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April Newsletter: North Park, Fishing Contests and the Science Behind Brown Trout

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For our fellow stewards of our Colorado streams

APRIL EMAIL NEWSLETTER



DON'T FORGET TO RENEW YOUR FISHING LICENSE

It is the month of April Fools, but no joke that you need to renew your fishing license for any fishing you are doing in Colorado starting 4/1. For anyone between 16 and 64, the resident cost of a new license is \$36 (\$26 plus \$10 mandatory Habitat Stamp). Please use this link to get your new license online... <https://www.cpwshop.com/licensing.page>. Special Senior, One-Day, and Five-Day licenses are also available.

CUTTHROAT CHAPTER TROUT UNLIMITED – APRIL CHAPTER MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 7PM (DOORS OPEN AT 6:30)

CRESTHILL MIDDLE SCHOOL –9195 CRESTHILL LANE, HIGHLANDS RANCH, CO 80130 (LIBRARY FOR THIS MEETING)



Program 1 - Alex Townsend, Colorado State University Ph.D Student (Recipient of CCTU's Steve Bailey Memorial Research Fellowship)

Alex Townsend is a Master's Degree student in Fisheries Biology at the Warner School of Natural Resources at CSU and the recipient of CCTU's Steve Bailey Memorial Research Fellowship. He has a business degree from CU, a Fisheries Biology degree from CSU, and is now studying brown trout in his Master's program. His presentation will focus on the effect of maternally-transferred selenium on the survival, hatch success, and performance of Brown Trout.

Program 2 – Scott Graham, North Park Anglers, Walden CO “Discover North Park”

Ever been curious what the fishing is like in the North Park area? Find out from Scott Graham, the manager of North Park Anglers, and his presentation “Discover North Park”. North Park has a tremendously varied set of waters...big lakes, small creeks and ponds, and larger streams and rivers...and a great chance at the largest, wildest browns you've ever caught. North Park Anglers was the 2015 Orvis Endorsed Outfitter of the Year and is the only fly shop and guide service in the area. Scott has managed North Park Anglers, the Guide Service, and The North Park Anglers Fly Fishing Club for 15 years. He is an amazing guide and a great teacher, including being an IFFF Certified Casting Instructor. He will discuss locations, tricks and techniques for fooling the large trout that call North Park home, and review the different trip options that North Park Anglers offers. Beyond North Park's amazing public waters, North Park Anglers, through its associated ranches, has access to nearly 100,000 acres of private land, with over 50 miles of private trout streams and numerous trophy still-waters. Catch Scott's presentation and learn about the best ways to access and approach these beautiful and highly underutilized waters in a part of our state that you likely don't know that well.

Scott will also tie his favorite North Park flies from 6:30 to 7. Check out www.northparkanglers.com for more information on their outfitting business.

**SPRING BEAR CREEK CONSERVATION PROJECT AND FISHING CONTEST – BEAR CREEK LAKE & GREENBELT,
SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2018 @ 8:30AM – 4PM**



Join the Cutthroat Chapter Saturday April 28, 2018 on urban Bear Creek to celebrate Earth Day in cooperation with the City of Lakewood. After a lite provided breakfast we will help restore a nearby riparian area by planting willows, cottonwoods, and other native plants. After a provided lunch we will return to the stream for a low key three hour fishing contest with acknowledgements for angling achievements such as most fish caught and most flies lost. The data gained from the contest will help Colorado Parks and Wildlife in their hope to restore the brown trout fishery that historically resided in those waters.

RSVP: Please RSVP to George Franklin at georgefr@aol.com or 303.902.9827 to ensure for the appropriate amount of food and materials. All volunteers should also visit the City of Lakewood website individually and register for the Earth Day Volunteer Project at <http://www.lakewood.org/BCLPEvents/>

For more information, please check out the CCTU website at https://www.cutthroatctu.org/?tribe_events=spring-bear-creek-conservation-project-and-fishing-contest

CCTU'S MAY COME FISH WITH US OUTING – LAKE LEHOW, WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 5PM-8PM



Join CCTU for another *Come Fish With Us* event at Lake Lehow, this time on a Wednesday night. These events are focused on getting to know new chapter members and non-members and helping to expand their fly fishing skills. Experienced CCTU board members and chapter members will be on-hand at all events to answer questions, offer tips, and provide help on casting, fly selection, hooking, playing and landing fish. Find out more at https://www.cutthroatctu.org/?tribe_events=come-fish-with-us-lake-lehow-3 or contact CCTU Board member David Coward at dpcoward@hotmail.com.

LADIES FISHING ON THE FLY – MAY 11 & 12, 2018, HIGHLANDS RANCH EASTRIDGE RECREATION CENTER



Join CCTU's Cyndy Scholz and her team of instructors for the seventh year of the very popular Ladies Fishing on the Fly. The Highlands Ranch Cultural Association teams up with the Cutthroat Chapter of Trout Unlimited to teach ladies ages 16 and older the art of fly fishing. There is one classroom session, Friday 5/11 from 6-9pm, and an Outdoor Classroom and Field Trip Saturday, May 12, 8:30am-1pm. Expert Instructors lead this workshop that covers all of the basics of fly fishing: casting, reading the water, entomology, conservation, knots, landing and releasing...with plenty of hands-on practice. Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 the day of event if not sold out. Get tickets at the Highlands Ranch Eastridge Recreation Center ([9568 University Blvd, Highlands Ranch](https://www.hrcanonline.org)), at www.HRCAonline.org or by calling (303) 791-2500. Any chapter members that would like to help with instruction, please contact Cyndy at cyndyscholz@msn.com or (303) 507-3068.

CUTTHROAT CHAPTER TROUT UNLIMITED – MAY CHAPTER MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 15, 7PM (DOORS OPEN AT 6:30)

CRESTHILL MIDDLE SCHOOL –[9195 CRESTHILL LANE, HIGHLANDS RANCH, CO 80130](https://www.hrcanonline.org) (CAFETERIA FOR MEETING)



Program 1 – Paul Winkle, CPW Denver Metro Aquatic Biologist

Paul Winkle is the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Aquatic Biologist for the Denver Metro area, including the Bear Creek and Clear Creek drainages up to the Continental Divide. This work includes sportfish population surveys in lakes and streams, native cutthroat trout reintroductions, and wild spawning operations. Paul received his Bachelor's Degree from Miami University in Ohio and his Master's Degree from the University of Wyoming. He has worked for Colorado Division of Parks & Wildlife since 2003. The title of his presentation is *Aquatic Ecology of the Bear Creek and Clear Creek Drainages*.

Program 2 – Michele White, Tumbling Trout Fly Shop “Lesser Known Fly Fishing Venues in South Park”

Michele White is a retired geologist and bassoonist. She is currently a Certified Professional Fly Fishing Guide and owner of Tumbling Trout Fly Shop in Lake George, Colorado. In 1998, she transitioned from kayaking and rafting on the Colorado River to rowing a dory and fly fishing the great rivers of the west under her husband's guidance. She is also VP of Government Affairs for the Pike's Peak Chapter of TU and an active participant in chapter and regional conservation projects and events. Michele is a contributing editor for Mountain Gazette, and has been published in *Discover the Outdoors*, *EQUUS*, *Fly Fishing World*, *Native People's Magazine*, *New Tribal Dawn*, and *The Aquarian*, and is the author of five books. Come hear her spill some South Park secrets as she presents from her well read book “Lesser Known Fly Fishing Venues in South Park, Colorado”. The intention of her presentation and map book is to relieve some of the daily fishing pressure that exists at the better known fly fishing venues like the Dream Stream and Eleven Mile Canyon. She is an entertaining speaker and her presentations area always filled with great info. Check out the Tumbling Trout website at www.tumblingtrout.com.

CCTU CHAPTER FISHING TRIPS

CCTU Chapter fishing trips sign-ups are currently under way. Please contact each of the CCTU leaders below for more information.

- **Bighorn River Fishing Trip – May 14 – 19, 2018**
- Contact – John Aaron...jjraaron@mail.com

- **Green River Fishing Trip – October 20 – 24, 2018**
- Contact – Jerry Shin...gjshin@msn.com

KEEP YOUR KING SOOPERS GIFT CARDS CHARGED UP AND IN USE!

The King Soopers Gift card fundraising program is the easiest and simplest way to help raise money for the chapter and requires virtually no work or extra money from any members! King Soopers gift cards are set up specifically for the Cutthroat Chapter.

Cards are preloaded with \$25 and sold to Chapter members at face value...no extra cost! Anyone that would like one just needs to contact Allen Adinoff (ad.adinoff@coloradoallergy.com) for the card. Once you've used the \$25, you can "reload" the card using your credit card (or cash) at the beginning of your checkout (any checker can do it). **CCTU gets 5% of every dollar loaded onto these cards, and that raised nearly \$3,000 again in 2017!**

We have had a productive year for both fishing and conservation. Your dollars and your efforts have certainly had a positive impact on the health of our mountain streams and our angling community. As always, we thank you for your commitment, your donations and your time.

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