enter that trout-related photo in the 2010 Photo Contest. You could win a prize!

Submit your winning photos via email to [Don Cushing](#) (click Don's name to send an email). Just a couple of basic rules:

- Photos must be trout related.
- Photos must have been taken in the current year by a current Cutthroat Chapter member.
- Also, no professional photographers allowed.

Display, voting and awarding will take place at the December Membership meeting so be sure to attend.



Frying Pan Chapter Trip Another Great Event

The trip organizer gives us the low-down.

CCTU Chapter member and trip host, Joe Snoy caught the biggest fish he's ever caught in Colorado! Joe said they floated the Colorado on the first day with mixed results. But when they hit the Pan on the second day, the fishing really took off. There's mention of 20-fish days! Makes

me sorry I missed it.

The great success has prompted Joe to start the planning and reservations for next year's trip already. Whet your appetite for next year by reading the [whole story](#) on the website. Good job Joe!

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](#).

Follow up Links

- [Interested in previous CCTU newsletters? Here they are ...](#)
- [You Can Renew Your TU Membership On-line Here ...](#)
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