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July Newsletter: Fly Fishing Rocky Mountain National Park

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For our fellow stewards of our Colorado streams

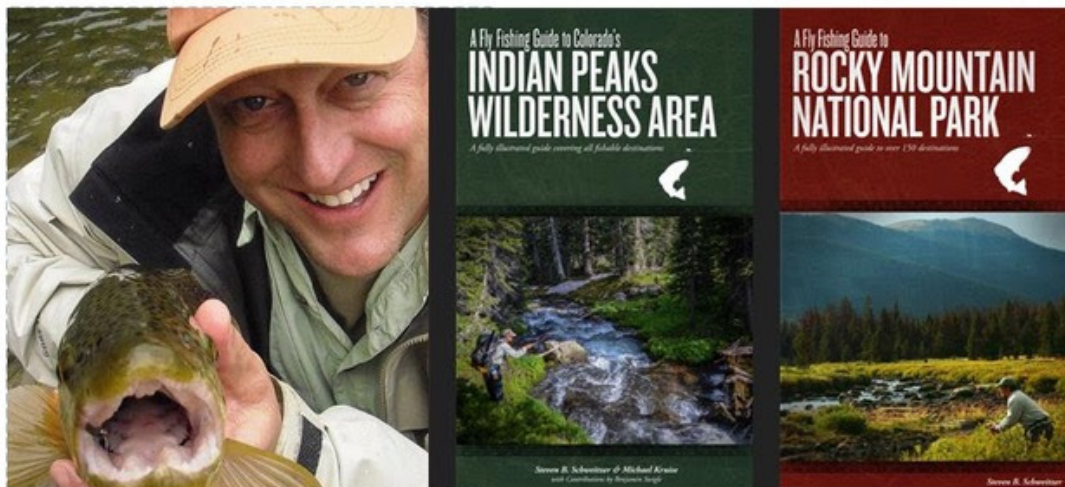
JULY EMAIL NEWSLETTER

CUTTHROAT CHAPTER TROUT UNLIMITED – JULY CHAPTER MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 17, 7PM (MEETING OFFICIALLY STARTS 7PM)
CRESTHILL MIDDLE SCHOOL –9195 CRESTHILL LANE, HIGHLANDS RANCH, CO 80130 (CAFETERIA FOR MEETING)
PROGRAM 1 – CASTING SESSION WITH BUZZ SOARD AND BRIAN YOUNG

Starting at 6pm, on the grass outside the cafeteria, join Buzz Soard and Brian Young for another informal casting session. Cast some Orvis rods, get some tips and casting refinements if you desire. Great for all levels of experience, but especially good for beginners.

PROGRAM 2 – STEVE SCHWEITZER, FLY FISHING ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK AND THE INDIAN PEAKS WILDERNESS AREA

Join us for a special presentation and book signing by angler/guide/author Steve Schweitzer on his excellent books “A Fly Fishing Guide to Rocky Mountain National Park” and “A Fly Fishing Guide to the Indian Peaks Wilderness Area”. Steve has been part of the fly fishing industry for 20+ years, including VP of Sales & Marketing at Whiting Farms. He is the co-founder of globalflyfisher.com, and a frequent contributor to numerous industry magazines. The book and presentation are a must for anyone planning on fishing in the park on in the Indian Peaks WA. It is one of our all-time favorite guide books anywhere, and offers an incredibly detailed look at fishing locations and techniques for RMNP. Steve never fails to drop some extra tricks, tips and location details during what is always an entertaining presentation. Steve will also be tying flies, some for RMNP/Indian Peaks WA and some from his new book “Designing Poppers, Sliders & Divers”.



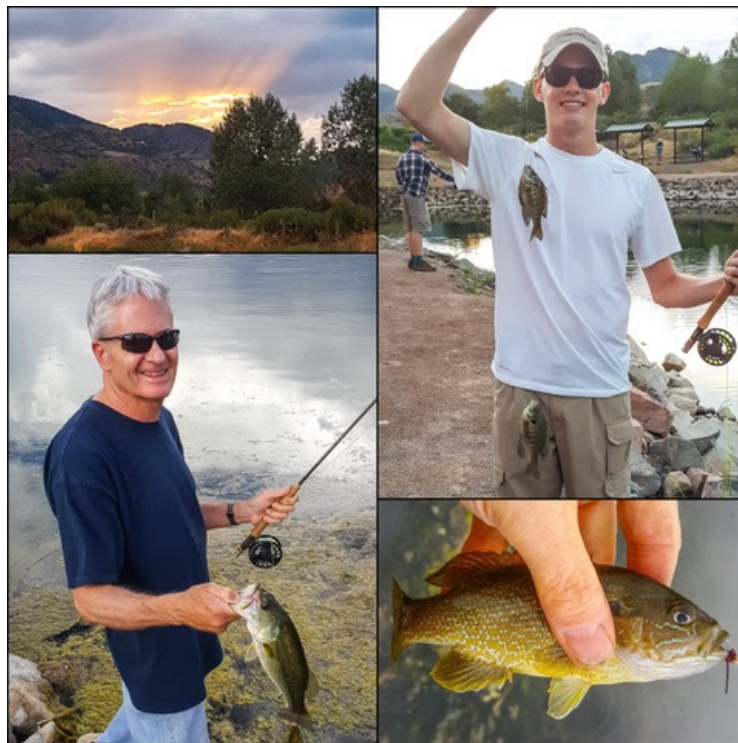
CCTU FIRST ANNUAL REGATTA – CHATFIELD STATE PARK, JULY 16, 4PM

Come and be part of the first annual regatta for the Cutthroat Chapter Trout Unlimited. The event will be at Chatfield Reservoir in Chatfield State Park. We will meet at 4:00PM on July 16th near the boat ramp next to the dam (North Boat Ramp...Wadsworth side of park). This event is BYOB...bring your own boat - pontoons, belly boats, anything that floats.



CCTU'S JUNE COME FISH WITH US OUTING – LAKE LEHOW, FRIDAY, JULY 20, 5PM-8PM

Join CCTU for another *Come Fish With Us* event at Lake Lehow, this time on a Friday night. Despite the hot weather, fishing has still been solid at the lake for bluegills and bass. 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-5 or contact CCTU Board member David Coward at dpcoward@hotmail.com.



PROJECT HEALING WATERS CRYSTAL LAKE TRIP – RECAP

On Thursday, June 27, CCTU and Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing – Denver had another great trip to Crystal Lake outside Leadville. Eleven vets joined the group and had a great day on the water with the team. Thanks to Richard Pilatzke and Jim Cowell for organizing as they always do, John Cristantiello for a delicious lunch, and all the CCTU and PHWFF members that attended the event. All the vets caught fish and it was a great time getting to know them on a beautiful day in a fantastic setting. Damsels, Quigley Cripples, and Squirmies were all working well. Everyone looks forward to doing it again next year.



**CUTTHROAT CHAPTER TROUT UNLIMITED – AUGUST ANNUAL PICNIC (REPLACES AUG MONTHLY MEETING)
TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 5PM (VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IDEALLY AT 3:30)
REYNOLDS LANDING PARK– 6745 S. SANTA FE DRIVE, LITTLETON, CO 80120**

Join us at the Annual Picnic on August 15th at Reynolds Landing on the South Platte River. Volunteers needed starting at 3:30, picnic activities officially starts at 5 pm with food being served starting at approx. 6:15 pm. This event is held in lieu of the August chapter meeting. Bring your family and fishing buddies. CCTU will provide the meat, plates, napkins, condiments, water and soft drinks. Please bring something to share with 12-14 people...typical picnic side dishes such as beer, salads, baked beans, casseroles, and other snacks or dessert type dishes.

Special Group Activity (5pm Start) - Streamside Fly Fishing Seminar on Entomology & Matching the Hatch

Ascent Fly Fishing founder, Aquatic Biologist and CCTU chapter member Peter Sticher will conduct a condensed version of his Streamside Fly Fishing Seminar on Entomology & Matching the Hatch. Peter will conduct a quick bankside review a trout's aquatic and terrestrial foods, their life cycles and defining characteristics, and fly patterns that match them. He will then lead the group in sampling invertebrates in the South Platte River located at the park and help identify the best fly matches in your fly box.

Peter will also offer for sale the Ascent Fly Fishing Fly Fishing Entomology kit (\$45.95 CCTU price) which includes...Nylon Match the Hatch Belt Pouch, Seine net, Sample Vial Kit, Magnifier & Hook Size Key, Stream Thermometer, Invertebrate Tweezers, and more.

If you want to participate you will need to get wet...likely a good thing given the potential August heat. You can wet wade or bring our waders...your choice.

Fishing is close by, right on the South Platte River...so feel free to bring your rod.

The Park closes at sundown...so you are welcome to stay and fish or visit as long as the light permits.

You can find Reynolds Landing on Google Maps, but included below is a direction summary...

- From the intersection of Mineral and Santa Fe head North on Santa Fe. GET IN THE LEFT LANE.

- Go past Aspen Grove and the condos. A left turn lane will appear. Get in it. You will be turning left across South Bound traffic.
- When you turn left there are two drives. The left one goes to Reynolds Landing. The right one goes into the trailer park.
- Take the LEFT road, go to the back and veer right into the parking lot for Reynolds Landing (South Suburban Park). Park, grab your food/drink to share and head to the gazebo where you will see the grills at work. The gazebo overlooks a bend in the river.



LADIES FISHING ON THE FLY – AUGUST 24 & 25, 2018, HIGHLANDS RANCH EASTRIDGE RECREATION CENTER

Join CCTU's Cyndy Scholz and her team of instructors for the August edition 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, August 24 from 6-9pm, and an Outdoor Classroom and Field Trip Saturday, August 25, 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](#)), 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.



SAN JUAN RIVER CCTU CHAPTER FISHING TRIP – OCTOBER 20-24, 2018 SAN JUAN RIVER NEW MEXICO

Join us on a trip to fish to large fish on small flies in the beautiful fall colors below Navaho Dam, New Mexico. The San Juan River provides an opportunity to record a 20-20 (a 20 inch fish on a size 20 dry fly). We will leave in the early morning hours on Saturday, October 20, 2018 and arrive on the river in the early afternoon to take advantage of the afternoon fishing. We will be staying at two VRBO houses near the small settlement of Navaho Dam, NM. Here are the links to view them:

<https://www.vrbo.com/3960843ha>. <https://www.vrbo.com/499076>. To further reduce the cost of the trip, we cook our own dinners.

We split into crews that will prepare and clean up a dinner. The rest of the group can settle back and watch football and/or the beginning of the World Series. Breakfast and lunch are on your own. There are three fly shops in Navaho Dam and a couple of others that service the area. If you are interested in a guide and/or fishing information I would suggest: Abe's

http://www.sanjuanriver.com_Fishheads <https://www.fishheadsofthesanjuan.com/category/san-juan-river-fishing-reports/>, Float N Fish http://www.sanjuanfloatnfish.com_Durangulars <http://duranglers.com/durango-area-rivers-report/>. and San Juan Flies.

<http://www.sanjuanriverflies.com>

If you want to join our group or have other questions contact Jerry Shin, at gjshin@msn.com. Do so soon as we are filling up fast.



GREENBACK CUTTHROAT RECOVERY RESTOCKING EVENTS – JULY 16 & 18

The Greenback Cutthroat Recovery effort is going full blast this summer. Two events are coming up shortly. The stocking of Greenbacks in Dry Gulch on Monday, July 16th and the stocking of Greenbacks in Herman Gulch on Wednesday, July 18th. The project entails hiking with 20-40 pounds of fish and gear up steep switchbacks to access the river. Once volunteers arrive at specific release locations, they will be able to release native Greenbacks into this important recovery area. This is hard work at high altitude. Perfect for downhill skiing, off season, conditioning. To sign up go to:

July 16 event - <https://coloradotu.org/events-calendar/2018/7/greenback-stocking-dry-gulch>

July 18 event - <https://coloradotu.org/events-calendar/2018/7/greenback-stocking-dry-gulch-t2yjc>



VOLUNTEER!



GREENBACK STOCKING PROJECT

JULY 16, 2018 DRY GULCH
JULY 18, 2018 HERMAN GULCH

SIGN UP: WWW.COLORADOTU.ORG

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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